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# Dunwoody Dispatch



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## Upcoming Events:

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**Sep. 2-16**  
Sally Foster Fundraiser



**Thurs. Sep. 11**  
Fourth grade field trip



**Fri. Sep. 12**  
Bernath's Community Mtg. at Centennial High School 9:30 a.m.

**Sep.17-22**  
ALL Third and Fifth graders taking the ITBS



**Wed. Sep. 17**  
Early Release 11:20 a.m.



**Thurs. Sep. 18**  
Board Mtg. at DSCS 5:00 p.m.  
First grade field trip

**Fri. Sep. 19**  
Fourth grade field trip



**Wed. Sep. 24**  
PTA Exec Committee Mtg. 7:30 a.m.

**Thurs. Sep. 25**  
Lunch & Learn 12:00 p.m.



**Tues. Sep. 30**  
Lifetouch Fall Pictures



**Thurs. Oct. 2**  
PTA Mtg./State of the School Address 6:30 p.m.

**Oct. 6-8**  
Checkpoints testing



**Oct. 8**  
Bernath's Community Mtg. At Sandy Springs Middle School 11:30 a.m.

**Fri. October 10**  
NO SCHOOL— Teacher workday



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## A Message from Ivy Gainey- Principal

Wow! The last few weeks went by in a flash. The children have settled into routines and are off to a great start to the school year. I continue to be impressed by how well-behaved they are. I hope you enjoyed family time over the long weekend.

We had an excellent turn-out for our Curriculum Nights last week. Thank you for showing your support and allowing us to inform you about our instructional program. Please be sure to sign up for parent conferences if you have not already done so. This will allow you time to address your child's specific learning style and needs.

The morning storm two weeks ago proved to be an annoyance for commuters, but an adventure for our third graders as they were moved inside for safety reasons. Rest assured that we monitor the weather during storms and have relocation sites and emergency plans on hand to ensure the safety of students and staff.

All Fulton County Title I schools were offered the opportunity to register for free field trips to the Georgia Aquarium. We elected to send all students in grades K-5! Fifth grade students went on Thursday of last week. They came back with lots of stories about the exciting things they saw. Students in other grades will be going over the next several weeks. Rumor has it that the Georgia Aquarium will be adding a Dolphin exhibit in the near future – probably in honor of our school, you think?

Students in grades 3-5 participated in *Checkpoints* testing during the week of August 18th. This assessment covers Reading and Math GPS skills. The results of this test should arrive soon and will help teachers to make instructional decisions for our students.

I hope you like the updated format for the Dispatch. (Special thanks to Jesyca Polak for creating our "new look".) Please let me know what you think.

Thank you for all you do to support our school!

-Ivy Gainey



Learn more about our school by going to:

[www.dunwoodysprings.us](http://www.dunwoodysprings.us) or <http://www.greatschools.net> or <http://www.nfcpta.com>



Look for the next  
**DISPATCH**  
On September 22



### Reminder for Morning Drop-off Parents

- ◇ Please pull your car ***ALL THE WAY*** to the front of the carpool line when dropping your child off in the morning. Stopping before you reach the end of the line backs up the entire flow of carpool.
- ◇ Please only let your child exit your car when you have pulled up directly in front of an attendant.
- ◇ Please have your child *ready to exit* (backpack, lunch box ready) on the **PASSENGER SIDE** of the car. Attendants are instructed to only allow children to exit on the passenger side.
- ◇ Please do not stop to chat with your favorite teacher, it slows down the line for everyone.
- ◇ Remember there is **ONLY ONE** carpool lane. Please do not go around other cars unless instructed to do so by an attendant.
- ◇ If you plan on walking your child in the building, you must *park* your car in the **PARKING LOT**, not abandon it in the carpool line.
- ◇ Please be respectful of the other carpool parents by adhering to these guidelines and make the process go as quickly and smoothly as possible.



### *Clinic News*

#### Authorization to Give Medication at School form:

When possible, medication should be taken at home. However, if medication (prescription or otherwise) must be taken at school, on a field trip, etc., an **Authorization to Give Medication at School** form must be completed and on file at the DSCS clinic. A separate form is needed for each medication.

#### Prescription:

A physician's signature is required on these forms for prescription meds, inhalers, epi-pens, diabetic care plans or any care plan requiring prescription medication. A faxed copy of our form from your doctor's office is acceptable **AFTER** parent/guardian's signature.

**\*\*\*Remember**— medication will **ONLY** be accepted in it's **ORIGINAL** container from the store or pharmacy.\*\*\*

#### Non-Prescription Medication:

These medicines require a completed form on file; however, it only has to be signed by the parent/guardian. If possible, small individual bottles are preferred due to limited storage space.

#### Authorization to Carry Prescription Medication Form:

If you have a child with asthma or other emergency health-related conditions that require self administration of medicine while at school [or a child who needs to carry medication on his person], you must complete an Authorization for Students to Carry a Prescription [or inhaler, epi-pen, insulin or other approved medication] form. This form requires a physician, parent/guardian AND students' signature.

**PLEASE REMEMBER, NO MEDICATION CAN BE GIVEN TO YOUR CHILD IF IT IS NOT IN THE ORIGINAL CONTAINER [OVER-THE-COUNTER OR PRESCRIPTION]. THIS APPLIES EVEN IF THE STUDENT ONLY NEEDS THE MEDICATION FOR ONE DAY!**



### brainpop.com

Don't forget~ We are having a writing contest using brainpop for all grades from September 1–October 31.  
Login: dscs Password: dscs



Remember: We are kicking off our Box Tops competition! Please encourage your children to bring in box tops in plastic bags with your name on the outside so that your class will get credit. The three classes with the most box tops turned in by the end of the semester will receive a donut party! Remember that the money we raise [\$1,000 last year] maintains our school's fish tank.

### Community meeting set for Ison Road Elementary School

An informational meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 10, for the community to view the design of the new elementary school planned at Ison and Roswell roads in Sandy Springs.

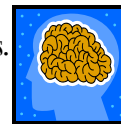
School system representatives will be available to discuss the special features of the school, which is similar to the new Lake Forest Elementary School that opened this year. Also present at the meeting will be the school's architect and building contractor, as well as system staff members representing transportation, construction management and facilities planning.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Dunwoody Springs Charter Elementary School, located at 8100 Roberts Drive. The meeting will be in the cafeteria.

### Chick-Fil-A Character Word of the Month: Knowledge

*...Discovering something new so you can be better at whatever you do.*

- ◆ Knowledge is not simply the accumulation of information, but it is learning how to apply those facts.
- ◆ Children learn how to apply facts through the influence of others.
- ◆ Knowledge builds confidence and self esteem.



*"Knowledge is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do."*

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Source: Chick-Fil-A Core Essentials Character Education Program



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