

# Heards Ferry Herald

◆ A weekly publication of the news and events of Heards Ferry Elementary School ◆

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## From Your PTA Presidents

Hello! This year is off to a great start and we are thrilled with the number of families who have already signed up for the PTA and generously donated to support our programs. If you have still not joined the PTA, or signed up to receive the newsletter via email, please contact us for the form you need! We are so proud of the strong parent and teacher participation in this effort to GO GREEN!

Other important reminders and tidbits:

- We look forward to seeing all the parents at Back to School Night on Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the cafeteria. This is an important meeting, please make an effort to attend. This is an adults only meeting, so get those babysitters scheduled!
- All PTA members on the email distribution list will receive a copy of the 2009-2010 Proposed PTA Budget via email prior to Back to School night. Please review it and email us with questions before Thursday night. This helps speed the meeting and budget approval that night.
- Our sincerest thanks to Brenda Maddaleni, Susanne Olson, Tricia Jarvis, Tammy Cohenour, Marci Miller and Hilary Gregory on a fantastic year as the New Parent Team! They have been working since last Spring to make our new families feel welcome and this team's "final" event of the year was First Friday. First Friday was a resounding success and we are grateful for all their hard work! Thanks for starting off our school year in such a fabulous way!
- If you are a new HFE parent, we highly recommend you attend the New Parent Coffee on September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8-10AM. It's a great way to get some of those "newbie" questions answered (Can I bring a birthday cake to class? How to I sign out my child for a dentist appointment? Where is the PTA workroom?) We hope to see you there!
- We need experienced HFE moms and dads to volunteer as informal school tour guides for the New Parent Coffee (on September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8-10AM). Please let us know if you can help.
- If you would like the HFE newsletter to be delivered to more than one email address for your family, please email Megan with the additional email address that needs a copy of the newsletter.

**As always, please contact us if you have questions or want to get involved with the PTA. See you on Thursday night!**

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*"There are two ways of spreading light - to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." ~Edith Wharton*

### New Articles

#### Ridgeview Charter School

Ridgeview Charter School will hold their first family night on September 11th at the school on the soccer field. Tickets are \$15.00 per person which will include your dinner catered by the Varsity, field games, and music. Bring extra dollars to participate in the dunk tank, mechanical bull and bake sale. Please join us from 5:30 - 8:00 for an evening of fun and make sure to bring your blankets for a picnic style dinner. **Please email [Melissaflom@yahoo.com](mailto:Melissaflom@yahoo.com) for a flyer.**

#### WANT AD!!

The media center is seeking volunteers who are skilled in the area of digital broadcasting and technology. We are currently purchasing equipment which will allow Heards Ferry Live to be broadcast using digital greenscreen technology and we need expertise in acquiring, installing and implementing this equipment.

Also, the media center is seeking volunteers who are skilled in website design. We are looking to have a dedicated webpage for the vast content the media center needs to convey to the Heards Ferry community. **Please contact Ms. Marrin in the media center at [marrinam@fultonschools.org](mailto:marrinam@fultonschools.org) if you are interested in these vital volunteer positions.**

### New Third Grade Brownie Troop

There is space available in a new Brownie Girl Scout Troop that is forming. We invite girls in Third Grade to join us! **Please contact [rev.e.cooper@gmail.com](mailto:rev.e.cooper@gmail.com) or call Erin Cooper at: 404.558.2955.**

### The School Store is open EVERYDAY - M-F!

Your school store is open each day at 7:20 in the upstairs hallway! This year the students are allowed to **"Walk In" and Shop on their own!** There are lots of **Fun** Items available as well as most School Class Supplies. Prices are from .10 to \$3.00. There is a large .25 cent shelf full of fun so come and see us! **[tricia.jarvis@comcast.net](mailto:tricia.jarvis@comcast.net)**

### The Mechanical Bull Is Coming To the Hoedown

Yep, folks the rumor is true. Anyone dare to ride the bull? If so, please join us for a Family Fun Night on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Heards Ferry family and friends always enjoy this fun event. We'll have plenty of BBQ, hotdogs, popcorn, cotton candy, lots of games and activities for the kids. **Please contact Tricia Andrews ([pka675@comcast.net](mailto:pka675@comcast.net)) to giddy on up and volunteer for a station.**

**Hoedown Sponsorships:**  
**A Perfect Way to Help Heards Ferry**

Sponsor a game or an Inflatable Ride at the Hoedown on Friday, October 2, 2009 and we'll do up a nice poster with your or your company's name proclaiming your generosity. "Big ticket items" such as the Mechanical Bull, Obstacle Course, Slide, Moonwalk go for \$100.00 a sponsor. Bingo, Putt-Putt, Bean Bag Toss, Bowling each go for \$50.00. **Please contact Melanie Sprung ([Melanie.Sprung@comcast.net](mailto:Melanie.Sprung@comcast.net)) if you would like to sponsor a station. The deadline is Friday, September 25, 2009.**

**Back to School Night**

Don't miss one of the most IMPORTANT events of the year! Back to School Night (for parents only) is Thursday evening August 27th from 6:30 to 8:30. Parents will meet their child's teacher for an overview of the year ahead. This is a great time to speak with your child's teacher and ask questions. The PTA will provide childcare in the gym for \$3.00 per child. This is emergency childcare only and there is limited capacity. No children are allowed outside the school unless accompanied by a parent. The evening will begin in the cafeteria where we will hear from our principal Ms. Susan Dorenkamp and our PTA co-presidents Amy Kilgore and Megan Grout. **Tricia Andrews**

**\*\*\*Girl Scouts! It's that time of year again!\*\*\*\***

If you are interested in your daughter getting involved in Girl Scouts, I am trying to form more Girl Scout troops at Heards Ferry Elementary! We need girls and leaders! Please consider becoming a Girl Scout troop leader for your daughter's age group. It's the only way we can make it happen!

Girl Scouts helps your daughter build courage, confidence and character. In partnership with parents and other committed adults, girls develop qualities that serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. And it's fun! (Not to forget...they LOVE the uniforms and doing things as a group with their friends!)

Being a troop leader allows you to do something fun with your daughter, watch her learn new things and have new experiences. It also provides some peace in knowing that there is a safe haven for her AND gives you a chance at times to have somewhat of a second childhood...to do some of those things that you wouldn't ordinarily plan or get much of a chance to do without a Girl Scout troop! **For further information, please email Katherine Smith at [tgskds@earthlink.net](mailto:tgskds@earthlink.net) or call me at 404-256-0919.**

**Sally Foster**

Sally Foster sales will begin on August 31st and run through September 28th. This year we will be having a lot of fun and a lot of prizes!!!

Some folks have already requested their sales packets to get a head start. You may want to send "save your order for us" reminder emails to your friends and family. Also . . . Spalding Drive Charter & Sope Creek Elementary are not selling Sally Foster this year . . . so it's a great year to expand your sales territory!!!!!! **To request a sales packet before August 31st please contact Margaret Brown Abbott [brownabbott@mindspring.com](mailto:brownabbott@mindspring.com).**

**Reminders**

**Summer Reading Party!**

Don't forget to fill out your Summer Reading Program reports. All students who met their goals and turn in their forms to their teacher by Friday, August 21, will be invited to the Summer Reading Party (with prizes!). **Questions? Erica Ross, PTA Summer Reading Contact [eneross@bellsouth.net](mailto:eneross@bellsouth.net) or Amy Frederick [atlantafreds@gmail.com](mailto:atlantafreds@gmail.com).**

**Welcome Back from the Media Center!**

Last year our HFE Media Center checked out over 18,000 books. This year we are gearing up with many new titles and plenty of popular old ones. With over 20,000 books in circulation, there's something for everyone. A special welcome to our new HFE families. For your information, the Media Center is open each day **from 7:30 am until 2:15 pm**. HFE students are allowed to check out one book at a time in P-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grades and two books at a time in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. HFE parents are welcome to come browse our collection at any time during open hours and check out up to five books per student under their own names as well. We have many exciting programs in store, including our annual Book Fair scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendars! **Questions? Alice Marrin, Media Specialist, [marrinam@fultonschools.org](mailto:marrinam@fultonschools.org) or PTA Contact, Amy Frederick, [atlantafreds@gmail.com](mailto:atlantafreds@gmail.com).**

**What do YOU think beauty is?**

Participate in the National PTA Program REFLECTIONS and create something in (1) of these categories (visual arts, literature, dance choreography, musical composition, photography, and film production) that expresses the 2009-2010 theme "Beauty is...". Why participate in REFLECTIONS this year? Because you are creative and you need to let that light shine! Detailed information will be sent via book-bags in early September and entries are due October 19th. Get those creative juices flowing! Who knows? Your project could be selected for local, state or national recognition. Everyone who participates will be recognized at the End of the Year Awards ceremony at HFE. **Check out: [www.pta.org/2032.asp](http://www.pta.org/2032.asp) or contact Scottie Belfi, [sbelfi1@bellsouth.net](mailto:sbelfi1@bellsouth.net), for more information.**

**Want to show some Eagle Spirit?**

Don't forget to buy one of the new Heards Ferry logo T-shirts before they run out! You can purchase T-shirts, Bag Tags, car magnets and pre-order Sweatshirts anytime. There are adult and youth sizes available. Look for spiritwear samples on the HFES website soon. Also, if you have ideas for what you would like to see with the HFES logo on it - let us know. **Erica Ross [eneross@bellsouth.net](mailto:eneross@bellsouth.net)**

**Lady Raider Softball Clinic**

Come learn softball from the best at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Riverwood Lady Raider Softball Clinic Saturday August 22 from 9 - 12. Girls ages 8-14 are welcome. Cost is \$15 per athlete, proceeds going to help the Lady Raider Softball Program. The Riverwood softball complex is accessed through the Heards Ferry parking lot. **Questions, contact Coach Rick McKeone at [mckeone@fultonschools.org](mailto:mckeone@fultonschools.org).**

*The breakfast and lunch menus for the month are posted on the Heards website / School Information page and can be found on the FCBOE Nutrition website [http://www.fultonschools.org/dept/schoolnutrition/menu\\_cal.shtml](http://www.fultonschools.org/dept/schoolnutrition/menu_cal.shtml) Please note that the menu is subject to change*

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
<b>August</b>	
8/27	Summer Reading Party K-2
8/28	Summer Reading Party 3-5
8/27	Back to School Night, General PTA Meeting 6:30-8PM
8/31	Sally Foster Gift Wrap Fundraiser Begins
<b>September</b>	
9/7	SCHOOL CLOSED - Labor Day
9/3	Principal's Coffee "New Parents Workshop" 8-10
9/4	Local School Advisory Council (LSAC) 8 - 9
9/17	Principal's Coffee (Topic: Testing) 9-10 a.m.
9/17	Family Math Night 6 - 7:30 p.m.
9/22-25	Normed Referenced Test, Grades 3 & 5

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