

# Heards Ferry Herald

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

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## FROM THE DESK OF SUSAN DORENKAMP

### New Additions to Heards Ferry

This week we were allocated two new classrooms, one in kindergarten and one fourth grade. Ms. Scott, the Curriculum Support Teacher, and I developed the class lists based on available information including special needs or circumstances, gender, and ability level. Although it is difficult to create classrooms once school has started, we believe that smaller class sizes will benefit our students and give each student more individual academic attention. With parent support, this transition can be seamless and positive. I would like to introduce our new staff. Ms. Curry, who started with us Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, was moved from a third/fourth grade position to kindergarten because she had primary experience. Ms. Reed was transferred to us on Monday, August 24 with upper elementary and middle school experience and was placed in fourth grade. Ms. Jones started with us Wednesday and took Ms. Curry's third/fourth grade position. We would like to welcome our new teachers to Heards Ferry.

### Nine Ways to Help Your Child Succeed

Children are our future; they are our most precious gift and ours for only a short period of time. If you are a teacher, you have them for a year. If you are a principal, you have them for six years. If you are a parent, you have them for eighteen years. (Sometimes longer when they grow up and come back home "for a while".) As we go through the school year and get caught up in all of the activities, procedures and problems, we sometimes lose sight of our focus-the children. So, as we travel down the school year road together, let's remember to have fun with "our" children, laugh with them, dry their tears, enjoy their enthusiasm, energy and spontaneity, and appreciate their uniqueness.

1. Talk with your child often.
2. Set high but realistic expectations.
3. Build your child's self-esteem and confidence.
4. Support learning at home.
5. Communicate with your child's school.
6. Encourage exploration and discovery.
7. Help your child to develop good relationships.
8. Teach your child about safety, how to avoid potential risks including internet risks.
9. Teach children about volunteering and community service.

*Simply wearing the same shirt doesn't make you a team.*

### New Articles

#### Heards Ferry Buddy Families

Thank you to all of our families that signed up to be a Heards Ferry Buddy Family and welcome our newcomers to Heards Ferry. If you are new to our school and need a buddy family, **please contact Brenda Maddaleni at [bmaddaleni@yahoo.com](mailto:bmaddaleni@yahoo.com) or 404-252-0789.**

#### Help At New Parent Coffee

On September 3rd, Heards Ferry will be hosting a New Parent Coffee from 8-10AM. We are asking for volunteers to help give informal tours of HFE to these parents immediately after the meeting. It will be fun, easy and great way to meet people! If you are available from about 9:30-11AM on September 3rd, **please email Megan Grout at [megangrout@comcast.net](mailto:megangrout@comcast.net) to volunteer!**

#### Request from Mrs. Lange

Does your child have a piano teacher in the Sandy Springs or surrounding area that you can recommend to others? If so, please email Mrs. Lange at [lange@fultonschools.org](mailto:lange@fultonschools.org) with the teacher's name and phone number. I will forward the information to parents looking for piano teachers for their children.

#### Vision and Hearing Volunteers Needed

Vision and Hearing Screenings will be held on Wednesday, September 9th. We will need 11 Parent Volunteers. They should arrive at 7:15 and stay until all of the students have been tested which should take a few hours. Please call Ms. Johar at 770-933-6190 or email her at [Johara@fultonschools.org](mailto:Johara@fultonschools.org) if you would like to volunteer. Thank you.

#### Classroom Photographers

Classroom photographers please submit your pictures to Mr. McBride on a CD or a junk drive only. Pictures that are "submitted" any other way will not be used or put on the website. Thank you.

#### "Wrap it Up" with Sally Foster

Hey Heards Ferry, it's that time of year  
Our Sally Foster Fundraiser's finally here  
All our families need to do their bit  
So all our students can benefit

Selling wrapping paper, chocolates, more  
Raising lots of money, products they adore  
Half the proceeds go to our school  
Cause quality education is the golden rule

Come on Heards Ferry get in the swing  
Tell friends and relatives 'bout this great thing  
Sell it to everyone, near and far  
Get your Mama to take you in her car

This little "wrap" is finally done  
Go out Heards Ferry, get down, have fun  
Be the best sales person you can be  
Helping our school is up to you and me

Sally Foster sales packages will be sent home with your student this Monday, August 31st. This year we will be having a lot of fun and a lot of prizes!!! **Questions: Margaret Brown Abbott [brownabbott@mindspring.com](mailto:brownabbott@mindspring.com)**

Reminders

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).**

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 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Heards Ferry family and friends always enjoy this fun event. We'll have plenty of BBQ, hotdogs, popcorn, cotton candy, 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.**

**\*\*\*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 help 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 provide her with new experiences. It also gives you some peace knowing that there is a safe haven for her AND at times it is like experiencing a second childhood...as you do things that you wouldn't ordinarily 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.**

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)**

*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*

Dates to Remember	
<b>August</b>	
8/31	Sally Foster Gift Wrap Fundraiser Begins
<b>September</b>	
9/7	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED - Labor Day</b>
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

**To submit Articles for the Newsletter:**

Please email [hadi@fultonschools.org](mailto:hadi@fultonschools.org) with the subject: Newsletter by each Wednesday (new deadline!) at noon.

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