



# 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.....

## Field Trips

In past years, every grade level scheduled two or three field trips a year based on the curriculum. A permission slip was sent home that included a request for a donation which roughly covered the cost of the bus and admission or registration. The cost of one bus was \$132.00 for 60 people. All students attended the field trip regardless of whether a student made a “donation” or not. Last year due to budget constraints, we were not allowed to take field trips. Instead, some of our grade levels invited companies to school for “in-school” field trips.

This year, the county has given us permission to take field trips but we have to cover the cost of the bus, (which has increased to \$327.00 for 60 children), and the cost of the visit. So, as grade levels plan for field trips, permission slips will again go home with a request for a “donation” that will cover the cost of the bus and the price of admissions. Every student will be allowed to attend with written parent permission regardless of whether or not we receive a “donation”. Any discrepancy between the cost of the trip and the price of the trip will be covered by the school from our local account.

Please remember that we must have written permission for your child to attend a field trip. Students can not call home the day of the trip and receive verbal permission over the phone.

## Story Book Character Day

This year Story Book Character Day is Friday, October 30th. This is a day when children and staff have the opportunity to dress up as their current favorite character and celebrate their favorite book in a unique way. Arthur Atsma will be here on Story Book Character day to do two back to back programs for our children called “The Magic of Reading”. There will also be many different reading activities in the classrooms.

Although I would assume that favorite characters are always appropriately dressed, I would like to remind the parents to use discretion when picking out a character and look at what your child is wearing to make sure that the character is following our school dress code. Characters should not be bloody, gory, or include any type of weapon like swords. All costumes should relate to a character from a favorite piece of children’s literature; although superheroes and fantasy costumes are popular at this time of year, we would like to maintain a connection to children’s literature. Our goal is to make this a fun but educational day. We look forward to learning all about your child’s favorite book.

## [New Articles](#)

### **Riverwood Christmas Tree Lot Opens Day after Thanksgiving**

The Riverwood International Charter School baseball team will kick off its annual Christmas tree sale the day after Thanksgiving, November 27, at the school's campus at 5900 Heards Drive, 30328. The Riverwood Tree Lot will be open on November 27 from 9 to 7; Monday through Friday from 4 to 7 pm; Saturdays 9 – 6 pm and Sundays noon – 6, through December 13.

Riverwood coach Mike Santoro and several fathers of players in the baseball program will make the trip to Boone, North Carolina the weekend of November 20-21 to cut the trees and bring them back to Atlanta. Players and parents will then unload the trees the evening of the 21st and prepare the tree lot for the annual sale starting on Friday November 27th.

### **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE MONDAY NOV 2, 2009 TO VOTE FOR STEPHEN!!!!!!**

STEPHEN ROBT EWING, A HEARDS FERRY STUDENT, HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO BE ONE OF THE SEMI-FINALISTS ON NBC'S THE TODAY SHOW WITH MATT LAUER AND MEREDITH VIERA! STEPHEN SUBMITTED A 60 SECOND REPORTING SPOT TO COMPETE WITH 20,000 KIDS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO BE THE NEXT "KID REPORTER OF THE DAY", AND WAS AWARDED A SEMIFINALIST POSITION FOR AN OUTSTANDING WEATHER REPORTING SPOT ON THE RECENT "ATLANTA FLOODING!"

ON NOVEMBER 2, HE IS BEING FLOWN TO NYC TO MEET THE TODAY SHOW HOSTS.. MATT LAUER & MEREDITH VIERRA. WHILE AT THE NBC TODAY SHOW STUDIO, HE WILL BE INTERVIEWING AND SHOW CASTING HIS 60 SECOND REPORTING SPOT VIA LIVE TV!!!!!! HE WILL NEED EVERYONE'S VOTE TO BECOME THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER. SO PLEASE TUNE IN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009 BETWEEN 9:00AM AND 9:30AM TO WATCH HIM LIVE AS HE GIVES HIS INTERVIEW AND SHOWS OFF HIS 60 SECOND REPORTING SPOT. **VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ONLY ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 2, AND TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3 TILL 5PM ONLY! PLEASE VOTE FOR STEPHEN EWING!**

WE ARE SO PROUD OF STEPHEN! HE IS ALREADY A WINNER, BUT HE WOULD LOVE TO SPEND THE DAY DOING "REAL REPORTING" WITH THE PROFESSIONALS. HE WILL ALSO GET A FREE TRIP ALONG THE DISNEY CRUISE LINES AS WELL FROM NBC. PLEASE FORWARD THIS TO YOUR FRIENDS AND ASK THEM TO VOTE AS WELL. GO TO [WWW.TODAY.MSNBC.COM](http://WWW.TODAY.MSNBC.COM) AND CLICK ON "VOTE FOR TODAYS KID REPORTER"

THANKS SO MUCH!  
TERRI & STEVE EWING (ON BEHALF OF STEPHEN)

### **Hands On Heards Ferry**

Hands on Heards Ferry is looking for a few good ideas for sprucing up our neighborhood school. We are working on the school on Sunday, November 8 from 1 to 5 p m and need as many parents and kids to contribute their time and energy. If you think there is something that we should be working on, please let us know. Get in touch with Jim Derrick ([jim@jimderrick.com](mailto:jim@jimderrick.com)) or Paul Krause ([p.krause@mindspring.com](mailto:p.krause@mindspring.com)).

## **New Green Team: Helping HFES Adopt More Earth-Friendly Practices**

In one giant step towards making HFES more eco-friendly, the cafeteria has begun using blue reusable lunch trays in place of Styrofoam, effectively cutting down on waste. The Green Team has been meeting and brainstorming ways to educate and improve our school's carbon footprint. Some plans for the 2009-2010 school year include a Kids Green Team, which has generated lots of teacher interest, and more recycling programs. How can you help? You may bring your recyclable paper to HFES. The school receives cash for recycled paper and you eliminate unwanted paper from landfills. Look for more details in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

### **Partner Update**

**Felicity's NEW HOME!!  
326 Sandy Springs Circle**

Felicity just relocated around the corner to the charming house by the Little European Bakery mall. Be sure to come by and experience our “**Girls Rock**” room—where your girls will adore all the cool, Beatles-inspired scarves, jewelry, purses, and more. Next, peruse the adorable **Babies** room with more precious, Beatles-inspired onesies, bibs, fuzzy Webkinz, and more. Then step into our **Women's Boutique** where you will find trendy clothes that will not be found everywhere, exclusive one-of-a-kind jewelry handmade by international and local designers such as Mical Negrin and Ayala Bar, and other charming items such as designer belts, scarves, and Lollia Body Products by Margot Elena. Immerse yourselves in our delightful fragrances from Trapp, including everyday and holiday scents.

Let us update you about our emerging concept!!  
**Workshops, children's parties, and events!**

We are waiting to welcome you and help you experience a delightful respite from life's daily stresses.

### **Reminders**

#### **To All Heards Ferry Parents**

The clinic is in need of used clothes especially pants, shirts and socks of all sizes. Please remember to return the items that your children borrowed in time of need. Your help is much appreciated.

### **Emergency Contact Information Report**

On Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Emergency Contact Information Report was sent home in your child's book bag. Please verify that all of the information is accurate and up to date. Sign, on the designated line, and **return to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**. Should you have any questions, contact Ms. Brown at (770)933-6190. \*\* If corrections or changes are necessary, mark them directly on the report.

**1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade Parents**  
**Order Your Original Works Today!**

**Your Child's Original Work should have come home this week in a special folder.**

Your child has created their artwork in school, using the regular art curriculum as the basis for their work of art. Now you have the opportunity to order whatever products you wish with your child's own artwork featured on each and every product. These make excellent holiday gifts while supporting HFE.

**A portion of the proceeds will help buy supplies for Ms. Nowlin's fabulous art programs!**

**Orders along with the returned art are due in the week of October 26 so we can get the products to you by the holidays.**

questions? Christy Knight (404) 236-1795 or [dudleyleane@bellsouth.net](mailto:dudleyleane@bellsouth.net)

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
	<b>October</b>
10/30	Story Book Character Day
	<b>November</b>
11/4	PTA meeting-9:30
11/4	Picture Make-Up Day
11/5	Principal's Coffee-States of the School
11/6	School Council-8:00
11/8	Hands On Heards Ferry
11/19	Fall Musical-7:00

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***

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**To submit articles for the newsletter**

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