



Hears Ferry Herald

▼ A weekly publication of the news and events of Hears Ferry Elementary School ▼

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From The Desk of Susan Dorenkamp

Family Math Night

Are you good at solving puzzles and math problems? Are your children? Do you love laughing and playing games with your children? Then Family Math Night is the event for you!! Don't miss the opportunity on Thursday, September 17th from 6:00-7:30 to spend time with your child. Every teacher and grade level have planned activities just for your student whether your child is in prekindergarten or fifth grade. So mark your calendar and come to Family Math Night.

ITBS Iowa Basic Skills Test

Three of the fundamental purposes for testing are (1) to describe each student's developmental level within a test area; (2) to identify a student's areas of relative strength and weakness in subject areas; and (3) to monitor year-to-year growth in the basic skills. The Iowa Basic Skills test is a standardized norm-referenced test that will be administered to our third and fifth graders the week of September 21st. A norm-referenced interpretation involves comparing a student's score with the scores of other students obtained on the same test. Therefore, the ITBS not only provides us with specific information about your child but is also an external evaluation of your child that can be compared to other children in other parts of the country.

The test will begin on Monday morning, September 21st at 8:00 am for the third and fifth graders. The test includes reading, mathematics, language, social studies, science, map skills, and reference materials. Questions range from below grade level to above grade level so some of the questions may be easy and some maybe difficult. Students should try to do their best and attempt to answer all of the questions.

The building will be in testing mode from :00 am until 11:00 am or until the completion of the test. When we are in "testing mode", we encourage visitors to "visit" at another time so that we can maintain quiet hallways.

Testing Reminders:

- Send your child to school on time. He/she should be in the classroom ready to go by 7:45 am. Any student arriving at school after the start of the test will be escorted to the Media Center. Make-ups for absent or late students will be in the afternoon or the afternoon of the following day.
- Make sure that your child eats a good breakfast.
- Make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep every night.
- And remind your child that testing is a normal part of school and that you know he/she will do his or her best. Students should go into the test with confidence.

Thank you for working with us to make this a successful experience for our children.

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Carpoolers

Please do not block residential driveways while in the afternoon carpool line on Heards Ferry Rd. Also, please make sure your car is as far to the right hand side of the road as possible. Thank you.

Gail Dean's Community Meeting at Heards Ferry

On Tuesday, September 15th, at 9:30 AM, Gail Dean will be holding a community meeting at Heards Ferry. Ms. Dean is a member of the Fulton County School Board, and represents District 3, which includes Heards Ferry. One topic likely to be discussed is the pending changes in next year's school calendar. All are welcome!

Sally Foster sales are rocking!!!

Get your orders started & win a fuzzy monkey asap!!!



A few parents asked if they could make a donation in lieu of an order, well OF COURSE!!! The monkeys are the fun in fundraiser, but the goal is to raise funds!!! A minimum donation of \$60 per child wins one fuzzy monkey & a minimum family donation of \$150 wins an invitation to the banana split party!!! Remember we need 100% participation!!!! We will be awarding fuzzy monkeys on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at lunchtime in the cafeteria.

Remember SAVE TIME - ORDER ONLINE !!!!!!!!!!!

One reminder, please remember to enter a parent's name instead of homeroom teacher when registering!!! Questions: Margaret Brown Abbott brownabbott@mindspring.com 770-390-3099

Flour + Egg + Milk + Math = Cake Walk at Math Night

Girl Scout Troop #26304 is sponsoring a Cake Walk at Math Night. \$5.00 to enter. Show your Math Skills and possibly win a beautiful cake. Proceeds to go toward the new Reading Garden at the Sandy Springs Library.

Eat Dinner at Math Night: Fun, Convenient & Delicious

"Starting at 5:30 p.m. on September 17, 2009, Girl Scout Troop 29307 will sell dinner (Chick Fil-A sandwich, chips, bottled water) before Math Night activities start. Make your life easier and pre-order dinner using forms sent home in backpacks! Please turn forms into the HFES office by noon on Tuesday, September 15 or send your email response to sherrill.j@comcast.net. Price is \$5.50 per dinner."

Discover Your Inner Librarian!

The Good News: We're moving to a Universal Accelerated Reader (AR) Program, so HFE students will have access to thousands more AR tests. The Bad News: We now have to research each book in our HFE library collection to determine if there's currently an AR test, and then label the book with the appropriate reading level. The Ugly News: We don't want Mrs. Marrin and Mrs. Marsh to be stuck with this monumental task alone!

If you're interested in discovering your inner librarian, or just nosing through our expansive book collection, we need your help! We're planning to have a small group gather on Thursday mornings to work on this project. If you can commit to a few dates, we'd love to have you. Or we can even train you to work on this project on your own time. Contact Amy Frederick, PTA Media Center contact to sign up, or for more information, atlantafreds@gmail.com.

Reminders

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) if you would like to sponsor a station. The deadline is Friday, September 25, 2009.**

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 2nd 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) to giddy on up and volunteer for a station.**

HOW TO DOUBLE YOUR DONATION TO THE PTA WITHOUT GIVING ANOTHER DIME:

Many companies, large and small, offer to match any donation an employee gives to a non-profit organization. The Heards Ferry PTA is a 501(c)3 organization that is eligible for these matching programs! So, if you have already made a donation to the PTA (at Sneak Peek or Back to School Night, for example), please check with your company to see if they have a matching program. If they do, please email Megan Grout (megangrout@comcast.net). If you can get the forms, I will fill them out and submit the tax-exempt paperwork necessary for the matching program. This effectively **DOUBLES** your contribution to the PTA and is a huge help in funding our budget for this year! Some Heards Ferry families have done this already, adding \$620 to our donation drive! --MEGAN GROUT

Box Tops for Education

Start saving your Box Tops which are found on boxes of General Mills products. We will begin collecting the Box Tops at school during the month of October. Last year, HFES families raised \$263. Our goal this year is \$1000!

What do you think "BEAUTY IS..." ???

All HFE students have the opportunity to participate in the National PTA Reflections Program and Art Contest.

Here are 6 reasons to go for it this year:

1. Students need more opportunities to create works of art for fun and recognition, and the Reflections Program provides an outlet for students to creatively explore what they are learning in the classroom.
2. The Reflections Program is run by parent volunteers, thereby providing another opportunity to involve parents in their children's education.
3. Participation in the Reflections Program gives students a chance to experiment in the arts.
4. When children express themselves through words, pictures, music, dance, film, and other art media, they grow intellectually; they learn to analyze their thoughts and feelings.
5. The Reflections Program helps parents recognize, support, and enhance their children's continuous process of self-discovery.
6. Art is fun, teachers support the program and every student who participates will have their project displayed at HFE in May and will be recognized at the End of Year Awards Ceremony.

Timeline for Reflections:

- Now: Brainstorm your idea about what "Beauty Is..." and consider the 6 categories: Visual Arts, Literature, Musical Composition, Film/Video Production, Photography, Dance Choreography
- Next: Visit PTA.org and click on "Reflections" for detailed information about student entries in each category.
- Week of 9/14: Look for "Student Entry Form" in Backpacks
- CREATE!
- Week of 10/5: Put the final touches on.
- 10/19 Deadline for Submission of Reflections Projects

For more information, please contact Scottie Belfi, sbelfi1@bellsouth.net or 404 786 9525.

Dates to Remember	
	September
9/15	Gail Dean's Community meeting-HF 9:30
9/16	Early Release Day- 11:15
9/17	Principal's Coffee (Topic: Testing) 9-10 a.m.
9/17	Family Math Night 6 – 7:30 p.m.
9/21-9/25	Norm Referenced Test, Grades 3 & 5
9/25	Progress Skills Checklists go home
9/30	Picture Day
	October
10/2	School Council-8:00-9:00
10/2	Hoedown 5:30
10/9	Teacher conference day-No school for children

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

Please note that the menu is subject to change

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Contact 404-763-4585 TTY 1-800-255-0135

To submit articles for the newsletter

Please email Ms. Dorenkamp dorenkamp@fultonschools.org with the subject: Newsletter.... by each Wednesday at noon