



# Hears Ferry Herald

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

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## From the Desk Your PTA Presidents

### Employees of the Year

Last Friday we had the privilege of attending Fulton County School System's annual Employee of the Year Luncheon as guests of Mrs. Dorenkamp and Mr. McBride. We were honored to be graciously included in the event held at The Cobb Galleria Centre, where nearly 900 employees, business partners and special guests gathered to pay tribute to each school's employees of the year. The goal of the luncheon is to support a production that entertains each guest and shows the honorees how much they are appreciated. The Fulton Education Foundation, a non-profit organization, co-sponsors the gala with the Fulton County School System. And, what a gala it was!

As many of you are aware, Hears Ferry 2008 Teacher of the Year is Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Severson and 2008 School Professional of the Year is media center professional Ms. Marsh, who were voted on by their peers. Each was treated to the day off (Ms. Marsh took advantage of sleeping in while Ms. Severson didn't), honored on stage during the Parade of Honorees, presented with a special gift and then treated to a fabulous three-course lunch. And, no, Mrs. Dorenkamp did not ask them to return to school afterwards! Talented entertainment was provided throughout the event by students from North Springs High School and The Fiddle Team of Fulton County, with a finale by "The Green Man Group" from Holcomb Bride Middle School. The Teacher of the Year program was created in 1975.

So, next time you run into Ms. Severson and Ms. Marsh in the hallways, be sure and congratulate them on their commitment, high standards, professionalism, passion and enthusiasm and thank them for representing us as Hears Ferry's finest!

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*"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." Henry Ford*

#### New Articles

#### Parents Monthly Discussion Group

We changed the time! Join us Thursday, November 20th at 9:30 am Room 208 for questions, answers, and discussion about your child's school success

**Frances Lari, School Social Worker**  
**Kate Hernandez, School Counselor**

#### Atlanta History Center Outreach-Local Native American Tribes

Amanda Corman, outreach educator at the Atlanta History Center, had a great time working with the kindergarten classes at Hears Ferry last Wednesday. Ms. Corman brought a collection of hands-on history for the students who were studying the Native American tribes that lived in our neighborhood many, many years ago. Each student had opportunity to feel real deer antlers, see a corn grinder, touch baskets and pottery just like the ones that Creek and Cherokee kids would have made. At the end of her session, Ms. Corman read "The Great Ball Game" -- a Muscogee Creek folk tale. She brought with her a pair of Choctaw lacrosse sticks and explained that Native Americans were playing a version of stickball hundreds of years ago by the banks of the Chattahoochee River. She invited everyone to come visit her at the Center soon and handed out flyers about the upcoming FREE festival on Sunday, November 2.

Lost your flyer? Check out [www.atlantahistorycenter.com](http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com) or call 404-814-4000 for more information!  
**Beth Woodward Museum Outreach Manager**  
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#### Book Fair was Roaring Success

Thanks to our wonderful co-chairs, Angie Ponsell and Lauren Damman, and their host of dedicated volunteers! The Book Fair grossed over \$13,000 of which the media center will receive a percentage. Not only does the Book Fair help raise funds to purchase essential school resources, it encourages reading among our students. Thanks again to our volunteers and to our generous HF community. **Alice Marrin, Media Specialist**

#### HFE Directories Are In!

All parents and teachers/staff members should have received **one** HFE Directory per family via backpacks or mailbox (staff). If you still have yet to receive one or if you received an additional one by mistake, please contact me.

Additional copies are available for only \$5 at the Front Office (handy to keep in your car or it also makes a great souvenir for your 5th Grader)! Checks may be made to HFE PTA. Special thanks to Jennifer Key and Leslie Schwartz for helping to expedite the process! **Clare Martin**

#### Please Check, Sally Foster Products Went Home Last Friday

If after reviewing your child's order(s), you discover that the order was incomplete or if there were any errors, please contact **Sheryl McQuary** at 404-786-2339 or [mcq@mindspring.com](mailto:mcq@mindspring.com).

Please let me know of any corrections by Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.

**Thank You for Participating In Reflections!**

All student entries have been collected for judging. The works are beautiful, original and diverse and all will be displayed at our school in 2009 after the national judging process is complete.

Questions? Christy Knight [dudleylane@bellsouth.net](mailto:dudleylane@bellsouth.net)  
Martha Seabrook [seabrookfamily@gmail.com](mailto:seabrookfamily@gmail.com)

**Attention 4th & 5th grade parents**

Please join us for a parent social at 7:00 pm, on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of Abby & Gerard Gunthert - 6230 River Chase Circle. We look forward to seeing you then! **Please RSVP to Paige Lindler**  
[plindler01@comcast.net](mailto:plindler01@comcast.net)  
Terri Ewing, Abby Gunthert, Paige Lindler

**From our Partners in Education**

<http://www.fultonschools.org/school/heardsferry> Click the Partners tab for information on all of our Partners!

**Todd Whitaker is coming to Riverwood**

Parents: Don't miss the opportunity to hear Todd Whitaker speak at Riverwood on **Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 in the Auditorium. You will leave inspired and motivated as he shares parenting tips, techniques and suggestions.**

Dr. Todd Whitaker is a Professor of Educational Leadership at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. Prior to coming to Indiana, he taught at the middle and high school levels in Missouri. Following his teaching experience, he served as a middle school and high school principal for eight years. Dr. Whitaker's work has been published in the areas of teacher leadership, instructional improvement, change, leadership effectiveness, technology and middle level practices.

**Don't miss the State of the School Coffee**

On Thursday, November 6, from 8:00-9:00 in room 208, Ms. Dorenkamp will present the latest information on Heards Ferry's strategic plan, test scores and current demographic information. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the school and ask questions.

**Reminders**

**Looking for Heards Ferry Elementary Alumni!**

There is a special HFE "Alumni Project" in the works as part of the 2009 - 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Fundraising Gala that will take place on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at The Foundry at Puritan Mill. We want to share with our current HFE families and students interesting facts and great things about HFE alumni who walked the halls of our school of excellence!

If you or someone that you know is an alumnus of HFE and would like to take part in the project, please let us know. **Please contact Brenda Maddaleni at [bmaddaleni@yahoo.com](mailto:bmaddaleni@yahoo.com) or 678-613-0532. Thank you!**

**Auction Item Drop Off!!**

We are asking each HFE family to donate at least one item to our silent Auction! Wouldn't it be nice to check that off your "to do" list?! Please bring your item and completed donation form to the school on **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>** from morning carpool through 10AM! Mark it on your calendar so you can cross it off your list! We will be waiting to take it off your hands! Thank you for supporting our school!

For questions, email Megan Grout at [megangrout@comcast.net](mailto:megangrout@comcast.net) or call (404)257-9930.

( P.S. No wine can be brought onto campus. For pick up of a wine donation, please email me!)

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual FCBOE Technology Competition**

The Technology Competition Website is in the process of being updated. The Competition will be held at Westlake High School on Saturday, January 31, 2009

Grade Level	Check In Time	Award Ceremony Time
3-6	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 am	Approximately 12:30 PM

Registration will open on December 8, 2008 and will close January 16, 2009 at 4 pm. **Registration must be entered online by the Local School Tech Fair Liaison.**

**One volunteer is needed** to help on the day of the Technology Competition performing duties such as judge, scorekeeper, room captain, welcome table etc.

For details check out the FCBOE website <http://www.fultonschools.org/itdivision/techfair/index.htm> Shirley "Hadi", Volunteer Tech Fair Liaison email hadi at fultonschools.org, if you are interested

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
<b>November</b>	
11/4	<b>Election Day- No School</b>
11/5	PTA Meeting (All are encouraged to attend) room 208 9:30-10:30 am
11/6	Principal's Coffee: State of the School 8-9 am
11/7	LSAC Meeting 8-9 am
11/18	<b>Thanksgiving lunch for Pre-k-2 and parents</b>
11/19	<b>Early Release Day dismissal 11:15</b>
11/20	<b>Thanksgiving lunch for 3-5 and parents</b>
11/20	Fall Musical 7 pm
11/21	Fall Musical 8:30 am.
11/26-28	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS</b>

<b>Menu</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
Mon 3	Sausage/cheese biscuit Cereal/biscuit	Chicken nuggets Salisbury steak Chicken Salad Plate Ham/cheese sub
Tues 4	Election Day	<b>VOTE !!</b>
Wed 5	Tur-Ham Biscuit Cereal/toast	Spaghetti Casserole Grilled Chicken Sand. Chicken Tender salad Yogurt & Cheese Pak
Thurs 6	Breakfast burrito Cereal/biscuit	BBQ Baked Chicken Cheese Pizza Fruit & Yogurt Salad Pak Turkey & Cheese Wrap plt
Fri 7	Yogurt/Muffin Cereal/toast	Shrimp Poppers Chicken Tenders Grilled Chicken Salad Plate Yogurt & Cheese Pak
<b>Please note that the menu is subject to change.</b>		
<a href="http://www.fultonschools.org/dept/schoolnutrition">www.fultonschools.org/dept/schoolnutrition</a> <b>Faye Scott, School Nutrition Manager, Heards Ferry Elem.</b>		

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Please email hadi at fultonschools.org with the **subject: Newsletter.... by each Tues at noon.**