



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

Parent Survey

Please take the time to complete the Fulton County School System annual **Parent Perception Survey**. The dead line is Friday, **May 15th**. Please help us make our school better by taking a few minutes to complete this survey. The survey is available online at www.fultonschools.org, or if you prefer to fill out a paper survey, copies are available in the front office. Your answers will be shared with our staff for school improvement planning. Your identity and that of your child will remain confidential. If you have questions about the survey, please call the Assessment and Evaluation Office at 404-763-5600 ext. 154.

Volunteers

Once a year, the Heards Ferry staff hosts a volunteer luncheon. It is our way of expressing our gratitude for all of the hours, efforts, and money that our volunteers contribute to the school, teachers, students and classrooms. Although it is hard to put into words the appreciation and thanks that we feel, we do want our parents to know how much each and everyone of you mean to us and the success of our students. Involved parents are one of the keys to a school of excellence and it is our involved parents that set us apart from other schools. Involvement is evident from the flowers outside to the bulletin board in the front hallway to the school store upstairs. Parents provided sunshine breakfasts, tutored students, solved math problems, attended school functions, conferenced with teachers, helped with class parties, traveled the world during International Day, assisted with AR, gave tours, hosted an auction (as well as coordinating the whole event), baked cookies for Teacher Appreciation Week (as well as coordinating the whole event) and participated on the School Council just to name a few activities. I am appreciative and proud to be a part of a parent community that supports the school in a myriad of ways. The staff at Heards Ferry thanks all of our parents for the many hours of service both seen and unseen. We would especially like to thank the PTA board under the leadership of Amy Kilgore and Amy Helton, PTA co-presidents. Thank you for your leadership, coordination of activities, calm problem solving, and organization.

Volunteering is time consuming, expensive, exhausting and occasionally stressful but the success of the students is priceless. So again, thank you for all you do!

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

New Articles

All books due in Media Center

Check your desks, book -bags and under your desks! All books are now due in the media center. Classes who are first to have 100% of their books returned will receive a gift certificate from Baskin Robbins for a **free ice cream cone!**

Book Swap Scheduled for This Week!

Looking for some end of year and summer reading? Frustrated that the library is closed and you're just looking for a good book to read? Drop by the library any time between Monday, May 11 and Friday, May 15 to swap paperbacks. Bring in one that you have already read and trade for another! **Questions? Come see Ms. Marrin or Marsh in the media center. Thanks!**

Reflections Entries Wow Us!

Most of our student entries are proudly displayed in the lobby. We hope you will take the time to view these beautiful, original and diverse works. Four students were recognized with honorable mention awards by the North Fulton PTA : Camille Grout, Cordell Philip Vannier, Michael Bernstein and Ella Gerstel- Congratulations! Other participants this year are: Julie Mittelstedt, Olivia Gunthert, Zoe Gunthert, Hill Belfi, Ryan Belfi, Alex Culbreath, Shelby Starr, Mariella Stine, Traber West, Luke Stone, Beverly Knight, Allie Abbott, Katie Abbott, Ian Rader, Mia Rader, Alana Wilson, Jessica Wilson, William McKibbon, Rachel Nichols, Chloe McSwain, Jenny Barnes, Katie Horn, Daniel Adkins, and Brandon Barry. Congratulations also go out to Ms. Johnson who had the most entries from her class and wins the Target gift card. Thank you for participating in this wonderful opportunity for creative expression! All work may be picked up on May 20 and 21. **Questions? Martha Seabrook seabrookfamily@gmail.com Christy Knight dudlevlane@bellsouth.net**

Summer Reading Lists

Heards Ferry will be putting out an official reading list for each grade level for suggested summer reading. Be on the lookout for this in your child's backpack and on our website.

Honor Books for the Media Center

Thanks to the following families who have recently purchased honor books for the library:

The McQuary family in honor of each of their teachers: Ms. Simmons, Ms. Hoppe, Ms. Bradwell and Ms. Favors

The Frederick family in honor of Ms. Grand

The Radney family in honor of their teachers: Ms. Bradwell and Ms. Hoppe

The Stanwick family in honor of their teachers: Ms. Collett and Ms. Hoppe

The Eberly family in honor of Ms. Grand

HANG ONTO YOUR CARPOOL NUMBERS!!!

In an effort to save \$ and go green, please keep your carpool number for the 2009/2010 school year. Also, don't forget to fill out your carpool flyer and hand it in to Ms. Johar by next week. **Questions? jherndon@bellsouth.net**

Reminders

Field Day Fun!!

The entire school will participate in an international Olympic field day on Friday, May 15 [rain date 5/18]. We need parent volunteers to run the centers from 7:50 – 10:30. Please don't bring younger siblings, since we don't have a babysitting service for them while you are helping out. **Contact Kelly Sweetin at ksweetin@bellsouth.net**. Students must wear “regular” tennis shoes for participation!! Backless sneakers, crocs, sandals, etc are not allowed. **Karen Bernstein,**

Breakfast and Lunch Charges

Our final weeks of school are approaching, Please be aware that all students will need to make payment in order to have their lunch charge accounts up-to-date. May 8th will be the last day any student can charge. Under Fulton County School Nutrition policy, **NO CHARGES** for Breakfast/Lunch can be made after during this time, a SUPPLEMENT MEAL (cheese sandwich and milk) will be served to the students whose accounts remain in the negative status. **Faye Scott,**

Fulton County Music Camp

“Camp Jam” is a weeklong camp led by some of Fulton County’s finest music teachers. It will be held July 6-10 at Shakerag Elementary School (Johns Creek) and is offered to rising 3rd through 6th graders. Activities will include choral singing, drumming, dance, guitar, and musical theater. **For more information, contact Mrs. Lange or have your child pick up a Camp Jam brochure in the office. There is a discount on the registration fee if turned in by May 15.**

Pre-Packaged School Supplies

And the winner is...you, your kids, and your school! That’s right -- when you pre-order next year’s school supplies through the HFE pre-pack supply sale, everyone’s a winner! How? Competitively priced and shipped directly to your home or school, pre-packs save you time, money *and* hassle! Prepared to our teachers’ exact specifications, HFE pre-packs guarantee that both your child *and* his or her teacher have everything they’ll need to start the new school year off right. Purchasing your child’s pre-pack couldn’t be easier! For convenient home delivery, simply order online by **July 15th** at www.epipacks.com following the instructions provided on the form that was sent home in your child’s backpack last week. **Or,** to have pre-packs shipped to the school and made available for pick-up at Sneak Peek, just return the completed form (together with your check made payable to Heards Ferry PTA) to the front office by **May 15th**. That’s it. It’s that easy! So don’t delay. Place your orders today, then sit back, relax and get ready for a glorious summer! (See pre-pack flyer/order-form for complete details. Place your orders soon: Additional pre-packs will NOT be available for purchase at Sneak Peek. **Questions? Contact Ramona Mills at 404-408-0298 or rmills.wot.inc@earthlink.net.**

Riverwood Summer Camps

Don’t miss out on all of the summer camp opportunities being held at Riverwood High School this summer – there is something for everyone. For more details and registration forms go to www.riverwoodhs.org. Click on Athletics/Summer Camps.

- Jr. Raider Baseball Camp – June 15-19 for Rising 2nd, 3rd & 4th Graders
- Middle School Baseball Hitting Camp – June 4-5 for Rising 6th-9th Graders
- Boys Basketball Camp – June 22-26 Ages 8-14
- Girls Basketball Camp – June 8-12 Ages 8-14
- Cheerleading Camp – June 2-5 Ages 8-12
- Jr. Raider Football Camp – June 8-12 for Rising 1st – 8th Graders
- Boys Soccer Camp – June 22-26 Ages 10-18
- Wrestling Camp – July 6-10 Ages 4-12

New Families - Buddies Needed

Please help welcome our new families to Heards Ferry and sign up to be a buddy family. We would like to have each new family coming to Heards Ferry assigned a buddy family to help welcome them to the school, answer any questions they may have over the summer, and be a friendly face for those first weeks of school. This is a great way for your kids to make new friends. We have new families coming to our school in Pre-K and Kindergarten as well as those that will be entering the upper grades. Please let me know if you would like to help out. **Contact Brenda Maddaleni at bmaddaleni@yahoo.com or 404-252-0789.**

Awesome HFE Talent Show DVDs!

As you may have noticed, we had a **new** videographer at this year’s talent show: Patrik Tyron of Tyron Videostudio. **Now is the time to order your special video of our best show**

ever! Your support will ensure this company’s business for following HFE events and Patrik is donating 3 DVDs to Heards Ferry’s archives! Besides having great video capacity, this company is efficient and timely – *you will receive your video before the last day of school if you order NOW!* Visit www.tyronvideostudio.com and click on the HFE link today! Order forms are also available at the Front Office! These make great gifts for your extended family, too!

2nd Annual Sandy Springs ShowStoppers Talent Competition

The Sandy Springs ShowStoppers Talent Competition is celebrating its 2nd annual event! This display of talents from Sandy Springs students will be held Saturday evening, May 9, 6:30, at Riverwood International Charter High School. Be a part of the "who's got talent" phenomenon right here in your own community as contestants vie for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. The winners of each age category (elementary, middle and high school) will win \$200 for their schools! The audience votes for their favorites, so come be a part of the action! **Clare Martin**

HFE 5th Grade Boys Hit the Stage Again!

Come support Heards Ferry's own 5th Grade boys as they compete in our neighboring school talent competition, Sandy Springs ShowStoppers, Saturday evening, May 9, 6:30, at Riverwood High School. Our stars include the "Evolution of Dance" guys Jack Callahan, Matthew deGolian, Willie Herrigel, Duncan Jackson, Bayne Jarvis, James Smith, Alex Sprung and Cordell Philip Vannier. Also, Brendan Martin will face the music with an incredible drum solo! Come vote for your favorite out of 30 acts and see who's got talent! Heards Ferry could win \$200! **Clare Martin**

Dates to Remember	
May	
5/12	Spring Band/Orchestra/Chorus concert 7 pm
5/14	Step-up Day for Prek and Kindergarten
5/15	Field Day
5/19	AR Awards Ceremony- Date change
5/20	Kindergarten Parties 11:30-1:30
5/21	Gail Dean's Community meeting-9:30 Ridgeview
5/21	Parties Prek,1, 2, 5 1:30-2:00
5/22	Last Day of School
5/22	5th grade Recognition-8:30
5/22	Parties 3 and 4 1:30-2:00
5/22	Report cards and Progress Skills Check lists home

Menu		
Date	Breakfast	Lunch
Mon. 11	French Toast HoneyNut Cheerios Grape Juice Choice of Milk	Tomato-basil Soup w/Grilled Cheese Hamburger Fruit & Yogurt plt Grilled Chicken Wrap
Tues 12	Pancake on a Stick Yogurt & Muffin Orange Juice Choice of Milk	Beefaroni Chicken Nuggets Cheese Chef Salad Turkey/cheese sub
Wed 13	Sausage Biscuit/jelly Frosted Flakes Apple Juice Choice of Milk	Roasted Turkey Cheese Pizza Chicken Tender Salad Tuna Salad Sub plate
Thur 14	Hot Pocket w/cheese Yogurt & Muffin Grape Juice Choice of Milk	Tacos, Hard shell Nachos/ beef& cheese Grilled Chicken Salad plt Yogurt & Cheese pak
Fri 15	Chicken Biscuit/jelly Scooters cereal Orange Juice Choice of Milk	FIELD DAY Turkey Sack Lunches

Please note that the menu is subject to change.

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