

# HEMBREE SPRINGS ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER

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## Red Ribbon Week



Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug free lives, with the ultimate goal being the creation of a drug-free America. This year Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated **October 23 - 31, 2009**. Be on the look-out for more information on Red Ribbon Week activities in Friday Folders. If you have questions or would like to help, e-mail [redribbon@hembreespringspta.org](mailto:redribbon@hembreespringspta.org).

## "BEAUTY IS . . ." REFLECTIONS CONTEST UPDATE

Parents - please encourage your child to participate in the Reflections Arts competition this year. In 2008-2009, over 28,000 Georgia students participated, winning 13 awards at the national level! Although the Reflections Program follows a "contest" format, winning is not the emphasis. Instead, participation and appreciation for the arts is the Reflections Programs' ultimate goal. In that spirit, all Hembree Springs students will be recognized and have their work showcased at a special ceremony in November.

Students from all grade levels can submit one or more entries in visual arts, photography, literature, music composition, film production, and dance choreography. The theme this year is "Beauty Is . . ." Entry forms are available at the front desk. All entries are due by Monday, October 12th and can be submitted in the big yellow drop-off box marked "Reflections" in the lobby area. Questions? E-mail Julie Daniels and Elke Monahan at

[reflections@hembreespringspta.org](mailto:reflections@hembreespringspta.org).

## BOX TOP\$ AND TYSON PROJECT A+ CONTEST



Please remember to turn in your Box Top\$ and Project A+ labels now in the box in the lobby. **All labels must be turned in by October 15.** Put your child's teacher's name on your Box Top\$ and Project A+ labels to ensure that your class gets credit! The class that earns the most money for our school will win a prize! Please e-mail [boxtops@hembreespringspta.org](mailto:boxtops@hembreespringspta.org) with any questions.

## LUNCH BUNCH



Students in fourth and fifth grades will soon be involved in a book club! The optional reading program will require students to read a specific book over a month. The small group of 10 students will then discuss the book over lunch. The session will be facilitated by a parent who will be provided with a guide for the lesson. It will last only 30 minutes. Look for details in the next two weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please contact fourth grade parent, Karen Johnson, at 770-329-2400 or fifth grade Parent, Julie Daniels, at 678-521-0584.

## PTA Membership

If you haven't already done so, it is not too late to join the PTA for the '09-'10 school year. Membership is available for as little as \$5. Please e-mail Rachel Jordan at [Membership@hembreespringspta.org](mailto:Membership@hembreespringspta.org) to request a form or with any questions. Thank you for your support!

It is time to have a "Picnic Luncheon" indoors for our Hembree Springs Staff. This luncheon will be hosted by all grades. Join us on Wednesday, October 7th for a luncheon to honor our great staff. You can either help by volunteering your time the day of the event or by sending in food items. We will need many donations of different types of salads, sandwich trays, and desserts. Please contact Kristi Gilliam at [kdgillam@yahoo.com](mailto:kdgillam@yahoo.com) if you would like to help. Thanks to everyone in advance for helping us make our HSES staff feel special.



**Youth Day Parade – “Truth, Justice and the Hembree Springs Way!”**

Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Youth Day Parade in Roswell. Every year Hembree Springs enters a fabulous parade float to show our school spirit. This year our parade float celebrates the theme “**Our Heroes.**” We need the help of our *Super Students* and their *Super Parents* to make our float succeed on getting “**Up, Up and Away!**”

Students, parents and teachers are invited to walk along side the HSES Float on the parade route dressed as their favorite *Superhero!* The Float Committee needs **lots and lots of candy** to throw along the parade route.

If you would like to donate a bag of candy, please send it into the school marked to the attention of “Lisa Cowles/Youth Day Float.” All candy must be individually wrapped (i.e. Tootsie Rolls) No lollipops, please – sticks are a bad thing to throw! If you would like more information on how you can be a part of the Hembree Springs Youth Day float, please email Lisa Cowles at

[cowlesfamily@bellsouth.net](mailto:cowlesfamily@bellsouth.net) or call 678-358-6545.



On behalf of the Hembree Springs PTA, **THANK YOU** for signing up to volunteer on committees or to help at events during the 2009-2010 school year. We had an overwhelming response to the Volunteer Forms that were distributed during Open House and Curriculum Nights. If you have not signed up to volunteer and would still like to, it is not too late! You can pick up a form at the front desk or email Nicole Schwartz at [president@hembreespringspta.org](mailto:president@hembreespringspta.org). Thanks again, we can't do it without you!



**Fulton County Schools observe National Preparedness Month**

September is National Preparedness Month, a nationwide effort to increase awareness and encourage action for emergency preparedness. The Fulton County School System is sharing this message by asking families to use the online resources at [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) to prepare themselves for any potential situation.

Emergencies can come in the form of natural disasters, such as flooding, fires or tornadoes; in the form of man-made situations, such as chemical spills, biological agents or explosions; or even in the form of illness outbreaks, such as the spread of viruses and communicable diseases. Because emergencies don't always give adequate warning, families should act now to protect and prepare themselves.

“All families should have a ‘Ready Kit’ and a family emergency plan to empower themselves during an emergency,” said Mark Muma, the school system’s Safety and Security director. “Emergency workers and first responders will certainly do their duty to help people in a crisis, but families can help themselves by being prepared.”

A ready kit is basically a box, or boxes, of supplies that provides a family with several days’ or weeks’ worth of basic survival materials. It can include non-perishable food and bottled water, a first aid kit, a flashlight with extra batteries and a battery-powered weather radio.

Families also should take this opportunity to create an emergency plan since they may not be together when a disaster strikes. Things to consider: how family members will contact each another, how they will get back together, and what they will do in different emergency scenarios.

“A family plan will help parents establish some steps their children can take during an emergency. Being prepared may help children feel safer and more confident that they are doing the right things when something unplanned occurs.”

More information, including an expanded list of recommended items for a basic Ready Kit and sample family emergency plans, can be found online at [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov).



Fall Picture Day will be Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009!

**Freaky Friday**

Freaky Friday is baack!! Friday, **October 30th** from **5:30pm—8:30pm**. Flyers for advance purchase of wristbands will be sent out on Oct. 2nd. Get your advance purchase forms in ASAP! Your wristband purchase will cover these fun activities: DJ, carnival games, face painting, lots of prizes, contests and tons of fun for the whole family! Food will be available for purchase.

**Hands on Atlanta at Hembree Springs**

Hands on Atlanta will be at Hembree Springs on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 – 1. We will be planting trees and bushes, painting some areas in the building and sprucing up the courtyard. If you are able to volunteer, we would love to have you!



## Family Nights

There will be two family nights each month. We encourage you to incorporate these into your family plans and have a fun night out and help raise money for the school at the same time. The known dates are below. We'll announce the remaining dates as they are available.

Thanks to everyone who attended our last family night at CiCi's. There were 80+ families in attendance. Great attendance for our first of the year and such a rainy night! Cici's was fun with lots of seating, yummy pizza both traditional and creative (macaroni and cheese pizza), and great customer service.

September 30	Shane's Rib Shack	4-8 pm
October 14	Chuck E Cheese	3-9 pm
November 12	Chick-fil-a	4-8 pm
December 1	Barnes and Noble	3-9 pm
January 7	Jump Zone	
January 21	Chick-fil-a	4-8 pm
March 11	Domino's Pizza	
April 15	Chick-fil-a	4-8 pm



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Thank You for supporting the PTA, HSES, and all of our students! This is a publication of Hembree Springs Elementary School PTA and is distributed to HSES families and staff. Hembree Springs Elementary School, 815 Hembree Road, Roswell, Georgia, 30076, 770-667-2902 .  
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