



# Husky Paw Prints

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## Dates to Remember

- September 5, 2011  
Labor Day Holiday
- September 7, 2011  
Curriculum Night 5:15—6:30  
Grades K, 2nd, 4th
- September 8, 2011  
Curriculum Night 5:15—6:30  
Grades 1st, 3rd, 5th
- September 9, 2011  
All Pro Dads—7am
- September 15, 2011  
Julia Bernath Comm. Mtng.  
Hillside ES 9:30am



**PLEASE ATTEND!**  
**CURRICULUM**  
**NIGHTS!**  
**PARENTS ONLY!**  
**Childcare will not be provided.**

5:15pm—6:30pm

Wednesday, 9/7  
Grades K, 2nd, 4th

Thursday, 9/8  
Grades 1st, 3rd, 5th

September 1, 2011

It is amazing how quickly the time goes by once the students return to the building. We have now settled in to our routines and do not expect any staff changes as a result of the ten day count. This is an exciting time of the year for us as we watch the students begin to change classes, accept new challenges, and to make new friends.

As we move forward, our staff is also undertaking new challenges. As a school, we are refining several processes and procedures in order to evaluate student achievement in a different way than we have in the past. We have realigned our informal collaboration process, we have organized a methodical way for each grade level to send home signed papers and grade level newsletters, and we are looking forward to some professional development for our staff. This year we are becoming a Professional Learning Community, which will help our entire school take a different approach of looking at all of our student's academic achievements. We want to ensure that we are challenging those who can move on to higher levels, to ensure that we are meeting the needs of those who are struggling, and to ensure that we are meeting our targeted goals for all other students. It is a big challenge and we are certainly anxious to meet the challenge!

With our new incentives, it is great to be a Title I school, which enables us to have more resources both financially and with staff support to meet the needs of all students. We have a math coach, Laurie Woodruff, for a full week every other week, working with teachers in analyzing data and instructional strategies, as well as Sara Richards, our data support specialist who focuses on student achievement and also makes instructional strategy suggestions for the staff.

We have a year of excitement and work ahead of us, and we are anxious to meet the challenge. With your continued support, we will work together to meet the needs of all of our students. I will see you at curriculum nights next Wednesday and Thursday evening. Enjoy the long weekend!

*John Anderson, Ed.S*  
Interim Principal

Thank you to all the families that have already signed up for PTA!

Our goal is to have one membership for every Hillside student. So, if you haven't already, please sign up for PTA membership! We spend approximately \$75 per child for over 40 PTA programs which benefit our children and enrich their education - programs such as Science Day, Yukon Math, Iditarod Reading and Character Education. This year, in lieu of using a fundraising company, we are hoping to raise enough funds through our Gold, Silver and Bronze PTA membership levels - no selling, no pledges! Please join today online at <http://www.hillsidepta.com/joinpta/> or stop by our membership tables during Curriculum Nights next week on Sept 7th & 8th.





Earn cash for Hillside from your groceries!

Clip Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and go to

[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to find out about bonus offers and get coupons!  
September Box Tops Contest: The classroom in each grade collecting the most Box Tops earns a popsicle party!!! So clip those box tops and send them in to your homeroom teacher by September 30th!

### Family Portraits—Schedule a portrait appointment for your family!

Available Dates are:

Thu, Sep 22 4pm - 8pm

Fri, Sep 23 4pm - 8pm

Sat, Sep 24 10am - 2:30pm

You will receive a 11x14 family portrait for only \$20.

Other packages are also available. Contact Judy Bergman 404-386-3213 or [thebergmans@bellsouth.net](mailto:thebergmans@bellsouth.net) to set your appointment. Photo sessions will be at Walton centennial in the Leasing Office.



### Parent Tutors Needed!

The very successful Hillside Tutoring program will begin its fall semester in mid-September. Hillside parents, grandparents, and neighbors have generously contributed their time to provide reading and math assistance to our Hillside students. It is truly a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in a child's life as well as to help contribute to the success of Hillside Elementary School. Tutors commit to work one semester at a time. They work for 45 minutes (during lunch or before school) once a week. We work with a group of 3 students from 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade in either reading or math. If you are interested in becoming a tutor or would like additional information, please contact Caroline Truax at [ctrux@bellsouth.net](mailto:ctrux@bellsouth.net).



### Take Advantage of our Enrichment Programs!! 2:30pm—3:30pm

#### If Interested—Contact the Program Administrators Directly!

- ✔ Mondays: You Gotta Have Art 770-667-9337
- ✔ Tuesdays: Building Character Drama Program 404-849-9644
- ✔ Tuesdays: Music Matters Orchestra 404-428-1295
- ✔ Wednesdays: You Gotta Have Art 770-667-9337
- ✔ Wednesdays: Let's Pretend Drama 770-664-8739
- ✔ Thursdays: Imagine That Science Program 770-455-1980
- ✔ Thursdays: SEGA Gymnastics 770-777-0199
- ✔ Fridays: US Chess Academy 404-252-9611



### MEDIA CENTER HELP WANTED

The media center is looking for additional help with shelving books. The commitment is about 2 times a month for 2 hours each time. Schedules are made on a monthly basis and you can come in any time on your assigned day. It is a flexible job in a fun environment, and it is very helpful to our wonderful media center specialists. Please contact Caroline Truax at [ctrux@bellsouth.net](mailto:ctrux@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in volunteering.

Girl Scouting is for girls in K through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Enjoy new friends, adventures and experiences! If you are interested in your daughter joining, please contact Charly Rowland at [bellacourte@att.net](mailto:bellacourte@att.net).

Don't miss the first scout meeting, Sep. 9th, from 5:00-6:30 for mothers and daughters interested in joining. RSVP to Charly.



### Join Lady Jr. Knights Lacrosse!

Join other Hillside girls and come play lacrosse on the Centennial HS feeder team! Fall feeder teams for Centennial HS are open for girls in grades 2 through 8. Last fall the Jr. Knights team won the Newtown League Jr. Select Crown! Registration is being accepted now! For more information please visit our website [www.jrladyknights.com](http://www.jrladyknights.com) or via or via email at [jrladyknights@gmail.com](mailto:jrladyknights@gmail.com).

