



Husky Paw Prints

"Stepping up to the challenges of tomorrow
By preparing today"

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

PICTURE DAY

From the Desk of:
Patti Blalock, Assistant Principal

We have nearly completed our ITBS testing of 3rd and 5th grades. The children have done a great job with testing all week. Please note that due to the inclement weather of earlier this week and the Yom Kippur holiday on Monday, September 28th, we will be completing our testing on Tuesday, September 29th. Please make sure that the children are well rested and ready for this additional day of testing.



TESTING TIPS:

PARENTS: During the week of testing

- Avoid emphasizing test scores; focus on the value of doing his/her best
- Be sure your child has a good breakfast
- See that he/she gets at least 10 hours of sleep, more if needed
- Plan ahead and create non-stressful evenings and mornings
- Be sure that your child has his/her glasses and medication if needed
- See that your child is at school on time

STUDENTS:

- READ all the choices and eliminate answers that you know are not correct
- Select the best choice of those that remain

RELAXATION TECHNIQUES:

- 3/12/6-deep breathing-inhale for 3 seconds...hold for 12 seconds...exhale for 6 seconds
- Neck tension—slowly rotate your neck from side to side then lift shoulders up and release down
- Clench fists—squeeze hands to form fists and hold tightly...then release and shake them out

PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Fulton County School System is currently reviewing several options for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school year calendars. To create the proposed calendars, a 17-member panel of parents, school leaders and central office administrators reviewed school board policy, testing dates, major religious and national holidays, and also examined new state calendar guidelines. Beginning this year, the Georgia Department of Education now allows school system to adopt calendars outside of the previously-required 180 days as long as the total minutes and hours equal that of a 180-day school year. The panel is looking for feedback from parents, to view the calendars being considered by the school board goto <http://www.hillsidepta.com/legislative-news/>.

REFLECTIONS

The Reflections program is under way! This year's theme will be "Beauty is...". Students will learn about the "Art of Expression" to help them create works of art. Reflections is sponsored by the national PTA and provides an opportunity for students to be creative and receive positive recognition for their efforts. Students are encouraged to create and submit works of art in six categories: literature, photography, visual arts, dance, film/video production and musical composition.

Entry forms will be sent home with each student by the end of the month. Entries are due by October 20th. Additional forms, rules and more information are available at <http://www.georgiapta.org/resources-student-reflections.html>. Please be sure to read the rules for each category as entries must adhere to the PTA guidelines in order to advance to the council level. The 1st and 2nd place winners in each category and grade level will advance to the council level and will be announced in November. An awards ceremony will also be held with the date to be determined. If you have any questions please email Judy Bergman at thebergmans@bellsouth.net.



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Dates to Remember

September 21-29, 2009

ITBS Testing, Grades 3 and 5 only

September 29, 2009

3rd Session, Strengthening Families Program, 6:30pm

PTA Twisted Taco Night, 5:00-8:00pm

September 30, 2009

Picture Day

October 1, 2009

Parent Workshop on Bullying, 6:00-7:00pm

October 2, 2009

All Pro Dad Breakfast, 7:00-7:45am, Media Center

Business Partners

- Newtown Recreation
- Walton Properties/ Walton Centennial
- SunTrust Bank (Wal-Mart)
- Monterrey Mexican Restaurant
- Carter House Gallery and Framing
- Bruster's Ice Cream (Holcomb Br)
- Publix (Haynes Bridge Rd)
- Kroger (Centennial Shopping Ctr)
- Jason's Deli
- Wal-Mart (Mansell Rd)
- Chick-Fil-A (Holcomb Br Rd)
- Karate USA
- Buffalo Wild Wings (Mansell Rd)

ALL PRO DAD—Dad's Day

Friday, October 2nd 2009, 7:00-7:45am, Media Center

A little breakfast, a little bonding, a lot of fun!

Team up with other Hillside dads and kids for a quick, before-school breakfast and a 45-minute program of fatherhood and family topics. You'll take away some great tips and resources to help you be the best Dad you can be, and you'll strengthen your relationship with your kids at the same time. It's fun, and it's free! See you there...

PLEASE RSVP Online: <http://www.allprodad.com/dd/1494>

Email hillside.dads@gmail.com for more information



PTA NEWS

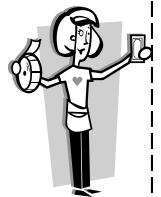
BYLAW AMENDMENT PROPOSED:

The PTA Board would like to notify it's membership of a proposed amendment to the local PTA bylaws. Here is the amendment as proposed. "Section 1. The officers of this PTA/PTSA shall consist of: one (1) president or two (2) individual co president; 6 vice presidents or 9 individual co-vice presidents; 1 secretary and a treasurer (Gorgia PTA does not approve co-treasurers)".

We have simply changed the number of co-vice presidents allowed from 6 to 9 to accommodate our current board listing. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Tilly (mtilly@gmail.com) or Stacy Christie (stacychristie@bellsouth.net).

Dinner & Desserts—Ice Cream Drizzles!

Thanks for braving the rain during last Tuesday's Dinner & Desserts at Brusters. Our Huskies proved that even a soaker rain won't stop them from enjoying a scrumptious ice cream treat in support of Hillside. Congratulations to the following raffle winners:



Student	Teacher—Grade Level	Raffle Prize
Clayton Forsten	Ms. Collins—Kdg	\$5 Chick-fil-A Gift Certificate
Delany Hudson	Ms. Weber—Kdg	\$5 Brusters Gift Certificate
Jack Forsten	Ms. Thomas—2nd Grade	Inflatable Chair with MP3 Speakers
Derek Rehberger	Ms. Reed—3rd Grade	I-CY the Performing Penguin' MP3 Speaker Set
Alexa Najar	Ms. Seawright—5th Grade	\$5 Chick-fil-A Gift Certificate

Prizes will be delivered Wednesday. Join us next week for a chance to win more prizes during **Dinner & Desserts Night** at Tweisted Taco Tuesday, Spet 29th, 5-8pm

Have you heard...
ABOUT HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S
"Family and Friends Night"
At Twisted Taco in Roswell?

Tuesday, September 29th | 5PM - 8PM
 Come to Twisted Taco (1570 Holcomb Bridge Road) anytime between 5PM and 8PM on Tuesday, September 29th and have dinner with us! Twisted Taco will donate 10% of every dollar to Hillside Elementary to be used to help our students!

Please forward this email to all your friends, family and neighbors! Everyone is welcome! It will be a fun night with great tasting food at an inexpensive price and we get to raise funds to benefit our school! (Please let your server know you are there to support us.)

Thank you so much for supporting Hillside Elementary!
 If you need directions to Twisted Taco you can call them at 770-407-7014 or visit their website at www.twistedtaco.com



SALLY FOSTER RESULTS

A huge Husky High Five to all our families who helped make our Sally Foster Online campaign a great success! We were able to raise over \$4,800 in sales. The 50% that is given back to Hillside will help us fund PTA programs and help purchase additional SMART Boards for our children's classrooms. You can still order throughout the year using Hillside's account number 659258, and we will continue to receive 50% of all sales.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following top five selling families who wil lbe receiving a "Family Fun Night" package: Cannon, Singer, Cabrera, VanDresser and Wheeler. Thanks again for supporting Hillside Elementary!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 IS HILLSIDE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

We're planning a fun "bring your blanket" outdoor movie with concessions and pre-movie games! Also, plan on meeting Hillside's Business Partners at a "mini-expo" and shopping for wonderful reads at the Book Fair.



USED COMPUTERS NEEDED!

The Hillside PTA Hispanic committee is in need of a few used computers or labtops in working condition. If you or your company have one you would like to donate, please contact Melissa Tilly at mtilly@gmail.com or 770-518-8715.

Hunger Awareness Week 10/12-10/16

Do you know a Hillside student who has contributed to hunger awareness in some way? If you have, please email their story to us. We'd like to select a story to tell on WDOG during Hunger Awareness Week. Please email your story to: sspaldingalt@yahoo.com