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Husky Paw Prints

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

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OCTOBER 9, 2009
 TEACHER WORKDAY—NO SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

- October 2, 2009**
All Pro Dad Breakfast,
7:00-7:45am, Media
Center
- October 6, 2009**
Strengthening Families
Seminar, 6:30-8:30pm
- October 8, 2009**
Read for the Record
Parent Workshop on
Bullying, Media Center
at 7:00pm
- October 9, 2009**
Teacher Workday, No
School
- October 12, 2009**
Book Fair Begins
Hunger Awareness
Week

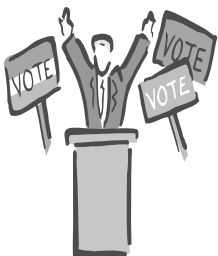
From the desk of
 Kelly Moynihan, CST

It's that time of year again! Conferences are right around the corner. Keeping this in mind, I thought I would share a few insights from Kay Pugh, a 25-year veteran teacher recognized by Sharpie as the 2006 "Signature Mom" for her outstanding parenting qualities. Kay offers the following "Signature" tips to make the most of your child's upcoming parent-teacher conference.



1. *Speak*: talk with your child about their classes before the conferences.
2. *Initiate*: bring up the tough topics or concerns you or your child might have
3. *Gratitude*: thank your child's teachers for the commitment they've made
4. *Notes*: write down each teacher's specific comments or recommendations
5. *Attend*: make every effort to meet personally with your child's teacher
6. *Team*: work with your child's teachers to determine goals and expectations
7. *Understand*: teacher feedback is critical to your child's academic success
8. *Realize*: as a parent you are the most important teacher in your child's life
9. *Engage*: help your child implement their teachers' recommendations

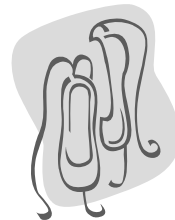
VOTER REGISTRATION



Are you registered to vote? PTA has always been an advocate for children. The best way to make our voices heard in government is by exercising our right to vote. On November 3, 2009 Fulton County will conduct elections for Roswell and Alpharetta. Registering to vote is easy! You can go to any public library, city hall, driver's license office, county service center or download the registration form online at www.fultoncountyga.gov. The registration deadline for this fall is October 5th. Make sure your voice is heard; VOTE!

REFLECTIONS

What does beauty mean to you? The Reflections program is under way! 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. The theme this year will be "Beauty is..."



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 should be sent home by this week in the VIP packs. Entries are due by October 20th. Additional forms, rules and more information are available at the Hillsidepta.com website. Students are welcome to enter as many times as they would like. 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 during with the date to be determined. If you have any questions please e mail Judy Bergman at thebergmans@bellsouth.net.

Business Partners

- Platinum Partners**
 Newtown Recreation
 The Special Occasion
 Chick-fil-A
 Bruster's
 The Dojo
 Twisted Taco
- Gold Partners**
 Mibab Orthodontics
 Dream Dinners
 Citrus Solutions
- Silver Partners**
 Children's Dentistry
 Children's Dental Zone
 The Pediatric Place
 Foot Solutions

HAT PARADE—OCTOBER 16TH



Student Council Ambassadors will be holding another Hat Day, October 16th 2009. All donations will go to the Heavenly Hats Foundation which provides cancer patients with brand new headwear who have or may lose their hair throughout their treatment. All students who donate \$1 to the Student Council Ambassador's cause will have the opportunity to wear their favorite hat and participate in Hillside's awesome Hat Parade.

PTA NEWS

HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK OCTOBER 12-16



Join Hillside as we recognize hunger in our community. Coats and canned foods will be collected the week of 10/12-10/16 at car pool and bus entrances. Proceeds will benefit North Fulton Charities.



**SAVE THE DATE!!!
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 IS HILLSIDE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
JOIN US FOR A FUN FAMILY NIGHT!**

Be sure to save the date for our first family movie night! Shop for a book or two at the Book Fair, visit our Business Partners booths and games, and then enjoy a movie by starlight! Pre-purchase your family ticket today! Flyers available in last and this week's take-home folders!

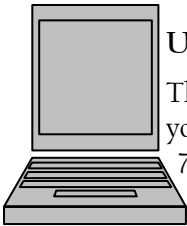


PARENTING TEACHER WORKSHOP

Please join us for the Parenting Teacher Workshop on "Bully Proofing Our Kids" by Mary Pederson, Counselor at Peachtree Elementary School. The workshop will be held on Thursday, October 8 at 7:00pm in the Media Center. Please RSVP to: catksmith@hotmail.com



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.

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



**Fulton County Board of Education Meetings
Community Meetings**

- Oct 19 Julia Bernath Sandy Springs Charter MS, 11:30 am
- Oct 20 Linda Schultz Hembree Springs ES, 9:30am
- Oct 20 Ashley Widener Findley Oaks ES, 1:00pm

**Board of Education Meeting
October 22, 2009
Dunwoody Springs Charter School
6:30pm**

East Roswell Library Informational Meeting

John Szabo, Director of the Atlanta-Fulton County Library System, will hold a community meeting on Thursday, October 1, at 7:00 PM at the East Roswell Park Community Center. He will be giving an update on the plans for the new libraries, including the East Roswell Library to be built on the corner of Fouts and Holcomb Bridge Roads. The Library Board is in the planning stage, so come on out and support our community in getting this project started!! All interested citizens welcome. (For more information, contact Barbara Gradolf bjgradolf@gmail.com)

