



Husky Paw Prints

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

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Dates to Remember

October 16, 2009
Spirit Day
Hat Parade
Book Fair, 6:30-8:00pm
Family Movie Night, 6:30-9:30pm

October 19, 2009
Report Cards Go Home
Book Fair, 8:00am-2:00pm
Julia Bernath Com Mtg, 11:30am, Sandy Springs Charter MS
Red Ribbon Week
Chick-Fil-A Night, 5:00-8:00pm

October 20, 2009
Book Fair, 8:00am-2:00pm
Reflections Entries Due
Linda Schultz Com Mtg, 9:30am, Hembree Springs ES
Ashley Widener Com Mtg, 1:00pm, Findley Oaks ES
State of the School Address, 6:00-7:00pm
Strengthening Families Seminar, 6:30-8:30pm

October 21, 2009
Book Fair, 8:00am-2:00pm

Business Partners

Platinum Partners
Bruster's (Ellerd Village)
Chick-fil-A
Newtown Recreation
The Dojo
The Special Occasion
Twisted Taco

Gold Partners
Citrus Solutions
Dream Dinners
Mibab Orthodontics
Walton Centennial Apartment Homes

Silver Partners
Atlanta Kids Directory
Children's Dental Zone
Children's Dentistry
Foot Solutions
The Pediatric Place

CALENDAR OPTIONS NARROWED TO TWO -

The Fulton County School System is currently reviewing several options for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school year calendars. After a month of public input and discussion, the school board decided, by consensus, to narrow the choices to two calendar options—Calendars A-I and A-II and Calendars B-I and B-II. Final approval on one of the options is expected at the October 22nd meeting.



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 systems 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.

Below are the calendars currently being considered by the school board.

Calendar A-I (2010-11) and Calendar A-II (2011-12)

- Calendar Committee recommendation
- First semester ends prior to Winter Break
- Calendar includes 177 days
- Semesters are almost evenly balanced; 88 days in first semester and 89 days in second semester
- First day of school for 2010-11 is August 16-3rd week in August (1 week later than 09-10), first day for 2011-12 is August 15.
- Professional learning days are prior to pre-planning days
- Saves district approximately \$1.1 million per year
- Extra 10 minutes per day allows 8.85 more instructional hours per year in addition to elimination of current Early Release Days

Calendar B-I (2010-11) and Calendar B-II (2011-12)

- Calendar includes 177 days
- First day of school for 2010-11 is August 23-4th week in August (2 weeks later than 09-10), first day for 2011-12 is August 22
- First semester ends prior to Winter Break
- Professional learning days prior to pre-planning days
- Semesters are not evenly balanced; 83 days in first semester and 94 days in second semester (11 days difference)
- Saves district approximately \$1.1 million per year
- Extra 10 minutes per day allows 8.85 more instructional hours per year in addition to elimination of current Early Release Days

For a complete look at the proposed calendars go to www.fultonschools.org and click on "Calendar Options Narrowed to Two"

MOVIE NIGHT MOVES INDOORS!

Join Us Friday, October 16!

Due to forecast weather and likely ground conditions, we are moving Movie Night indoors! Park your blanket and pillows (no chairs please) in the gym and then visit our Business Partner Expo in the cafeteria - the businesses will have great information and are hosting carnival type games! Also, don't forget to browse through the book fair.

Movie starts at 7:30PM. Please bring cash for \$1-\$2 concessions (drinks, candy & popcorn) and glow necklaces!

Seating is now limited so please send in your ticket order and \$10 by Thursday, 10/15. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15 - space is available on a first come, first served basis.

OCTOBER 16TH—ANNUAL HAT PARADE FOR HEAVENLY HATS

AND

SPIRIT DAY—DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR HILLSIDE SHIRT OR HILLSIDE COLORS

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5th GRADERS!

The Principals, Counselors and PTA Presidents of Holcomb Bridge and Haynes Bridge Middle Schools are coming to Hillside on Tuesday, October 27th at 9:00 am to answer all of your questions about middle school, including the areas of academic life, social life and volunteer opportunities. Please come prepared with lots of questions and be prepared for honest, straightforward answers.

**Middle School Tours:**

Holcomb Bridge MS tour will follow immediately after the Q&A session at about 10:30 am.

Haynes Bridge MS tour will occur on Nov. 2 at 10 am.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen LeCates, Haynes Bridge MS PTA President at 770-641-8491 or karenlecatess@gmail.com.

**Hillside is "PAWS"itively Drug Free
Red Ribbon Week
October 19-23, 2009**

**Monday, October 19***Join the Drug Free Team*

- Students wear their favorite team jersey to show their support for the BMX bike show.
 - ✦ 9:30 show
 - ✦ 10:30 show
 - ✦ Students are to return their signed family pledge for a drawing.
- "Shut the Door on Drugs" door decorating contest for each homeroom. Winners will receive a popsicle party.

Tuesday, October 20*Turn off the World Night*

- Students will receive a "Drug Free" red bracelet to wear for the week.
- Families turn off TV's, computers and video games and spend time together as a family- have dinner together. TALK or PLAY as a family.

Wednesday, October 21*Put a Cap on Drugs*

- Students may wear a cap/hat to school.
- Pledge drawing winners will be announced. (2 winners per grade)

Thursday, October 22*Hugs Not Drugs*

- Students may wear pajamas and bring a stuffed animal to school to hug for the day.
- "Shut the Door on Drugs" door decorating contest winners will be announced.

Friday, October 23*Red Rules - Too Smart to do Drugs*

- Students wear red clothing to school.
- Students will receive a special "Too Smart to do Drugs" treat at the end of the day.

Hillside Night at Chick-fil-a!

Join us Tuesday, October 19 - 5PM-8PM

Join us for a Dinner & Dessert Night at Chick-fil-a at Rivermont Station, 8475 Holcomb Bridge Road in Alpharetta. Directions at <http://www.chick-fil-a.com/localsite.aspx?id=00448> "Eat mor chikin!"

HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK

If you didn't get a chance to drop off a coat or canned food for this week's Hunger Awareness Week, please bring it with you to Family Movie Night. Proceeds will benefit North Fulton Charities.

The Clinic would like to give a big husky thank you to the boys scouts for their generous donation of tissues and band-aids. Thank You Boys!!

**REFLECTIONS**

The deadline for Reflections entries is **less than a week away!!** The theme will be "Beauty is".....students can:

- write a story/poem
- draw/paint a picture
- take a photograph
- make a film
- choreograph a dance

to "reflect" what beauty means to them. Last year was Hillside's most successful year in Reflections. Let's continue our success! 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 have been sent home and 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.

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