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Dates to Remember

November 18, 2011
5-7pm
5th Grade Black/White Party
Spirit Day

November 22, 2011
7:45-9am Grandparent Day

November 23-25, 2011
Thanksgiving Holidays

December 2, 2011
6:45am All Pro Dad's

December 14, 2011
Winter Choral Concerts

Dear Parents:

We have had a full and exciting month at Hillside. Science Day was another huge success for our entire school. The students were so excited all day and learned a great deal. We had several special guests, including Dr. Avossa, who was impressed with not only the day's events but our school in general. We really appreciate all of you who were able to support the Olympiad!

Last Friday, we had the opportunity to honor our two employees of the year for Hillside. Each year the Fulton Education Foundation sponsors "The Main Event." The luncheon and celebration was held at the Georgia World Congress Center. I was so proud to be a part in recognizing our Teacher of the Year, Ms. Molly Petry (Speech) and our Professional of the Year, Ms. Nan Janis (Professional Assistant). Molly and Nan are an integral part of our success at Hillside. They are so deserving of their honor and we are proud of them!

We are looking forward to Grandparent's Day on November 22 and then Thanksgiving Break. Remember that school is closed November 23-25. I hope your family has a safe and happy holiday and that you are able to spend time with family and friends.

Sincerely,

John Anderson, Interim Principal

Business Partners

- **Platinum**
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- **Silver**
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Synergy Fine Art
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We invite all Grandparents on Tuesday, November 22 from 7:45am—9am to join your grandchild for breakfast, presentations from our administration, performances from our chorus and a visit to the classrooms. Please RSVP by TOMORROW! 11/18 by sending in the form sent home last week or by emailing Nan Janis at janisn@fultonschools.org.

GRATITUDE JOURNALS

Did you know that during this month of gratitude Mrs. Levin, guidance counselor, has been working with every class to create a gratitude journal? Broken out by day, the students have an opportunity to pick a different thing each day to be grateful for. Ask you children if they have started their gratitude journal yet and talk to them about what they included in their journal. For more information on gratitude visit Character Education on the PTA website at <http://www.hillsidepta.com/character-education/>.



PTA HIGHLIGHTS:

What an amazing and busy month it has been! During Red Ribbon Week, the children took a Drug-Free pledge and learned that they were 'Too Smart To Start'. Character Education promoted Knowledge, Creativity, and 'Mixing It Up and Lunch' with new friends. Creativity was also encouraged through the Reflections "Diversity Means..." theme (47 entries submitted in various artistic categories) and through the 10th Anniversary Yearbook Cover Design Contest.

We've enjoyed fun dining opportunities at Chic-Fil-A and Brusters. Yukon Math Challenge is off and running (K to start 2nd semester) and our 4th Annual Science Day and Olympiad was an ELECTRIFYING SUCCESS!! Fulton County Schools Superintendent Dr. Robert Avossa witnessed science come to life and was extremely impressed with our amazing teachers and engaged students.

All of this would not be possible without your PTA membership dollars (if you haven't joined yet, it's not too late!), our wonderful Business Partners (please support them!), and the Sawnee Bright Lights Grant. And thank you to all of our parent volunteers who work tirelessly to make all these wonderful events happen!



LAST DAY FOR BLANKETS AND COATS

Tomorrow is the last day to bring in your blankets and coats for the Hillside Kids Keeping Kids Warm Drive. Thanks to everyone who has donated so far. Let's see if we can make a big push tomorrow to reach our goal of 250 blankets and coats! A special thanks to the Third Grade Girl Scout Troop 3002 for their help this week during the blanket and coat drive. They have been outside every morning before school promoting the drive.



Congratulations to the Fall Business Partners of the Month!

September

Hillside PTA is proud to honor The Dojo of Roswell and Alpharetta as our September Business Partner of the Month. The Dojo supports our students not only with financial donations, but also in teaching students core values such as confidence, courtesy, respect, motivation, and determination. Each course at the Dojo begins with a private lesson, and programs are geared toward individuals in order to help each student maximize his or her potential. Hillside PTA appreciates The Dojo's dedication to giving our students the knowledge to strengthen their futures.

October

We are excited to have America's #1 provider of mobile entertainment, Games2U of Atlanta, as a business partner this year. Games2U offers interactive mobile entertainment such as Video Game Theaters, 4D Ride Experiences, kid-driven giant-sized U-Bots, and human-size Hamster Balls. Games2U is available for Birthday or Graduation Parties, Charity Events, School Fundraisers, Company Parties, and many other functions. Games2U is a business that encourages our students' creativity and love of technology.

November

We are grateful for another year of partnership with Chick-fil-A. Chick-fil-A supports our school in so many ways. In addition to generous financial contributions, Chick-fil-A is the sponsor of Hillside's Core Essentials Character Education Program. Each month, a character trait is highlighted to encourage our students to make smart decisions, treat each other respectfully, and maximize their potential. Chick-fil-A's ongoing support helps to make this program a success and demonstrates how business and schools can work together to build a better community.



It's Getting Cold Outside. Do You Know Who Your Gas Provider Is?

Do you use natural gas in your home? True-blue Schools, from Georgia Natural Gas is an easy way to for our school to raise \$5,000, \$10,000 or even more for our school! To find out how, simply visit true-blueschools.com and sign up to start earning dollars for Hillside. It's easy, and it adds up fast! Anyone can participate - both new and existing Georgia Natural Gas



Save the Date ~ Saturday, March 3, 2012 -- Hillside Husky Dash 5K Run/Walk
Celebrating Hillside's 10 Year Anniversary ~ Registration Starts January 2012 ~
Want to be a sponsor or be a part of this exciting planning team?
Contact Portia Naish at portia.naish@workbest.com