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Dates to Remember

- December 9, 2011
6:45am All Pro Dad's
- December 12, 2011
5-8pm Chick Fil A Night
- December 14, 2011
8am, 8:45am, 6pm
Winter Choral Concerts
- December 15, 2011
9:30am Julia Bernath Comm.
Mtng. Spalding Drive ES
2:45pm Hillside LSAC Mtng.
- December 16, 2011
Spirit Day
5th Grade Holiday Tea

Business Partners

- **Platinum**
Mibab Orthodontics
Chick Fil A—Rivermont
- **Gold**
The Pediatric Place
Bruster's at Ellard
Menchie's—Centennial
The Dojo
Ageless Remedies
Games2U of Atlanta
Walton Cent. Homes
Andretti Indoor Karting and Games
- **Silver**
Atlanta Music
Education Ctr.
Little Caesars
Synergy Fine Art
Taco Stand
Yoforia

Dear Parents,

I hope all of you are enjoying the electronic version of our newsletter. If you are experiencing any problems, please let us know. We definitely want this new format to work well for our parents.

Have you visited Fulton County's website lately? If not, I would like to encourage you to read about the charter Fulton County has applied for from the state to become a Charter School System. It is an exciting time for our school system and for the possibilities of student achievement in the future.

Last week our Area Superintendent, Susan Dorenkamp, came out and thanked our staff for working so well this year with an interim principal. At the meeting, Cathi Barlow, who will be taking my place in January, was introduced to the staff. Cathi will be spending two days in December with me, the Hillside staff and students, so that she can be familiar with our community. This will be Cathi's sixteenth school to be the interim principal, so please rest comfortably knowing she is not only very competent but experienced as well with this role. The search for a new principal for the 2012-2013 school year will begin again in the spring. The pool of candidates is much stronger in the spring than it is now, and I feel confident a new leader will be selected. Also, Dr. Avossa, Superintendent, is making some changes in the selection process.

December is a short but busy month! We will be completing the first half of the year with our curriculum goals, having musical student performances, sponsoring a coat and blanket drive, having class parties, and working with community charities. It is a fun time of the year and it will be 2012 before we know it!

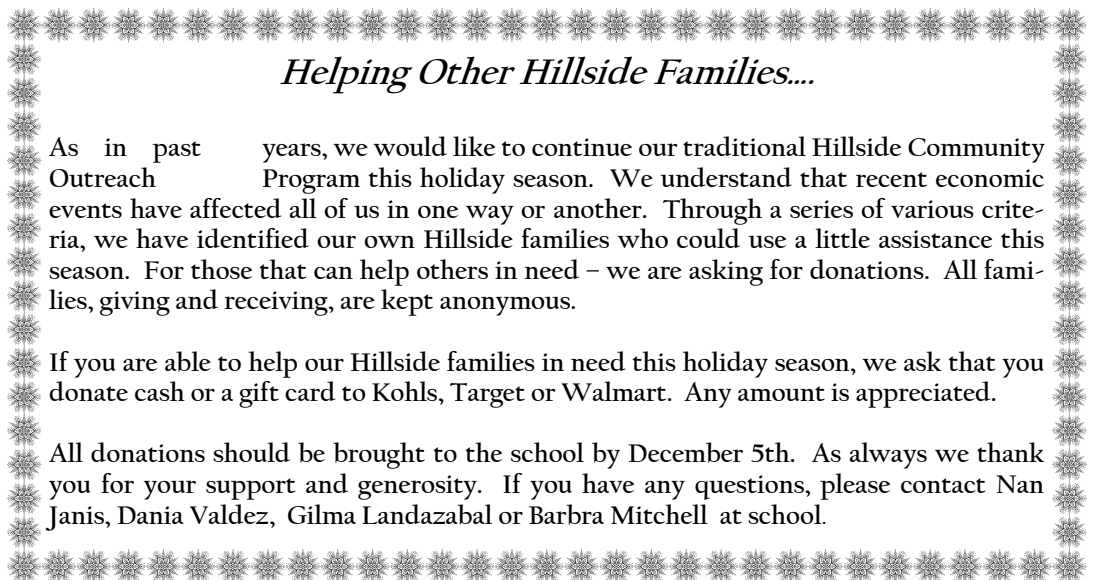
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Helping Other Hillside Families....

As in past years, we would like to continue our traditional Hillside Community Outreach Program this holiday season. We understand that recent economic events have affected all of us in one way or another. Through a series of various criteria, we have identified our own Hillside families who could use a little assistance this season. For those that can help others in need - we are asking for donations. All families, giving and receiving, are kept anonymous.

If you are able to help our Hillside families in need this holiday season, we ask that you donate cash or a gift card to Kohls, Target or Walmart. Any amount is appreciated.

All donations should be brought to the school by December 5th. As always we thank you for your support and generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Nan Janis, Dania Valdez, Gilma Landazabal or Barbra Mitchell at school.





HILLSIDE ROCKS BLANKET AND COAT DRIVE!!

It is with much GRATITUDE that we announced Hillside Elementary rocked the Kids Keeping Kids Warm Blanket and Coat Drive. With over 300 coats and blankets made and donated, we were at 122% of our goal. Everyone enjoyed watching the thermometer go up every day as more coats and blankets came in until a big push on the last day rocketed us past our goal! Way to go Hillside! The blankets that were made in the classrooms were donated to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to use as gifts for patients. The coats and blankets that were donated were given to The Drake House and North Fulton Community Charities. All of these organizations say a big THANK YOU to Hillside.

Next Friday (December 9) from 7 AM to 7:45 AM we will hold our monthly All Pro Dads meeting.



As in the past, the first 15 minutes of the meeting will be time spent having a quick breakfast with your children in the cafeteria. Be sure to bring in your own food items. And remember to finish your breakfast in the cafeteria. Please do NOT bring any food into the gym where we hold the after-breakfast meetings.

John Spalding and Joe Saurini will be conducting the meeting with this month's theme focusing on the holidays. During the 45 minutes you'll get some one-on-one time with your children, learn a little more about the All Pro Dad organization, view a short video, participate in a raffle for free prizes and lastly, be inspired enough (hopefully) to want to keep coming back!

For those who have given us your email address, look for this reminder in your in-box as well. Hope to see you there!

Thank you to the Boy Scouts for your donations of supplies to the clinic! We really appreciate it!

Thank you

Attention 5th Grade Parents!

Getting excited about middle school? Want to meet the Middle School principal and counselor? Do you have some questions? Here are opportunities for both Holcomb Bridge and Haynes Bridge parents.

Meetings at Hillside Elementary—Media Center

*Holcomb Bridge parents:
Wednesday 12/7 10am*

*Haynes Bridge parents:
Thursday 12/15 8am*



Centennial Knights Baseball hosts Annual Breakfast With Santa!

Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon AND a photo with special guest, SANTA CLAUS!

Saturday, December 10th, 8:30 - 11:00 AM in the Centennial cafeteria.

Children under 8 - \$5, all other tickets \$10.

To purchase tickets, email chssantabreakfast@gmail.com or contact Centennial High School 770-650-4230.

