



Husky Headlines

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Dates that Rate:

Sept. 25 Box Tops deadline
Sept. 25 Movie Night, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 28 Lexile Workshop 10:40
Sept. 29 Fall Picture Day
Oct. 7 PTA Board Mtg. 9:30
Oct. 7-8 Donuts with Dad 7:00 a.m.
Oct. 12 Reflections deadline
Oct. 13 Chick-fil-A-Night 5:00 - 8:00

A note from the PTA Co-Presidents...

We have had an amazing beginning to our 2009-10 school year at Summit Hill Elementary. Thank you to all the parents, students, PTA Board members and staff for making this first year together one to remember. Thank you to all of the parents for your generous donations to the PTA curriculum enrichment fund, Family Nights out and Boosterthon.

This is the first of our new monthly PTA newsletters. In the newsletters we will keep you up to date with the "goings on" in PTA. Not only will you find useful school information in the newsletter, but also information about local and state PTA issues.

We are honored to be representing Summit Hill Elementary's students and parents. Please let us know as we move through the school year how we can help support you, and your children. In addition to the PTA logo we have a new SHE PTA logo and motto. OK, the husky got a face lift, but our PTA motto is "Climb to the Top with Us." We truly believe in the PTA motto "Every Child, One Voice". With these two mottos we will do the best for every student.

We know the year ahead is sure to bring great things.....
The wonder of learning, the excitement of PTA activities, and making new friends.

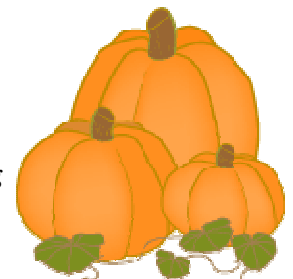
Denise Hackman and Stephanie Jack
PTA Co-Presidents



Summit Hill Elementary School

FALL CARNIVAL!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 18th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm and join us for SHE's largest family fun event of the year! The Fall Carnival has fun for all ages: rides, games, food, live D.J., our fabulous theme baskets and a hayride with Milton Mayor Joe Lockwood! More information will be coming home soon. Volunteers welcome! Contact Melinda McConnell at ugarphco@comcast.net. See you at Fall Carnival!!



Discovery Lab

The Discovery Lab now has its 2009-2010 lab schedule posted on the Summit Hill website. There is also information on the website about being lab leader as well as the Grade Level Chair contact information for each grade.

Please watch for upcoming e-mails from your Room Reps about volunteering for Discovery Labs. The Room Reps will be e-mailing out a letter from your Grade Level Chair approximately 3 weeks prior to your child's lab asking for volunteers. Each class will need 4 station volunteers and 1 lab leader. Discovery Lab is an important part of your child's science curriculum and is a hands on way for him/her to learn science concepts being studied in class. Please support Discovery Lab and your child by volunteering for a lab.

Upcoming ArtEdventures Lessons

During the month of October, three grade levels will visit the Art Edventures studio to learn about the following artists and create their own masterpieces.

Oct. 5- 7: 5th Grade - M.C. Escher

Oct. 12-16: 3rd Grade – Ansel Adams

Oct. 26-29: 2nd Grade – Martha Berry

Parents will be contacted by either class Room Reps or Art Edventures Grade Level Chairs for volunteer opportunities.

Please contact the Art Edventures Lead Administrators with questions:

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Art Reflections



It's Art Reflections time again.

The 2009-2010 theme is "Beauty is....."

Students can submit their artwork, once again this year in one of six categories: photography, visual arts, literature, music composition, dance choreography or film/video production. Check the SHE website for entry forms & participation rules or, stop by the Art Reflections display table located outside the cafeteria. Artwork can be dropped off in the drop box located on the Reflections display table.

Deadline to submit artwork is October 12th.

Environmental Education September "No-Idle" Campaign

Drivers can save fuel, save money, reduce pollution, and protect children and the community from breathing harmful pollutants when they reduce idling time. Please make a conscious effort to turn off your cars while waiting to pick up your children in car pool. Maybe it will turn into a habit and contribute to cleaning up the air all of us breathe.



Also, please start saving your ink cartridges as we will be collecting them soon to help fund classroom additions for our teachers through a recycle program. More information to come from your Earth parent very soon.

Donuts With Dad

Please join us for a morning designed to honor you. Mark your calendars to come to Summit Hill and enjoy a donut and some special time with your child(ren).

Last names A-L October 7th 7-7:45AM

Last names M-Z October 8th 7-7:45AM

We hope to see you there!



Do You Know What the SHE Character Building Committee Does??

This committee of parent volunteers works directly with the counseling staff at Summit Hill Elementary to help teach our children and students the importance of being responsible citizens and treating themselves, and others, with respect. Their goal is to educate students on good character traits and behaviors, such as Citizenship, Honesty, Kindness, Giving, Fairness and Compassion.

The committee coordinates and/or performs various activities including decorating bulletin boards and hanging posters throughout the school, Counselor's Week, selecting articles for the PTA newsletter, student skits, "Words of Wisdom" presented by student newscasters and various projects designed to bring character education to the students during the school year.

The Character Committee is seeking several volunteers. Time commitment varies and many projects can be done from home. If interested, contact Shannon Encinger at sencinger@bellsouth.net or 770-265-2190.

20 Ways to Foster Values in Children

By Leah Davies, M.Ed.

What are values and why do we need them?

They are cherished beliefs and standards for right and wrong. They provide direction and meaning to life. Values inspire constructive behavior.

What values do you consider most important?

The following is a starting place for creating your own list of values: compassion, generosity, helpfulness, wisdom, forgiveness, courtesy, punctuality, thriftiness, truthfulness, self-respect, obedience, patience, responsibility, dependability, cooperation, honesty, fairness, kindness, tolerance, humility, self-discipline, loyalty, courage, self-assurance, sportsmanship, gratitude, creativity, joyfulness, motivation, perseverance, faithfulness, knowledge, respectfulness...

How can you instill values in your child?

1. Read and discuss stories that support your beliefs.
2. Monitor your child's media exposure that can undermine parental influence and the development of moral standards for behavior.
3. Share your approval when praiseworthy behavior is portrayed in the media and/or in real life, and discuss your displeasure when corrupt behavior is displayed.
4. Comment on your child's admirable conduct. For example, "Johnny, you were being dependable when you fed the dog without being reminded." "When you helped Mrs. Jones pick up sticks in her yard, you were doing a good deed and showing her you cared."
5. Name your own commendable actions. For example, "I was honest when I told the clerk she had given me too much change." "I recycle items because we need to do our part to protect the environment."
6. Be polite and considerate toward others.
7. Do what you say you will do.
8. Share your time, talents and possessions.
9. Set goals and complete difficult tasks.
10. Display warmth, support, encouragement, and consistency toward your child.
11. Set high but reasonable standards for your child's behavior.
12. Listen respectfully to your child's ideas and feelings.
13. Answer your child's questions.
14. Offer your child choices.
15. Take time to have fun with your child. For example, play games, read, pretend, look at family photos, share dreams, attend events, participate in sports or hobbies, or volunteer for worthy causes.
16. Agree on family rules and live by them. For example, the television is off during family meals; we are kind to each other; we do not use profanity.
17. Divide chores and work together on family projects.
18. Participate in religious activities and/or be faithful to religious or moral beliefs.
19. Consider how your family spends its time and money by asking yourself, "In my child's eyes, what does my family value most?"
20. Remember that your child will adopt the values you demonstrate daily.

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Join the Summit Hill Elementary PTA today!

Every child, one voice.

The number one reason to join the PTA is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help Summit Hill Elementary. But there are many more advantages. Here are just a few:

Get Connected- Know what's happening in your school.

Discover Great Resources- A variety of programs designed for students, parents and teachers.

Tap into a Network- Share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators in the community.

Watch Yourself Grow- By volunteering, you gain valuable experiences. Put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause!

Speak Up- You are encouraged to make suggestions.

Witness Improvement- You'll be part of the solution, helping to make positive changes.

Be a Role Model- You'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

SHE is at 88% of our goal of having 100% participation in PTA. Please help us reach our goal. Email Susan Dumon at sdumon@bellsouth.net for a PTA membership application.

Visit www.georgiapta.org/membership-benefits for discounts to local attractions for PTA members. Thank you for supporting the SHE PTA!

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Climb to the Top with Us.

The next volume of Husky Headlines will be published on October 30th, 2009. Please submit approved articles by October 16th.

With thanks from your editor,

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