



Sweet Apple Slice

NEWS FROM SWEET APPLE ELEMENTARY

August 21, 2009

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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was a pleasure to see so many parents at our two curriculum nights this week. Your commitment to your child's education is key to success. I appreciate your time and efforts to attend.

Our first Chick-Fil-A-Night is next Tuesday, August 25th from 5-8pm. This is a great opportunity to meet students and parents from your new classrooms. Last year, Chick-Fil-A evenings donated over \$1000 into the PTA budget to help fund enrichment activities.

SLICE will be paperless soon! If you want to receive SLICE via e-mail, sign up by going to our school's website and locate the SLICE registration box at the bottom of the homepage. Paper copies of each issue will be available every week in the front office.

In my effort to promote a Healthy School Environment, I have scheduled the first of several "Fitness w/ Forti" afternoons next Wednesday. Students are welcome to come back to school (with an adult) August 26th at 3:30 to participate in a kick ball game. Look for the "Happy Healthy Kids" newsletter which will be sent in September. Healthy Happy Kids will provide monthly health tips, recipes and other important news. Special thanks to Ann Vance and Kim Miller for their involvement in promoting health and wellness at our school.

-Lenny Forti, Principal



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
CARNIVAL
SUNDAY, October 4th
2-6pm

More info. can be found at www.sweetapplepta.com

Community Technology Safety Course

On Sunday, Sept. 20th at 1 PM the Church of St. Andrew, 5855 Riverside Drive NW, Atlanta, 30327, is offering a program for students in grades 3 to 6, teens, and their parents on internet, cell phone and social media safety. The presentations will use materials from Netsmartz.org.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Katie Orth at 404-783-2147.



WOLFIE'S WORDS OF WISDOM

"There is a brilliant child locked in each student"

TWO WEEKS UNTIL WE'RE PAPERLESS

In every effort to help the environment and to save time and money, we are going to send the weekly newsletter "SLICE" via e-mail. However, there will be hard copies available at the front desk if needed.

We are using a company called CONSTANT CONTACT. There is no cost to you.

There are 2 ways in which you can sign up:

- Go to the SAE website and scroll down (near the bottom of the page) to the on-line SLICE registration box.
- Register on the computer in the front office next time you come in to the school.

Our intention is to be paperless as of September 1st. Therefore, the SLICE will be sent home the first three weeks of this school year. After that, check your e-mail or the website.

VISION & HEARING SCREENING

The Fulton County School System recognizes the importance of hearing and vision to our children's education. In an effort to identify children who may have a hearing or vision problem, the grades to be screened are listed below.

1st Grade- Hearing	Wed. Aug. 26
3rd Grade-Hearing/Vision	Wed. Aug. 26
5th Grade-Vision	Wed. Aug. 26



Scholastic Book Fair Coming Soon

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming early this year. Mark your calendars! The fair will run from Sept. 11 - 17th. More details will be coming to you in the next few weeks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug 25	Chick-Fil-A-Night 5-8
Aug 26	Hearing & Vision Screening 1st, 3rd, 5th
Aug 26	"Fitness w/ Forti" Kickball 3:30
Sept 7	Labor Day Holiday No School
Sept 9	Lifetouch School Pictures
Sept 10	LSAC Meeting 7:30am
Sept 11	Grandparents/Special Friends Day
Sept 11-17	Book Fair
Sept 16	Early Release Day-Dismissal 11:15
Sept 21-25	ITBS testing grades Grades 3 & 5

BIRTHDAY TREAT SCHEDULE

- Kindergarten Second Tuesday of the month
- First Grade Second Thursday of the month
- Second Grade Second Wednesday of the month
- Third Grade Third Tuesday of the month
- Fourth Grade Third Friday of the month
- Fifth Grade Third Wednesday of the month

You may provide a birthday snack on the day designated above in the month that your child has a birthday. Please coordinate with other parents of children with birthdays in the same month.

Cut and save this schedule for future use.



Mark your calendar for **Grandparents Day & Book Fair Sneak Peek**

Friday, Sept. 11
1st-5th grades & NM 8-9am
Kdg. 9-10am

Sweet Apple Art Club

The dates and details for the fall session of art club can already be found on the art department webpage! Please go to <http://teacherweb.com/GA/SweetAppleElementarySchool/ArtDepartment/index.html>

to view the art department webpage. Look for the art club link to find information about our fall session. All fall art club applications must be received by October 1, 2009. There will be another session offered in the spring.

Thanks!

Mrs. Kuzminsky and Mrs. Brown

A MESSAGE FROM DR. SPURKA AT RHS

Last Friday night, we had over 1600 students attend our first varsity football scrimmage at Roswell High School. The majority of the students in attendance were our high school students but we had a couple hundred others from our middle and elementary schools. We are excited to begin our 2009 season on August 28th against Tift County HS and are asking for your assistance in future home games.

- Children that are not currently enrolled in the high school must be accompanied to the game with a parent or guardian. Students getting dropped off will not be admitted.
- Please have your children sit with you during the game and help supervise your child. Last Friday night we had a large gathering of younger students in the south end of the stadium and by the concession stand which caused some problems for our visitors and staff on duty.

We are excited about the upcoming season and want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable experience as we all root for our Hornets! Thank you very much, Dr. Spurka.

TO PARENTS OF THE SCREENING AND REFERRAL PROCESS FOR GIFTED SERVICES

The Fulton County School System screens students for eligibility for gifted services twice a year.

I. Automatic Screening- TAG teachers review previous year's test scores from August 3-21, 2009.

Standardized Tests

Students must have a minimum of an 85th percentile and a 90th percentile in two of the three areas: Total Reading, Total Math, and Complete Battery.

Criterion-Referenced Competency Test

Students must score in the top 20 percent on the reading or mathematics section when compared to all other students in the system.

Grades (high school only)

Students must have an overall cumulative average of 95 or greater.

II. Classroom Screening- Local schools select a two-week period from January 5 -February 26, 2010, to review **all** students in their school.

Classroom teachers use the *Characteristics Instrument for Screening Students* (CISS) to identify students with superior abilities in five or more of the following areas: motivation, interests, communications skills, problem-solving abilities, memory, inquiry, insight, reasoning, creativity, and humor.

Students who meet either the automatic screening OR classroom screening criteria AND who have supporting data gathered from test history, products, and/or advanced content levels are **referred** for gifted placement testing. Once referred to testing:

- Parents receive the *Parent Notification for Testing Consent Form*.
- Student is tested for the gifted program.
- Parents receive test results.
- If state eligibility is determined, students are placed in the TAG program.

Parents may request to view their child's screening results.

For more complete information regarding Fulton County Schools Gifted Services, please visit <http://www.fultonschools.org/k12/TalentedandGifted/>. There you will find our Talented and Gifted Brochure and Q&A documents. You may also contact the teacher of gifted students at your school, or call 404-763-6811.



KID CHESS IS BACK

The Sweet Apple Chess Club would like to congratulate all of last year's participants, including our Champions, Brandon Freestone and Antonio Merida-Perez!

The Chess Club is scheduled to begin meetings on **Monday's starting in September**, so don't miss your chance to sign up for another great year. For details about the club, please call us at 770-575-5802 or check out www.kidchess.com

EEO & ADA Statement

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