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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ITBS results for students in grades 3 & 5 were sent home today with students. If you have a child in either third or fifth grade please check your child's backpack for these results. A parent meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday December 8, 2009 at 7:30 am to assist parents with test interpretation.

If you have not already viewed "ActvLessons" take a few minutes over the holidays to view this on-line instructional resource. This instructional website can be accessed on Teacher Web or on our school's homepage. ActvLesson provides parents with grade level activities teachers have recently used on their AcivBoards. Directions to download the software are provided on the link. Also, there are textbooks available on-line for mathematics, science and social studies along with language arts resources that can be viewed by grade level.

Thanks to all who donated items for the North Fulton Charities Food Drive, the used shoes collection and new toys. The donation bins were overflowing with items. We are fortunate to have a caring and giving community. It is nice to know that others will benefit from your generosity during the holiday season.

Special thanks to Paige Mesaros and Alisha Rodgers for coordinating the Boosterhon PTA fundraiser and to all parents and friends that contributed. Boosterhon and other fundraisers held during the year support all the PTA activities and school enrichments not provided by school system funding. Some of these events and enrichments include Reflections, Red Ribbon Week, Fifth Grade Finale, Grandparents Day, Lunch Bunch, Rap and Snack, Exceptional Children's Week, cultural arts events, High Touch/Technology instruction, Saxon Phonics, student weekly magazines, teacher mini grants, technology enhancements and the outdoor classroom. Thank you to everyone who supports Sweet Apple through either monetary donations or acts of volunteer service.

There will be a general PTA meeting on Tuesday, December 1st at 8:30 am to discuss and approve budget revisions for the 2009-10 PTA budget. Budget revisions are being recommended by the PTA board of directors as an adjustment to projected expenditures based on fund raising efforts this year.

The 3rd Grade Musical was another outstanding success. Our music teachers, Alex Burton and Ann Todd directed the program titled "All American Me & You" while the 3rd graders performed for the students on Wednesday and their families on Thursday evening. Thank you for all of your time, effort and talent.

Best wishes to our PTA President Rhonda Howerton who had elective surgery this week. Rhonda has worked endless hours since the beginning of school to support our school. She has truly been dedicated

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to school improvement and providing additional activities and fun experiences for our students. We thank her for all her efforts and wish her a speedy recovery.

There will not be an edition of SLICE next week, so I would like to take this opportunity to extend wishes on behalf of myself and the entire SAE staff. We hope that you all have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

**-Lenny Forti, Principal**

## Dates to Remember

- Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)  
**Nov. 30 2nd Grade to Teaching Museum**  
Dec. 1 PTA General Meeting 8:30am Cafeteria  
**Dec. 9 Band/Orchestra Concert 7pm Elkins Pointe**  
Dec. 15 & 16 GNETS Holiday Program 9:00am Cafeteria  
**Dec. 15 Linda Schultz Community Mtg.**  
**9:30am Amana Academy**  
Dec. 18 Class Parties (schedule TBA)  
**Dec. 21-Jan. 4 Winter Holidays**

## Wolfie's Words of Wisdom



The 6 most important words are :

"I admit I made a mistake"

The 5 most important words are:

"You did a good job"

The 4 most important words are:

"What is your opinion?"

The 3 most important words are:

"If you please"

The 2 most important words are:

"Thank you"

The 1 most important word is:

"We"

The least most important word is:

"I"

## A note from Vivian Bankston, EPMS Principal

I want to express my thanks and appreciation to the Sweet Apple PTA, and specifically to Lee Ann Jones and Amy Minichiello, for the opportunity to participate in the Middle School Forum at Sweet Apple on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. I enjoyed meeting the parents and students who were able to attend on a terribly rainy night, and it was a pleasure to talk about Elkins Pointe.

If any SAE parent would like to receive Friday Notes from Elkins Pointe, please send me an email ([bankstonv@fultonschools.org](mailto:bankstonv@fultonschools.org)) and I will see that you're placed on our distribution list. Also, don't hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions about middle school or Elkins Pointe.

Sincerely,  
Vivian Bankston  
Principal

## Congratulations are in order

Congratulations to Tracy Kuzminsky who was just elected to serve on the board of the Georgia Art Education Association as Elementary Division Director!

Tracy was elected by her peers from the association of over 800 members from across the state of Georgia. She will serve as the elect for two years and will become the director for the term 2011-13. She will be recognized at the GAEA conference this weekend in Young Harris, GA.

## Scholastic Achievement



The Atlanta Thrashers and Hawks are offering an incentive program for our students this year. It is called the Scholastic Achievement Program. They are offering one free ticket to any student with a "B" average or better.

If you are interested and feel that your child is eligible, please come to the front office by Dec. 1st to pick up an order form. You will need to show a report card or your child's grades. Also, students must be accompanied to the game by a parent/guardian who has purchased a ticket.

The following games are being offered in this program:

THRASHERS: Nov. 28th or Dec. 12th

HAWKS: Nov. 15th, or Dec. 19 & 20th

Details of the program are included on the order form.

## Toys for Tots meets Pennies for Patients



The Student Council is trying a new approach to fundraising this year by having a Pre-Christmas Toy Sale and offering a Gift Wrapping Service during the Annual PTA Batter-Up Breakfast.

We are asking that every parent send in at least one new toy (valued from \$1.00 to \$10.00) with each of your students. The student should take the toy to their classroom.

Every class that has 100% student participation (every student donates) will receive coupons for a free kids meal from one of our many business partners. The Council will then organize the toys to be sold during the Batter-Up Breakfast on Saturday, December 12th from 8am - 11am.

All of the proceeds will be used to fund Pennies for Patients, and all of the remaining toys will be donated to Toys for Tots. The toys being sold at the Batter-Up Breakfast will have prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$10.00! Don't forget, the Student Council will also be offering to gift wrap the presents you purchase or wrap any gift you bring in for a nominal fee!

Thanks in advance for your Help and Support!!!

## Parents Night Out

Our Business Partner, North River Baptist Church is offering the following event. This is a great opportunity for a date night, holiday shopping or even a quiet evening at home. Take advantage of it tonight or on December 4th.

Parent's Night Out  
(North River Baptist Church)

Date 1: Friday, November 20th

Date 2: Friday, December 4th

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

(Infants - 5th grade)

Space is limited, so please register online at [www.northriver.org](http://www.northriver.org) or call 770-992-7777

All donations go toward funding the Summer Youth Mission Trips

## Spotlight on School Arts

Storyteller, Teresi Bendiburg visited Sweet Apple's Second Graders Friday morning. Students were captivated by her program, "Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue" which centered around Georgia History. Teresi told old Georgia legends, new stories based on recent local events, folktales brought to Georgia by other countries, and finally ghost stories and other "blue" legends. Special thanks to our PTA for funding this engaging and educational program for our students.

Thank you for subscribing to the Sweet Apple SLICE. Look for the weekly additions each Friday during the school year. For additional information, please go to the SAE website:  
[www.fultonschools.org/school/sweetapple](http://www.fultonschools.org/school/sweetapple).

**Sincerely,**

The Administration and Staff of  
Sweet Apple Elementary

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