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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tonight is Movie Night at Sweet Apple Village. The movie is "Monsters vs Aliens" and will start around 6:00 pm. This is a free community event and a chance to visit Sweet Apple Village and meet some of the merchants. Shane's Rib Shack will be selling food for a reduced price. Free popcorn compliments of Cornerstone. I am looking forward to see you at the movie!

Special thanks to Tracey Shinnors for coordinating this year's Reflections campaign and reception. Thank you also to Reflection Committee members Lisa Gettings, Pamela Nitzken and Yvonne Lambert who also helped make the reception a success. Reflections is a yearly PTA event that allows students to show off their artistic and creative talent. The theme this year was "Beauty is....". Approximately 100 students were recognized this past Wednesday at the awards reception. The announcement of our students who have been selected to compete in the next level are listed in the "Reflections" article below.

Red Ribbon Week begins on Monday and runs through next Friday. Each day has a special theme. The week provides an opportunity to promote "Healthy Happy Kids" and a "Drug Free" lifestyle. Activities for the week are included as you read further in this issue of Slice.

We are conducting a Food Drive for North Fulton Charities next week. Food bins will be placed in the atrium. North Fulton Charities is a nonprofit organization located in Roswell which supports families in need throughout the year and especially during the holidays. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Parents are invited to a special forum next Tuesday, November 10th at 5:30 pm in our cafeteria. Vivian Bankston, Principal at Elkins Pointe Middle School will present information about Middle School. Other forum presenters will include current middle school students and parents. This is a great opportunity for all parents with students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade to learn about our middle school and get a first hand perspective from principals, parents as well as students.

There is an envelope enclosed in your child's VIP folder this week. It contains a letter from the FCBOE regarding the record of your child's ethnicity. Please review it, **if the form is correct, there is no need to respond.** If a correction is needed, please mark the appropriate box, sign and return no later than Friday, November 20th. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

-Lenny Forti, Principal

Baptist Church

Publix
King Plaza

Publix
Village Walk

Shane's Rib Shack

Starbucks

Tara Humata

PTA Information

Sweet Apple Elementary

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*Please visit the website for
continuous updates at:*

www.sweetapplepta.com

Dates to Remember

Nov. 6	PTA Movie Night @ Sweet Apple Village 6:00pm
Nov. 9-13	Red Ribbon Week
Nov. 10	Middle School Forum 5:30-6:30pm
Nov. 11 & 12	4th Grade Trip to Columbus
Nov. 13	Carta-Bella Coffee Open House 8-9:30am
Nov. 12	LSAC 7:30 am
Nov. 17	Linda Schultz Community Mtg. 9:30am RHS
Nov. 18	Early Release Day 11:15 Dismissal
Nov. 19	Environmental Club 2:30-3:30
Nov. 19	3rd Grade Musical 7pm
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Holiday

Wolfie's Words of Wisdom



"The secret of joy in work is contained in one word--excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it."

Red Ribbon Week

RED RIBBON WEEK
November 9-13, 2009

Monday: It's Our Goal To Be Drug Free

A large red "ribbon" will be taped to a goal post on the wall in the gym and each child will sign the ribbon. At the end of the week it will be sent to Washington.

Tuesday: Peace Out To Drugs

Each child will be given a ribbon to wear.

**Wednesday: Hand in Hand,
Let's Take a Stand**

Each student will be given a dye cut hand to sign, "Hands" will be taped along the school hallways.

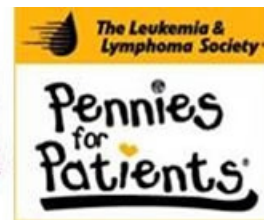
Thursday: It's Up to Me to Be Drug Free

Teachers will be given a pledge to display on their ActiveBoards and during the announcements the whole school will recite the pledge together.

Friday: Plant the Promise

One dozen bulbs will be planted in front of the outside classroom. A permanent sign will be placed in that spot. "We planted our promise to be drug free"

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 during the Annual PTA Batter-Up Breakfast. Starting on Monday, November 9th, 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. Every Class that has 100% student participation (every student donates at least one new toy) 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 5th. 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 be priced ranging from \$1.00 to \$5.00!

Thanks in Advance for your Help and Support!!!

Boosterthon

News about the Boosterthon Fun Run



Thank you to all of the parents, staff and students who supported Boosterthon through your enthusiasm and pledges. The students had a great time running around the Boosterthon track, earning money for their school! As a reminder, money is due by Friday, November 13th. Checks could be made out to Sweet Apple PTA. If you have not collected it all by that date, please feel free to turn in the amounts that you have at that point, so that your teacher can benefit by receiving 10% directly back to their class for use in their classroom. Thanks again for your support of Sweet Apple Elementary!

Student Council Food Drive

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Sweet Apple and the Student Council are once again supporting North Fulton Community Charities with a Thanksgiving Food Drive. We need non perishable food items that would be suitable for a Thanksgiving meal. Suggested items are: canned vegetables, boxed potatoes and rice, boxed pasta, boxed or bagged stuffing mixes, bags of flour, cornmeal, or biscuits, boxes of baking goods, cans of gravy, and cans of fruit.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE FRONT OFFICE AREA
THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9-13.**

Thank you in advance for your support!

CRCT On-Line Practice Available

Parents can assist their children with preparation for **Spring 2010 CRCT** by visiting the state's On-line Assessment System (OAS) website. The OAS enables students in Georgia's public schools to access tests that consist of the same kinds of questions that appear on the CRCT in Reading, English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. After taking an assessment, students can view reports aligned to the state curriculum that show instructional strengths and needs.

Each student in grades 1 through 5 has been provided a user ID and password. Go to <https://www.georgiaoas.org> and log on using the ID and password sent home by your child's teacher. Please contact the teacher if you have misplaced the ID/Password to log on to this site.

Middle School Forum

YOU'RE INVITED!

WHAT: Middle School Forum

WHERE: Sweet Apple Elementary

WHEN: Tuesday, November 10 - 5:30 to 6:30 PM

WHY: To provide information regarding middle school.

WHO: The panel will include parents, students, and administration from Elkins Pointe MS. All Sweet Apple parents are invited.

Questions can be submitted by e-mail to jones354@bellsouth.net. We will attempt to answer them all throughout the presentation.

Due to the one hour time frame, we will not be taking questions from the audience. We encourage you to contact administrators for additional information as needed.

Relections Wrap-up

What a great morning we had at the Reflections Reception. Fabulous artwork on display, some great literature to read and some yummy morning munchies. About 110 students and parents were on hand to find out who the winners were.

Those students that will advance to the next level of judging are: **Melissa Luetgers, Zoe Nixon, Andrew Young, Duncan Reavis, Thomas Brunner, Michael Lambert, Mallie McKenzie, Katherine Ramsager, Rhea Daswani, Ashley Sbarra, Isabel Allen, Madison Kids, Veena Jaipradeep, Katie Reavis, Ben Segarra, Zoe Ferrard, Natalie Waller, Ellis Brown, Abby Bryant, Orhan Eribac, Mackay Butler, Ediz Eribac, Rohan Daswani, Trinity Baughn, Vedic Panda, Jacob Brunner, Whitney Williams, Grace Downard, Victoria Brunner, and Grace Ridley. And from North Metro: Myles Howard and TJ Ragan.**

A total of 30 entries are advancing to the next level of judging which is at the county level and will take place the first week of December. Again, the PTA gives out a LOUD SHOUT of congratulations to ALL participants and winners.

Yeabooks on Sale

Order your 2009-2010 yearbook now to see photos from great Sweet Apple and Community Events like Spirit Week, Carnival and Youth Day Parade! The rest of the year is sure to give us even more terrific shots of your child's fantastic experience at Sweet Apple. Just visit www.myear.com to order your yearbook for \$23. Questions? Email Amy Ramsager at amyramsager@yahoo.com or Andrea Ferrard at andrea_ferrard@yahoo.com.

Coffee at Carta Bella

Ladies - Save the Date!

Join us for a Coffee Social at Carta Bella

Friday, November 13th
8 - 9:30am

Catch up with your girlfriends while getting a jump start on holiday shopping.

20% of the sales from this event will be donated to

Sweet Apple Elementary PTA.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Linda Romaniello and Gina Meyers
Owners

Congratulation to SAE Art Students

Congratulations to the following 2nd graders who will have their artworks displayed at the Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport, January-March 2010: **McKenna Nelson, Sarah Schnauss, Elias Drott, Will Stax, Leah Ehrhardt, Carter Burchfield, Matthew Ford, Gwen Dukes, Kelsey Bishop, and Sydney Viccari.**

The art will be exhibited at the Main Terminal, T Concourse. The Hartsfield-Jackson Youth Art Gallery is a public art program of the City of Atlanta Department of Aviation in partnership with the Georgia Art Education Association. Sweet Apple students received rave reviews for their art displayed last school year, so we are very pleased to be part of the program again this year!

On another note, if you no longer want or need your Boosterthon 3-D glasses, please donate them to the art department. Just bring them to Mrs. Brown's art room. The art teachers have a very cool "Op Art" lesson for fourth graders and could use the glasses!

Thank you,
Mrs. Brown and Mrs. K.

Brownie Troop #27321

Third Grade Brownie Troop 27321 will be collecting baby bottles and sippy cups for the Foster Care Support Foundation thru November 12th. We will collect new and used (not chewed) bottles and sippy cups. Please note that they may be used but not "chewed". Larger bottles (bigger than 4 oz) are preferred and nipples are NOT required. Please put them in the box in the atrium at Sweet Apple.

Thank you for your help and support.

The Milner Award and Book Signing

The Milner Award is given to an author who has aimed at developing a love of reading for pleasure in young students by introducing them to much loved children's literature and the award winning authors who pen the books. The Milner Award has been in place since 1983. The elementary school children of Fulton County vote each year for their favorite living author and the winner is invited to Atlanta to receive the award. The school children have an opportunity to attend a program to meet the author, ask questions, and have their books signed. Previous winners have included; Judy Blume, Tomie dePaola, Eloise Greenfield, David Shannon and this year's winner Margie Palatini. The fact that the winner is selected exclusively by the children makes the Milner Award one of a kind.

Margie Palatini is the 26th annual winner of the Milner Award. Palatini is the author of numerous funny books for young people including "Lousy Rotten Stinkin' Grapes," "Gone with the Wand," "Piggie Pie!" "Sweet Tooth," and "Geek Chic."

For the first time we are offering an event that is free and open to the public. The Ocee Library will host an author talk and book signing with Children's author Margie Palatini on Saturday, November 14 at 11:00 a.m.

The Ocee Library is located in Alpharetta at 5090 Abbotts Bridge Road. For more information, call 404-730-1865 or visit www.themilneraward.org or www.afpls.org.

Story Time at KooKoo Bear Kids

November 19, 2009

10:00 1:30 4:00

"Kiss, Kiss, Yuck, Yuck!"

Written by: Kyle Mewburn

Illustrated by: Ali Teo & John O'Reilly

Roswell Budokan

You are invited to attend **"ASAP" After-School-Aikido-Program**

November 10, 2009

5:30-6:30

Roswell Budokan

There will be Aikido, Japanese, Science Experiments, Origami, Fitness/Hip-Hop and Arts and Crafts for all to enjoy.

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.

Sincerely,

The Administration and Staff of
Sweet Apple Elementary

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