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We had a fabulous turn out for our carnival this past Sunday. Thanks to all our families for supporting this annual event. A special thanks also to our PTA for planning, coordinating and securing volunteers. This is a major event and takes months of planning. Money raised will help support school activities and classroom enrichments.

There were two Health and Wellness activities this past week. More than hundred walkers, in spite of the rain, on Tuesday and Wednesday celebrated "National Walk to School Day" and walked to Sweet Apple ES. Also, over 75 people received flu shots this past Tuesday hosted by the school and the Fulton County Health Department.

Our next Early Release Day will be Wednesday, October 14th. Dr. Kiernan will provide training on student writing to our teachers. Please be reminded that students will be dismissed beginning at 11:15 am. If your child's normal daily mode of transportation is changing, please return the ERD transportation change letter to your child's teacher.

The Local School Advisory Committee (LSAC) meets next Thursday at 7:30 am in the Media Center. I will present the "State of the School Address" along with a review of last year's Strategic Plan and our plan for 2009-10.

Boosterthon is coming soon. The Kick-Off Pep Rally for the teachers and volunteers will be on Monday October 26th at 3:00 pm. Student pep rallies will be on Tuesday, October 27th during the afternoon classes. The fun run is scheduled for November 5th. More information will be sent home over the next few weeks.

-Lenny Forti, Principal

Partners in Education

Chick-Fil-A

Children's Dentistry

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Mathnasium

North River
Baptist Church

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King Plaza

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PTA Information

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continuous updates at:
www.sweetapplepta.com*

Dates to Remember

Oct. 10	Roswell Youth Day Parade
Oct. 13	EPMS Cluster Concert 7pm
Oct. 14	Early Release Day-D dismissal 11:15
Oct. 15	LSAC Meeting 7:30am Media Center
Oct. 15	4th & 5th Grade Chorus Concert 7pm
Oct. 21	"Fitness w/ Forti" Bike Around Sweet Apple
Oct. 22	Lifetouch Picture Retakes
Oct. 22	4th Grade Lunch Bunch
Oct. 22	Story Time at KooKoo Bear Kids
Oct. 22 & 23	2nd Grade High Touch-High Tech
Oct. 23	5th Grade Lunch Bunch
Oct. 27	Boosterthon Student Pep Rally

Wolfie's Words of Wisdom



We all need someone who inspires
us to do better than we know how.

Spirit Week 2009 Re-Cap

This year's **SPIRIT WEEK** rocked!! The posters created by students made the halls come alive, the dress-up contest was the best we've ever seen, and while the **FOOD DRIVE** goal appeared a little out of reach around mid-week, Michael Schoppenhorst (Andrew's dad) stepped in with a very large donation to bring us to 901 items for North Fulton Charities!! Many thanks to Mr. Schoppenhorst and to all who donated. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated! Because we reached this goal, Ms. Toomer sang "Celebration" at the Carnival on Sunday. With Wolfie jammin' next to her, she put on quite a show. Look out American Idol!! Thank you Ms. Toomer!

The student participation in the DRESS-UP CONTEST was yet another success. Out of 834 students, we had 87% total participation for the entire week! Go Sweet Apple!
The class winners were as follows:

Kindergarten: Ms. Moses 100% (Bridges and Sweatt tied at 98.6%)
1st grade: Ms. Bailey 98.7% (Balde and Clower tied at 94.5%)
2nd grade: Ms. Sexton 95% (Dieterich 94%)
3rd grade: Mrs. B. Bell and Ms. Galvin tied with 100%
4th grade: Mrs. Adams 95 % (Waldmann 83%)
5th grade: Mrs. Thomas and Ms. Mika tied with 98%
NM: Ms. Sousa 87% (Jacoby 75%)

These winning students got the opportunity to throw pies at Mr. Forti at the Carnival. While he had whipped cream everywhere, including between his toes and up his nose, he was a great sport as he endured close to 100 pies! Thank you Mr. Forti! J

Thank you parents, students, teachers, staff and administration for making this SPIRIT WEEK a success once again! See ya next year!

Jesse Puckett and Dina White

Carnival Update

CARNIVAL WAS A SUCCESS THANKS TO THE CREATIVITY, PLANNING, DEDICATION AND EFFORT OF MANY VOLUNTEERS!

We thank everyone who volunteered behind the scenes, who volunteered to work at the event, who bid on items at the Themed Basket Silent Auction, who bid on Time with Teachers and Staff Silent Auction, who helped support our school and our PTA in any way! We also thank our Teachers and Staff for their support and donations. This was a group effort and we could not have done it without you! **SWEET APPLE ROCKS!**

Did you go to Carnival? Did you have fun? Email rhowerton@pointdynamics.com and let me know!

Roswell Celebrates

"Our Heroes"

for the

59th ANNUAL YOUTH DAY PARADE!

Saturday, October 10th at 10:00 a.m.

PARADE INFORMATION FOR FIFTH GRADE PARENTS ONLY:

Your child has the opportunity as the graduating class to participate in one additional way.

Your 5th grader may march in the parade Saturday, October 10th. Please understand that this is an event that demands supervision by you or an adult of your choosing. Teachers will be unable to supervise for you. We will line up for the parade route at the First Baptist Church on Mimosa Blvd and students with chaperones may join us at 9:30. Please wear red, white and blue

It is a SAE tradition that if you are planning on walking in the parade on Saturday, please bring a bag of wrapped candy to throw to the crowd. For example: tootsie rolls, jolly ranchers, small halloween type candy etc. Thank you.

Boosterthon

Boosterthon Fun Run is Back...

"The Boosterthon Fun Run is much more than a fundraiser; it is an experience that students, parents, and staff rave about. The enthusiastic Boosterthon Fun Run Team is excited to serve our school with the principles of Fitness, Education, and Character." Be on the lookout for additional information coming home with you child soon. The Sweet Apple Boosterthon kick off will be held on Tuesday, October 27th with the Fun Run taking place on Thursday, November 5th.

For more information please check out the Boosterthon website: www.funrun.com or contact Alisha Rodgers - (770) 650-7498 or Paige Mesaros - (770) 518-7488.



Communication from the Cafe'

It has come to the attention of the cafeteria staff that a number of parents have been leaving BREAKFAST/LUNCH payments in the check out area near the computer. If you are coming in to put money on your child's account, please be sure that a cafeteria staff member is there to receive and record the money in the computer. This insures that your child has money on their account, the payment is not misplaced and also alleviates the need to send home a "charge notice".

Thank you for your assistance.

Story Time at KooKoo Bear Kids

October Times and Dates for

"Story Time"

at KooKoo Bear Kids

10:00am 1:30pm 4:00pm

October 22nd "Albert the Fix-it Man"

Written by: Jane Lord

Illustrated by: Julie Paschkis

October 29th "Trick or Treat on Monster Street"

Written by: Danny Schnitzlein

Illustrated by: Matt Faulkner

Student Council

The Council's first order of business was this year's school carnival. Eleven of our newest members showed up to help. Thanks to Jacob, Maya, Blake, Olivia, Jordan, Nicholas, Veena, Bailey, Lauren, Zoe and Katherine!

As in the past, the Student Council is made up from elected fourth and fifth grade students. Congratulations to this year's student council members:

Cole Puckett, Avery Burchfield, Caroline Copenhaver, Natalie Waller, Isabella Sci, Blake Watson, Zoe Merchant, Jimmy Killian, Reid Pitser, Katherine Asman, Jacob Shippel, Andrew Ramsager, Olivia Holton, Lauren Cather, Brennan McDaniel, Katie Reavis, Isabel Allen, Maya Williams, Jordan Tucker, Bailey Reardon, Nicholas Myers, Veena

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Bonny Dieterich and Mike Raven are the Co-Chairs of this year's Student Council. Some of the projects your elected officials will be working on this year will include the school's marquee, Pennies for Patients and a North Fulton Charities Thanksgiving drive.

Other ideas we have in the works include weekly school news broadcasts, a school store, a recycling program, lunch with a new friend and book buddies. Students and parents, if you have any additional suggestions, please pass them on to your teacher or a council member. We have a great year ahead of us; let's make the most of it!

Clinic Needs

If your child has outgrown their clothes, we ask that you recycle them. The Clinic is in desperate need of children's shorts, pants, sweatpants and jeans. They have plenty of tops, but bottoms are always needed.

Please have your child drop them off at the clinic and know that they will be put to good use.

Thank you for your donations.

Mrs. Serwotka & Mrs. Hotchkiss in the Clinic

Reflections Information

Reflections 2009-2010 "Beauty Is. . ."

With one month left to go, now is the time to get started on Reflections entries. Parents please reference the web site, <http://www.georgiapta.org/leadership-reflections.html> to download the entry forms and rules and regulations. It is important to check the rules pages due to size limitations and other specific procedures for each category. All entry forms MUST have an artist statement and parent signature.

All entries must be turned in ON Friday, October 23rd between 7:20-8:00. We will be in the atrium to accept all artwork. We can't wait to see your child's creative masterpieces.

As always, you can reach Tracy Shinnars at trshinnars@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns.

Knowledge Points

Notable News from KnowledgePoints 5th Grade Study Skills Presentations

Over the past two weeks, Alicia Johnsson, Director of Learning and owner of KnowledgePoints Learning Centers, has been visiting the 5th grade classrooms. Alicia has been talking to students about key study skills they need to start practicing now to be prepared for the independence of middle school.

The three topics Miss Johnsson touched on were (1) time management, using their agendas for doing advanced planning, (2) memorization techniques for fast studying, and (3) studying techniques for major test preparation, using a 5 day study plan.

Miss Johnson discussed how 5th grade students needed to move beyond writing down assignments. She emphasized students using their agendas to keep track of after school activities, social events, and pre-1planning homework & study times; basically learning to use their agendas like their mom's and dad's do. She also covered learning how to study for tests and the different techniques for remembering and recalling information quicker. The students learned some simple strategies for memorization and how to break studying down over a few days. This ensures they have covered all the correct material and studied the "correct" information. Just by practicing these three simple things, they will learn to study smarter, not harder and make that transition from elementary to middle school that much easier.

If you have any questions about how to help your child improve their independent study habits, call Alicia Johnsson at 678-240-0936.

Staff Appreciation Items

We want you to know that we can't thank you enough for your kindness, generosity, time and culinary efforts in regard to our Staff Appreciation Luncheons.

We kindly ask that the next time you visit the school that you check in the Teacher Dining Room for your forgotten platters, bowls, plates and serving utensils. Our counters are over flowing and space is limited. Many of the items are not marked, so it makes it difficult to contact the owner.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Thank you for subscribing to the Sweet Apple SLICE. Look for the weekly additons 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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