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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a turnout for Grandparents and Special Friends Day this past Friday! Grandparents and Friends visited classrooms for a reading activity and attended our Book Fair. This was a special treat for our students. Thank you to Brooke Newton, Whitney Griggs and Lisa Mullen for coordinating this successful PTA event. We look forward to making this an annual event..

Next Wednesday, is our first of 5 Early Release Days for the 2009-10 year. Students will be dismissed at 11:15am. Please plan for your child's early arrival home on these days. During the "ERD", our staff will be trained on using technology to enhance instruction. A representative from Promethean will provide training on new ActivBoard software. Also, teachers will receive instruction on our new document cameras that support our ActivBoards and replace the use of overhead projectors. We are making major advances in utilizing current technology to support instructing the curriculum!

The next "Fitness w/ Forti" day is Wednesday, September 23rd at 3:30. Students may bring their bicycles and participate in bike riding activities. As always, they must be accompanied by an adult. We will set up a special riding course, discuss bike safety and provide helmet fitting. Representatives from Bike Roswell and Roswell Bikes will assist with the event.

-Lenny Forti, Principal

Partners in Education

Chick-Fil-A

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Knowledge Points

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Mathnasium

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North River
Baptist Church

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Publix
King Plaza

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Publix
Village Walk

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Shane's Rib Shack

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Starbucks

Dates to Remember

Sept. 14-17	Book Fair
Sept. 16	Early Release Day---Dismissal 11:15
Sept. 17	Book Fair- Family Night 4:30-6:30
Sept. 21	ITBS Testing Grades 3 & 5
Sept. 23	Fitness W/ Forti 3:30
Sept. 28-Oct 2	PTA Spirit Week
Sept. 29	Rap & Snack Kdg. & 2nd
Sept. 30	Rap & Snack 1st & 3rd
Sept. 30	Environmental Club Mtg. 2:30

Wolfies Words of Wisdom



One way to get the most out of life is to
look upon it as an adventure.

Book Fair

Book Fair is Sept. 14-17

Please go to the SAE website to view the "browsing and purchasing" schedules for your child's class.

Also, **Family Shopping Night is Thursday, September 17th from 4:30-6:30pm.**

Reflections

Reflections 2009-2010 "Beauty Is. . ."

Sweet Apple is kicking off the annual Reflections contest. We need ALL (K-5) students who like to draw, paint, dance, write, sing, play an instrument, make films and/or take photographs. The PTA Reflections program wants YOU! The theme this year is "Beauty Is. . .". Get those creative juices flowing and start working on your entry. Last year we had 42 entries. And what fabulous entries they were. Reflections chair, Tracy Shinnars, would love to see that number increase this year. Parents, if you could help us out. Encourage your child to try something new this year with the Reflections program. We would love to see more Kindergarten work and more from the literature category (poems, short stories, essays, articles). Every student who enters the contest will receive a Brusters Gift Card at a reception in their honor. The class with the most number of entries will be rewarded with a special lunch.

Entry forms and Rules & Regulations can be obtained from your teachers, the front desk or by contacting Tracy Shinnars at trshinnars@yahoo.com. The deadline is Friday, October 23rd by 8:00 in the morning. There will be a Reflections table set up to take entries in the atrium from 7:20-8:00am.

What will your masterpiece be?

Outdoor Classroom

Outdoor Classroom Clean-up!

Saturday, September 19th at 8:00 a.m.

Grab your garden gloves! It's time to spruce up the Sweet Apple Outdoor Classroom. We will lay mulch, weed gardens, and make minor repairs to curriculum stations. Needed items: wheel barrels, trimmers, and garden bags. All are welcome to help! Please contact Yvonne Lambert if you can join us! lambertfour@yahoo.com

A Special THANK YOU to Caldwell Tree Care for donating the much needed mulch! <http://www.caldwelltreecare.com/>

GET READY FOR THE SAE CARNIVAL

The Carnival is coming! The Carnival is coming!

Last year's Sweet Apple Carnival was a HUGE success! Sweet Apple students, families, and friends had a great time, and we had record attendance. In order to pull off another great carnival, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Moms and/or dads, please consider volunteering 2 hours of your time to help with this fun event. We also welcome the help of clubs who like to be involved in the community, such as Scouts or school clubs. So mark your calendars; this year's Sweet Apple Carnival is Sunday, October 4th, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. We need volunteers for concessions, games & activities, the auction, and a few other areas. Please e-mail Sally McKenzie at robsalmck@bellsouth.net or Kristin Boyle at Klboyle@mac.com if you or your child's organization would like to help. Thank you!



Early Release Days (ERD) 2009-2010

Fulton County has continued to implement the Early Release Days for this year. On these days, students will attend school for half a day with dismissal starting at 11:15. The remaining portion of the day is used for professional development, which allows staff members to participate in school-wide training.

On these days, you will be responsible for your child. We will be sending a letter home prior to the ERD regarding changes of transportation. If your child will be going home a different way, please fill out and return. Primetime will still be offered for students who are currently enrolled in the program. Please mark your calendars for the following Wednesdays: September 16, October 14, November 18, February 24 and March 24.

Also note that these dates are on the 2009-10 calendar and on the SAE and Fulton County websites.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon



Wednesday, September 16

This month's Staff Appreciation luncheon is being provided by **1st and 4th** grade parents.. If you have signed up to donate food, please feel free to make your favorite **Italian** dish. We ask that you drop your dishes off in the Teacher's Lounge between 7:30 and 10:00 on the 16th. Your serving dishes will be available for pick up after 2:00.

We appreciate your donations and look forward to another successful luncheon!

Ciao and grazi Lydia Gelobter

Environmental Club

SAE Environmental Club

It's official, the Environmental Club is back for the 2009 - 2010 school year! The first meeting will be September 30, 2009 from 2:30 to 3:30. Membership to the club is open to all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Students will actively engage in projects learning about reuse and recycling of everyday products and how to incorporate into everyday life. Students will participate in research on various topics and programs and will prepare presentations as necessary to gain acceptance for implementation of specific programs. Students will also collaborate on community and school events to raise awareness of recycling and complete specific recycling efforts.

If you have questions about the club, please email Kim Dwoskin at enviroclubsae@att.net. Registration/permission forms and a calendar of meeting dates can be found on the Sweet Apple PTA website - Environmental page, www.sweetapplepta.com. They will also be provided at the first meeting.

Rap & Snack

Sweet Apple PTA's popular lunchtime Rap-n-Snack Book Club will meet again very soon.

Grades K & 2nd - Tuesday, September 29th

Grades 1st & 3rd - Wednesday, September 30th

The book selections are as follows:

Kindergarten.....Harry, The Dirty Dog by Gene Zion

1st Grade..... Caps For Sale by E. Slobodkina

2nd Grade.....The Invisible Dog by Dick King-Smith

3rd Grade..... Jake Drake Know-It-All by Andrew Clements

Reserved copies of all books are available for Sweet Apple students at the front check-out desk at the Barnes and Noblebook store on Northpoint Parkway and at the children's desk in Roswell City Library after Friday, September 4th .

Permission forms were sent home with your child recently. Children wishing to participate must return their permission slip by Monday, September 21st.

Many parent volunteers are needed to lead book discussion groups. Questions and an easy craft are provided. Please sign up on the permission slip if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

For more information, please contact Pat Travers at paulandpat@bellsouth.net or Renee Minahan at rminahan@comcast.net or visit the Sweet Apple PTA website at www.sweetapplepta.com.

Free and Reduced Lunch

FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL BENEFITS

To continue free or reduced price meal benefits for students each household must complete a new application each year. Free and Reduced Meal Benefits will end on September 21, 2009, if the household has not reapplied for SY 2009-2010. If there is an interruption in benefits or the household does not reapply, the household is responsible for payment of meals until the Free and Reduced Application is approved. To help assure continuation of benefits, the household must have a new application turned in to the school cafeteria manager before September 16, 2009. Be sure to list all the students in the household on the application. Keep in mind, the application may take up to 10-days to process. If you have any questions, please call the Fulton County School Nutrition Program - Meal Eligibility Desk at (404)305-2220.

Elkins Pointe Consignment Sale

"A Family Affair" CONSIGNMENT SALE at Elkins Pointe Middle School!

Elkins Pointe Middle School warmly welcomes Sweet Apple Families to join them in the first ever "A Family Affair" Consignment Sale! Sale begins on Friday, October 9th (8am-7pm) and Saturday, October 10th (8am to 4pm). Proceeds benefit the Elkins Pointe PTA school enrichment programs.

The school gym will be bursting with bargains on children to adult size clothing, shoes, electronics, toys, furniture, books and more. Our items are all in excellent working quality. Our team of past and present Sweet Apple parents will be there to make this a fun and well-organized event for the whole family! So please join us as a seller or buyer! If you are interested in becoming a seller, buyer or to find out more please go to:

- Elkins Pointe Website at: <http://www.elkinspointe.com/>
Then click on to• the PTA Consignment Sale Link:
<http://sites.google.com/site/elkinspointepta/>
See you at the Sale!

Directory Information

Frequently Asked Directory Questions

◆What is the Sweet Apple Student Directory?

It's Not Just a Directory! The Directory was redesigned in a format so it could be used as resource, as well as, a Student Directory.

The Directory contains:

An Overview of Sweet Apple

-a brief history of our school, philosophy, unique assests and Mission Statement

-a biography of the Educational Leaders of our school

-Information at a Glance, Program Contacts, Testing Schedules, School Calendar, LSAC information

-Guidelines for Sweet Apple Procedures

-The Traditions and The ABC's of Sweet Apple Elementary School

Merchant Coupons and Advertising Space

-Valuable Coupons and Discounts from Local Merchants and Restaurants

-A Convenient Way to Advertise Your Company! Advertising Space is Available for Purchase. (Please contact: Sue Nemesh at snemesh@charter.net)

Information About the Sweet Apple PTA!

-The PTA's Mission Statement & Object

-The PTA's Executive Committee and Chair Contact Information

- Why You Should Join the PTA!
- The PTA's - Frequently Asked Questions
- The Giving Tree Campaign
- Where Does Your PTA Donation Go?
- Your Georgia & National PTA Membership Benefits

◆ How can I verify that my child will be listed by their 'preferred name' in the Student and Classroom Directory?

In order to ensure that your child is included in the Directory you will need to email Joan Willoughby, our school's registrar, at the following email address: WilloughbyJ@fulton.k12.ga.us

◆ I want my child's information and phone number to be included in the Directory but - I don't want our address listed.

Please email Joan Willoughby, our school's registrar, with any concerns or questions at: WilloughbyJ@fulton.k12.ga.us

◆ When will the Directory go on sale?

The Directory will be available for purchase towards the end of October/ beginning of November.

◆ How can I purchase Advertising Space?

Contact Sue Nemesh at: snemesh@charter.net to purchase or reserve ad space.

Artists Among Us

Sweet Apple Elementary student artists recently displayed their artworks for the Fulton County Board of Education at the South Professional Learning Center.

Dozens of school administrators and board of education members viewed the art. The artworks show mastery of knowledge and skills based on Fulton County Schools visual arts standards and curriculum. The works included postcard prints with messages that connected with letter writing skills in language arts, still life drawing and studies in positive and negative space. Art teachers Tracy Kuzminsky and Drew Brown are very proud of their students!

Congratulations to the following students who had art in the exhibit: 1st graders, Madeleine DeSpirito, Sarah Murphy, Alisha Benbow, Kelsey Bishop, Casey Lyons, Zander Barnett, Meredith Rush, Sarah Lacy, Jimmy Strent, Elise Baron, and CJ Ryan; 4th graders, Grace Downard, Emma Rohwer, Chris Turko, and Camille Wise; 5th graders, Addison Bethany, Erin Shinnars, and Katarina Wilcher.

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

EEO & ADA Statement

It is the policy of the Fulton County System not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, or disability in any employment practice, educational program, or any other program, activity, or service. If you wish to make a complaint or request accommodation or modification due to discrimination in any program, activity, or service, contact Compliance Coordinator Ron Wade, 786 Cleveland Avenue, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30315, or phone 404-763-4585. TTY 1-800-255-0135.