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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We will be offering flu vaccinations for students and parents as part of our Health and Wellness initiative. This voluntary flu vaccine will be offered on October 6th and October 27th (for follow-up vaccinations) after school from 3-5. The cost for the vaccine is \$25. Payment will be accepted on the days the vaccinations will be administered. Do not send payment in advance.

This initiative is with the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness. Students will be offered the traditional injectable flu vaccine as well as the flu mist. If you are interested, detailed information is available in the school office. We will also e-mail this information on "Constant Contact" to registered families. Interested parents will need to return the participation form attached to the e-mail to sign up for this opportunity.

I can't thank everyone enough for their participation in the Book Fair this past week. Patti Gillentine our Media Specialist and Jean David did another outstanding job this year.

Also, we appreciate the involvement of our parent volunteers, especially to Carol Ford, Debbie Pettit and Cathy Aubley for their tremendous amount of time and dedication.

We were treated to another delicious Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday. Lidia Gelobter and her crew of 1st and 4th grade parent/chefs put together a fabulous Italian feast.

We were certainly well fed and want them to know how much we appreciate what they do for us.

Finally, I would like to encourage the students to return to school next Wednesday, the 23rd at 3:30 for "Fitness with Forti". Roswell Bikes as well as Bike Roswell will be here to discuss bike safety and provide helmet fittings. I hope to see a lot our students there to learn about this important safety issue.

*-Lenny Forti, Principal*

Dates to Remember

North River  
Baptist Church

Publix  
King Plaza

Publix  
Village Walk

Shane's Rib Shack

Starbucks

### PTA Information

**Sweet Apple Elementary**

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*Please visit the website for  
continuous updates at:  
[www.sweetapplepta.com](http://www.sweetapplepta.com)*

### Sept. 19

Sept. 21-25

### Sept. 23

Sept. 28-Oct 2

### Sept. 29

Sept. 29

### Sept. 30

Sept. 30

### Oct. 4

Oct. 6 & 7

### Oct. 7 & 8

Oct. 9

Oct. 10

### Outdoor Classroom Clean-up 8:00am

ITBS Testing Grades 3 & 5

### Fitness W/ Forti 3:30

PTA Spirit Week

### Rap & Snack Kdg. & 2nd

Shane's Night 5:30-8:30pm

### Rap & Snack 1st & 3rd

Environmental Club Mtg. 2:30

### SAE Carnival 2-6pm

Walk to School Day

### 5th Grade Trip to Rock Eagle

Teacher Workday No School

Roswell Youth Day Parade

## Wolfie's Words of Wisdom



A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.

## ITBS Schedule

Please find the schedule for the ITBS testing during the week of September 21-25. This is for 3rd and 5th grade students only.

|        |          |  |
|--------|----------|--|
| Mon.   | Sept. 21 | Language                                     |
| Tues.  | Sept. 22 | Vocabulary & Reading                         |
| Wed.   | Sept. 23 | Mathematics                                  |
| Thurs. | Sept. 24 | Social Sciences & Science                    |
| Fri.   | Sept. 25 | Sources of Information & Reference Materials |

**In order to maintain a quiet testing environment for our students, we ask that all visitors refrain from coming in to the building until after 10:45. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.**

## 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 Shinnors, 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 Shinnors at [trshinnors@yahoo.com](mailto:trshinnors@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! TOMORROW at 8:00am

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](mailto: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!**  
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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](mailto:robsalmck@bellsouth.net) or Kristin Boyle at [klboyle@mac.com](mailto:klboyle@mac.com) if you or your child's organization would like to help. Thank you!

The PTA website [www.sweetapplepta.com](http://www.sweetapplepta.com) is the place to view the exciting events that will take place on Sunday, October 4th. You will find information regarding the ticket pricing, the auction, food, rides, games and much more. *Check it out today!!!*

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You can now pre-order your Carnival bracelets at a discounted price. Tickets that are pre-ordered are \$12 while those at the door will be \$15. Please visit the CARNIVAL page at [www.sweetapplepta.com](http://www.sweetapplepta.com) and download the tickets form, fill it out, and return the form and your check made payable to SAE PTA to the school by Tuesday, September 29th then you will receive your discounted tickets. Thanks and have fun!

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This is a Fabulous, Fun, Family Event. Please join us for this Awesome Afternoon of Activities and Food! We THANK YOU for your support of Sweet Apple Elementary and the PTA!

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.sweetapplepta.com). They will also be provided at the first meeting.

## Rap & Snack

### 'RAP-and-SNACK' Book Club Reminder

Please return all 'Rap-and-Snack' permission slips to school by Monday, September 21st. Copies of the permission form are available on the NEWS & EVENTS page of the Sweet Apple PTA website at [www.sweetapplepta.com](http://www.sweetapplepta.com). Any questions? Please contact Pat Travers at [paulandpat@bellsouth.net](mailto:paulandpat@bellsouth.net) or Renee Minahan at [rminahan@comcast.net](mailto:rminahan@comcast.net).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:snemesh@charter.net) to purchase or reserve ad space.

## **Roswell Youth Day and Parade**

### **Roswell Celebrates Our Heroes for the 59th ANNUAL YOUTH DAY PARADE! Saturday, October 10th at 10:00 a.m.**

Youth Week is sponsored by the City of Roswell to honor and support the youth of Roswell. This is a cooperative effort by the Roswell City government, schools, local churches, volunteer organizations and the community. This effort is coordinated by the Roswell Recreation and Parks Department.

The art department is proud to announce our continued involvement in the highlight of the week, the Youth Day Parade on Saturday, October 10th, starting at 10:00 a.m.. This year's theme is "Our Heroes". The parade will move up Canton Street to Woodstock Road. Our students are ALL participating in the creation of artwork that will be featured on a float entry for Sweet Apple. We are very proud and excited to display their hard work. We hope you will come to the parade!

There will be a festival held at Roswell Area Park following the parade. There are many fun activities for the children at this festival. Featured activities include the iron man obstacle course, giant slide, mini train, petting zoo and more! A free lunch will be provided (while supplies last) to youth under 15. Concessions will be available for adults. Come join us for a great time!

### **PARADE INFORMATION FOR FIFTH GRADE PARENTS ONLY:**

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

Your child 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 bring one bag of individually wrapped candy to toss to the crowd, and please wear red, white, and blue!

## Sally Foster Gift Wrap

### Need some Gift Wrap or Special Gifts for Birthdays, Anniversary, Baby Shower or Holidays?

You can purchase Sally Foster gift wrap and gift items online and support Sweet Apple at the same time! Items are shipped directly to your door, so no hassle. Sally Foster credits 50% of every purchase to Sweet Apple. You can log on to [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com) and go directly to the Sweet Apple page. When you check out, mark that you would like to "Give credit to a school or group" and enter Sweet Apple's School/Group Account Number of 510712. Or, click on the following link : <http://www.fundraising.entertainment.com/esale2.cfm?CI=510712&SI=680112&LI=1> ...It's that simple!!

## Spirit Week

### Get Ready to Show Your Spirit!

Spirit week is coming up on September 28th - October 2nd so start planning now. More details will be coming as we get closer. Following are the dress up days for Spirit Week:

**MONDAY: WACKY DAY** - Wear a crazy hat, let your hair go crazy, show us some crazy socks or put on your wackiest outfit .

**TUESDAY: TEAM SPIRIT DAY** - Go ahead and support your favorite team. It can be any team high school, college or pro but show your spirit!

**WEDNESDAY: PAJAMA DAY** - Don't worry about laying out your clothes the night before. Just roll out of bed and come to school (dress code still applies).

**THURSDAY: USA PRIDE DAY** - Wear your camouflage or red, white, and blue to support our troops and our country.

**FRIDAY: SWEET APPLE ELEMENTARY DAY** - Today is the day... the day to show your SWEET APPLE PRIDE. Wear your SAE Spirit Wear or Blue and Gold to show your Sweet Apple Spirit!

## Book Fair

We had a great time celebrating our love of reading during our Scholastic Book Fair. We want to thank all of our students and parents for supporting this fun event. The profit from our fair will be used to purchase material to enhance student learning. We want to thank each volunteer who worked the fair and a special 'thank you' to our co-chairs Cathy Aubley, Carol Ford and Debbie Pettit. These three did a great job of helping to plan the fair and they each worked everyday - all day - during the fair. Their dedication is one of the reasons for the success of our fair. We hope that all of our students enjoyed the event.

*Patti Gillentine, Media Specialist*

## Notable News from Knowledge Points

### Bringing the Writing Home... Without the Frustration!

Helping your child write without the tears or frustration is achievable. It is all about one word: PLANNING. Breaking down the writing process will go a long way into cutting down on any frustration you and your child and get you away from doing most of the writing for them.

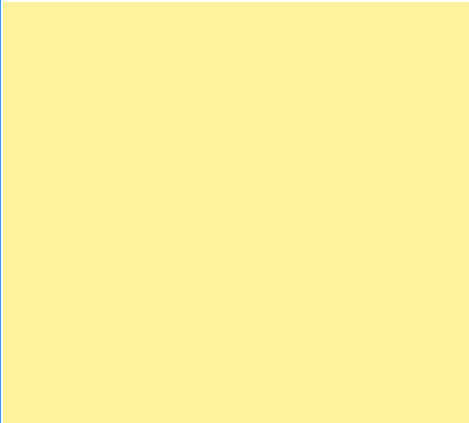
We will cover the 5 steps of the writing process, the purpose of each step, and how to keep focus as you move through the process.

**Step 1:** Pre-planning - This step is the most important and the most overlooked. Pre-planning is where your child will clarify what they will write about (topic/thesis sentence), know if they have too much to or too little write about, and visually be able to organize their paper. To do this they need a graphic organizer. Ask your child's teacher for one they use in the classroom, or teach your child the classic outline format.

You may have to help them brainstorm at first by letting them talk out what they want to say. Once they have it written down you can either stop there or have them write a rough draft. One step at a time is best when first starting out. It takes more advanced planning, but it will go a long way to cutting down on any frustration. Next time we'll talk about the 2nd step, writing the rough draft.

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

### EEO & ADA Statement

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