

Sept/Oct 2009

Dates to Remember

Saturday, September 12, 2009

SFCPTA  
Parents & PTA Leaders  
School of Information  
Teaching Museum, Hapeville  
Time: 9 -- 12 noon

Friday, October 16, 2009

Principal’s Luncheon  
Hilton Atlanta Airport  
1031 Virginia Ave, Atl., GA  
404.767.9000  
Time: 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 17, 2009

District 10 Fall Conference  
Hosted by: North Fulton Council  
PTA  
Lake Forest ES  
5950 Sandy Springs Circle,  
Sandy Springs 30328  
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 3, 2009

SFCPTA Reflections Reception  
Maxx Fun @ Shannon Mall  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

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# Message

## From the President . . .



Dear South Fulton PTA Local Units:

Thank you again for your commitment to children. I am looking forward to a productive year working with you to address the issues of student achievement and parent involvement as South Fulton Council PTA President.

A primary task of a council is to develop and strengthen PTA leadership. Council meetings and activities provide excellent opportunities for leadership development when good leadership skills are modeled, such as the president following proper procedures, committees making reports, studies being initiated and carried out, speakers being introduced, and potential problem situations being handled thoughtfully and effectively. Leadership development programs conducted by councils enhance PTA activities by providing well-informed, dedicated, and confident leaders.

When you start planning your calendars, please make sure you leave these dates open to attend The South Fulton Council Meetings and the 10<sup>th</sup> District Fall and Spring Conferences. Please communicate these dates to your membership body and ask them to attend these meetings. The Council meetings will be posted in our brochure and on the council website.

Please submit your school calendar to the South Fulton Council Secretary, Ms. Alyson Nelson by e-mail amornels1@yahoo.com by September 11, 2009.

I am excited that you will join me in focusing on student achievement, parent involvement, membership, and leadership during the next year.

*Sincerely,  
Annie Gist,  
President*

PTA



## Dates to Remember continued

Thursday, January 28, 2010

**Nominating Committee  
Report Writing**  
Oakley Elementary School  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 25, 2010

**Transitional Meeting  
SFCPTA Officers  
Election**  
Teaching Museum  
Hapeville  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 7, 2010

**PTA Presidents  
Luncheon**  
Location: Fort McPherson  
Time: TBD



## Membership Drive

*What's in your wallet? It should be a PTA membership card!*

As we all know, first impressions are important and lasting. Remember when you went the extra mile for that interview. Well, guess what--it's interview time again. Parents are interviewing you to see if they want to join your PTA.

How do you look? Are you dressed to impress? What we're referring to here is your PTA. Are you prepared to answer questions, can you tell them what the PTA did for the school last year, do you have materials prepared to give out information about the PTA? Is your Board welcoming and inviting. Are you approachable or does everyone look as if they want the evening to be over! Are you taking the initiative by approaching people and inviting them in or does it appear that this is a "members only" club. Take a step back and look at your membership table--what do you see--honestly?

People like to be associated with and join things that look like they are fun, productive not burdensome or problematic. Since everyone has their share of problems/concerns why would they want to take on more of the same? It is your job to convince them that it is fun and interesting all the while they are helping and advocating for all children.

*Has your entire PTA Board committed to recruiting a minimum of one member per day?*

## Clean Slate

Nothing beats the freedom you feel when you have a "clean slate"! Everything in the past has been put behind you and you're looking at future opportunities. Goals and objectives can be seen clearly because there aren't any barriers from the past.

Let's start with a "clean slate" for 2009-2010 audits. Please have your past audits completed and turned in to Georgia PTA no later than Wednesday, September 30.

Here's to an unhindered and unobstructed 2009-2010 school year!

If you have questions and/or concerns regarding the audit process please contact SFCPTA Treasurer, Ms. Moton at 404.344.8519 or [wmoton@resources-usa.com](mailto:wmoton@resources-usa.com).

*Alyson Nelson*

## National PTA's Reflections Program

*2009-2010 Reflections Theme: "Beauty is..."*

National PTA believes all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual arts Reflections Program. The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in one or more of six areas:

1. literature
2. musical composition
3. photography
4. visual arts (which includes art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage)
5. dance choreography
6. film/video production.

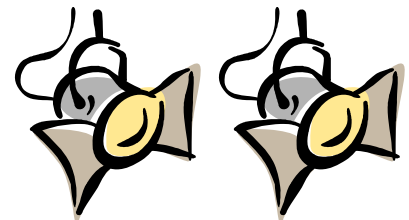
In its more than 30-year history, the program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to create works of art.

Please strongly encourage the children in your schools to participate in this event. This is one of the greatest opportunities for children to express themselves. Help us keep the arts alive!!!

Please contact SFCPTA Reflections Chair  
Deloris Walker @ 770.964.5920 with any questions



**PTA REFLECTIONS**  
40 Years of Achievement in the Arts



### Spotlight On!

Again, please send pictures of the PTA activities at your schools or send an article about what your PTA is doing.

SFCPTA really wants to pat you on the back and give a shout out for all the things that you are doing for the children of South Fulton.





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## H1N1 (Swine Flu) & Other Flu-Like Viruses Preparedness Update

- Any child at school with flu symptoms should be referred to the clinic and subsequently sent home.
- All flu viruses present the same symptoms (IE - Type A, H1N1, etc).
- In most cases H1N1 is only being confirmed in cases of hospitalization.
- Regardless of the type of flu or whether cases are confirmed, the treatment processes are the same.
- Keep children at home for 24 hours after the symptoms resolve and fever subsides without fever reducing medicine.
- Insist children and staff practice proper cough etiquette and that they wash hands regularly with soap and water.
- Encourage children and staff to be vaccinated against the seasonal flu.
- Assist Student Health Services with monitoring absences/attendance rates.
- Reminder - students and staff who have fully recovered at home do not need a doctor's note to return to school (in most cases - The Cluster Nurses and Student Health Services can assist you if you have questions).

**News You Can Use**