

Panther Pride News Notes

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Progress Reports and Parent Pop Up Week

September 4, 2009

Our students are off to a fast start. The 4 1/2 week progress report card will be distributed at PTSA meeting on Tuesday, September 15th @ 6:30 p.m.

Our "Parent Pop-up Week" is also scheduled for
Thursday, September 17th
Friday, September 18th

You are invited to come and see your child's wonderful teachers in action. If you anticipate wanting to speak with the teacher set up a conference prior to "Parent Pop Up Week"!.!

Conference times are as follows for each grade level:

6th—1:50 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.
7th—9:30 a.m. to 10:40 p.m.
8th—11:25 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.



UNIFORMS AT PAUL D. WEST –Yes!

Red and Black –Yes!

Polo Shirts can be purchased for \$10 in the front office.

Facts about Flu Viruses (H1N1 and Seasonal Flu)

General Symptoms:

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Muscle
- Cough
- Runny Nose
- Extreme fatigue

Children exhibiting flu-like symptoms will be sent home from school

Access Your Child's
Grades Daily Online with
Parent Connect
Go to:

http://www.fultonschools.org/parent_connect.htm

And follow the directions

Please allow 1 week registration to be processed: **Please**

Note: You will need to come into the school office to receive your password.

Extended Learning Program is Underway

The Extended Learning Program provides additional tutorial assistance for students who scored Level 1 on the state mandated "CRCT". If your child is struggling, please sign them up for this very beneficial program.



Meeting days are Monday and Thursdays from 3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. starting Monday September 14th. Sweep bus transportation is provided to students.

Attention Parents

Mark your calendars for Early Release Day

September 16, 2009

Please make child care arrangements. Students will be dismissed at 12 noon.

All students must be off of the premises by 12:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 7th Labor Day
- 9th Hillcrest Community Outreach
- 9th Fundraiser money due
- 10th Grandparent Luncheon/Reading Bingo Night 6-8p.m.
- 14th Extended Learning starts
- 15th PTSA 6:30 p.m. Curriculum Night
- 16th Early Release
- 21st-25th ITBS test for 8th Grade
- 29th Back to School Jam



8th Grade Look Forward

Greetings to all 8th grade parents. We are looking forward to a fantastic year and high academic success for all the students. To help in this effort, please make sure your child has all the necessary supplies for each class. Instead of sending one large supply list home this year each teacher gave the students a list of the necessary supplies for the start of the school year. As other supplies are needed the teachers will give the students plenty of advance notice. Some general supplies that all students do need include a 3 ring notebook with dividers, pencils as well as different colored ink pens. Please send a box of Kleenex and Hand Sanitizer also. With so many illnesses going around, having a supply of Kleenex and Hand Sanitizer helps keep everyone from passing on so many germs.

We are looking forward with the end in mind. We encourage you to make sure your child is coming to school with completed homework and with a work ethic that yields success. After the Labor Day Holiday, we will give each student a letter to share with you about end of the year activities for 8th graders. We want to plan well in advance so that everyone will be able to participate in these events. The letter the students receive will outline the academic expectations as well as behavioral expectations. Please review this with your child to ensure them meeting all the expectations. Once you receive the letter, if you have any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher to address those questions.

Room Parents are still needed for each class. If you can volunteer some time to help with 8th grade activities, please send a note or email your child's homeroom teacher. Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement. We are looking forward to working together to ensure the best year possible for your child!!!

Chorus Fundraiser



The Panther Chorus has begun their Fall Fundraising Campaign. If you are interested in purchasing any Coca-Cola products, please see a Chorus Student, Parent or call Mr. Kimbro to place an order at 404-669-8130.



Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! I'm hoping that 2009-2010 will be a great year for all of our students here at Paul D. West. I would like to extend a friendly reminder to each of you that regular **school attendance** is essential for our children. Even at this early stage in the school year, we must ensure that our children come to school each and every day.

Regular school attendance is essential for academic progress. Absence from school prohibits your child from mastering important skills and keeping up with the rest of the class. Coming to school every day also helps children establish a routine and learn the importance of consistency. As a school social worker, it is my goal to assist you in any way possible to assure that your child is provided an opportunity to achieve academic success.

Children between their sixth and sixteenth birthdays must attend school. A child absent from school without a legal excuse is in violation of the Compulsory School Attendance Laws of the state of Georgia.

Absences for family reunions, birthdays, vacations, missing the school bus and so forth, are not excused under FCBOE policy. Descriptions of excused absences are listed in the student handbook and include: illness, death of an immediate family member, court order or subpoena, and religious holiday. Any other absences may be submitted to the principal for review.

When a child is absent from school, the parent needs to call the school before 9 a.m. in order to have missed work ready for pick up by the end of the school day. Upon the child's return to school, the parents must send a note explaining the reason for the absence, providing doctor's notes when able. Notes sent more than three days after the child's return to school may not be accepted.

This letter is to inform you of the guidelines of the law, Fulton County Schools' commitment to excellence in attendance as well as academic performance, and to ask your help in ensuring that your child attends school each and every day.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Sara Smith
School Social Worker
