

Dolvin Diary

January 23, 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

This is a reminder that students are prohibited from using items during the operation of the school bus which might interfere with the school bus communications equipment or the school bus driver's operation of the bus per the Fulton County Code of Conduct Rule 20: Interference with School Bus. Please take this opportunity to discuss with your children.

All code of conduct rules applies on school-provided transportation and at school bus stops. Students may not violate any direction of the school bus driver. Students may not disrupt the environment of the bus or bus stop in any manner, including but not limited to loud or boisterous behavior; failure to remain silent at railroad crossings; using emergency exits improperly; riding an unauthorized bus; disembarking at an unauthorized stop; throwing objects in the bus, or into or out of the bus; extending body parts or objects outside of the bus; drinking/eating/chewing gum; interference with District recording equipment; [failure to wear seat belts where fitted on buses, or unbuckling of seat belts before reaching the destination,] and failure to remain seated.

Additionally, students are prohibited from using items during the operation of a school bus in a manner which might interfere with the school bus communications equipment or the school bus driver's operation of the bus. These items include but are not limited to cell phones; pagers; audible radios; tape or compact disc players without head-phones; mirrors; laser; or flash cameras. (Consequences may include confiscation of device.) Cell phone use will not be allowed during the operation of the bus because it interferes with the operational technology. However, cell phones may be used with the special permission of the principal, supervising teacher, or bus driver while the student is on the bus waiting to depart the starting location or when the bus returns to its final destination after athletic events, field trips, or other special situation deemed appropriate by the principal, supervising teacher, or bus driver.

Please take a moment to complete the Georgia Parent Survey mentioned in last week's Diary. As of today, we have had only 26 parents complete the survey.

The parent survey is accessed through the following link:

Georgia Parent Survey

<https://gshs.gadoe.org/parents>

All surveys close on Friday, February 28th, 2020.

Your proud principal,

Karen Cooke

Principal

Dolvin Elementary School

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Parents of 5th Graders:

The fifth grade panoramic photo will be taken tomorrow, January 24th. If you wish to order, please send the completed form in with payment or order online at mylifetouch.com. Dolvin's picture day ID is AG209006T0. There is no preview for this order. All orders are pre-paid. Order yours today!

Automated Calls

If you receive a call from Fulton County Schools stating that your child is absent and you know that they are absent, there is no need to contact the front office. Simply send a note explaining the absence with your child when they return to school.

Of course, if you receive a call that your student is absent and you believe them to be at school, call the front office immediately.

School Governance Council

School Governance Council Strategic Plan Spotlight



Dolvin's Student Governance Council (SGC) has been busy refining and monitoring our school strategic plan. Our strategic plan has 4 goals: Student Achievement, People and Culture, Community Collaboration, and Fiscal Responsibility.

This month, our spotlight is on **People and Culture**: *we provide a welcoming environment and positive school culture for students, families, and employees.*



The two outcomes for this goal: 1) increase students' use of positive social behavior skills, and 2) increase staff and student appreciation and understanding of the cultures at Dolvin. These outcomes are monitored throughout the school year and tracked annually to assess progress.



Some examples of activities that Dolvin implements to achieve these outcomes include Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) and International Day.

Want more information about the SGC?

- Check out our webpage on the Dolvin.org website.
- Reach out to SGC members with questions.
- Regular updates about the SGC and components of the strategic plan will be in the Dolvin Diary.
- Stay tuned for details about open positions on the SGC and the election process!

INTERNATIONAL DAY 2020

What: A fun day spent learning about each other's cultures!

When: Wednesday, February 19, 2019

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Sign up here to get involved - <http://esolrivera.weebly.com/international-day.html>

Student Parade

Would your children like to be in our parade? Go to the link above to sign them up.

How can you get involved?

- Set up or work at a booth representing your native country
 - Help plan activities for a country
 - Work with people planning the booth to provide materials needed for the activities
 - Volunteer to help with a booth or in a general, supporting role
 - Prepare a dish of your favorite ethnic food for our Volunteer and Teacher Tasting Room
- *go to <http://esolrivera.weebly.com/> to sign up and see more ideas from previous years

Young Georgia Authors Competition 2020

If your student is interested in entering the Young Georgia Authors Competition, please open the PDF below for all details. The entries are due on Thursday, February 13th.



Cafeteria News

Click [here](#) for the cafeteria menu. Be sure your are looking at the menu for Dolvin Elementary School.

We will not be able to accomodate lunch visitors Monday, February 3rd, through Thursday, February 6th, due to the practice and performance of the 1st Grade Musical.

Media Center News

Please click the link below to learn more about what is going on in our Media Center!

<http://dolvinmedia.weebly.com/mc-news>

FROM PTA:

CALLING ALL DADS!

Dolvin Dads needed for bus and carpool help each Friday morning (7:10 to 7:40 a.m.)!

Sign up [HERE!](#)

Dates to Remember

Friday, January 24th

Fifth Grade Panoramic Photo Session

Monday, January 27th

100th Day of School

Tuesday, January 28th

Hispanic Parent Meeting with Mrs. Holladay, Room 504, 9:00 a.m.

Reunión de padres hispanos con enlace de comunidad bilingüe, señora Holladay

Thursday, January 30th

English Learning Parent Book Club @ Read It Again Book Store, 9:00 a.m. (6052, 3630 Peachtree Pkwy # 314, Suwanee, GA 30024)

Monday, February 3rd through Thursday, February 6th

No Lunch Visitors

Thursday, February 6

1st Grade Musical, 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria

Tuesday, February 11th

South Asian Parent Workshop with guest speaker Surinder Bal, 9:00 a.m., at **Medlock Bridge ES**

Friday, February 14th

Dolvin Professional Day - No School for Students

Monday, February 17th

School Closed for Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 19th

International Day

Anxiety: How to Help your Kids deal with Worries

Parent University – Parents, please mark your schedule for Thursday, January 30, 2020, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., at Abbotts Hill Elementary School. Counselors with Summit Counseling Center will lead a discussion on anxiety.

Anxiety: How to Help Your Kids Deal with Worries

Come join in the conversation to talk about how anxiety can affect our children and how you can help. The most common question that is asked is: Is this a phase? We will help address whether the worries you are seeing in your child is a phase or something more. Like how you can tell what normal worries are versus when they become excessive, or behavioral problems versus anxious behaviors. We will talk about some “Red Flags” to watch for when the behaviors become too big for your child. We will also walk through some key tools to combating anxiety and how parents can be the support system in the home.

This is an opportunity to come with any questions you may have to ask what worries are and how they are affecting your child, and more!

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by sending an email to me at consolom@fultonschools.org and state how many people will be attending.

