



Crabapple Middle School

Friday Notes

October 29-Nov. 2, 2007

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct. 29	Picture Retake Day
Oct. 31	Volleyball vs. Elkins Pointe MS @ EPMS 5:00
Nov. 1	Volleyball vs. Haynes Bridge Ms @ CMS 5:00
Nov. 7	Volleyball vs. Northwestern MS @ CMS 5:00
Nov. 9	Volleyball vs. Ridgeview @ Ridgeview 5:00
Nov. 12	PTA Board Meeting—12:30pm
Nov. 14	Volleyball vs. Sandy Springs MS @ SSMS
Nov. 15	Jr. Beta Club Meeting
Nov. 15	CMS 'Movie Night' 5:30-8:45

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31 de octubre	Partido de volibol contra Elkins Point - 5:00
1 de noviembre	Partido de volibol contra Haynes Bridge -5:00
7 de noviembre	Partido de volibol contra Northwestern MS- 5:00
9 de noviembre	Partido de volibol contra Ridgeview—5:00

Washington Trip Deposit DUE –Don't Miss Out

8th graders—don't delay in reserving a seat on the bus for the trip to Washington, March 19-22. This trip includes visiting the monuments, the White House, museums and other historical sites. There is a \$100.00 deposit due by October 31st to reserve a seat on this trip.

Drama Dept. Fundraiser ~ Family Portrait Day

The CMS Drama Department is teaming up again with Tanner Photography to provide us with Family Portrait Day, November 8th from 4:30pm to 8:00pm and November 11th from noon until 4:00pm. Just in time for the holidays, families will receive a 11" x 14" professional, canvas portrait normally priced at \$144.00 for only \$30.00. The informational flyer and form were attached to report cards and are available in the front office. Contact Beth Lane at 770)552-0025 for more information.

Rotary Student of The Month

Congratulations to Joseph Bartlett, Roswell Rotary's Student of the Month. One 8th grader each month is recognized at their luncheon that has been nominated by a teacher and they are presented with a plaque and savings bond. Joseph was nominated by Ms. Porter. Congratulations Joseph!

Picture Retake Day is Oct. 29th

If you would like to have your child's school picture retaken, simply have them return their **complete picture packet** on Oct. 29th. Also, if your child was absent or is new to CMS, they can have their picture taken.

COACH'S CORNER

Mimi Gamel—Graduation Coach

Our 8th graders participated in the Department of Education's Drug Awareness Survey this week. As parents, YOU are the most powerful influence when it comes to keeping teens away from alcohol and drugs. Teens that are monitored by their parents are less likely to use alcohol and engage in other risky behaviors before, during or after school. Help keep after school activities safe by asking questions about your teen's plans and talk to them about how to say no to alcohol and drugs while still having a good time. Always supervise internet and cell phone usage. You can also order free parent resources, including *Navigating The Teen Years: A Parent's Handbook for Raising Healthy Teens* by calling the Clearinghouse @ 1-800-788-2800.



Be a Part of the 8th Grade Dance Committee

An 8th grade dance organizational meeting will be held on November 6th at 9:00am in the school cafeteria for anyone interested in helping with this annual dance. It's a lot of fun, so don't miss out if you are interested. Contact ksfber@aol.com for further information or if you are interested in being on the committee and can't make the meeting.

Annual Reflections Program

Students, it's time to gather your creative talent and get ready for Reflections! This year's theme is "I can make a difference by...". Students may submit entries in six different areas: Literature, Film/Video Production, Musical Composition, Dance Choreography, Photography and Visual Arts. Please contact Mabelle Loudon at maloudon@comcast.net for more information. Forms are available in the school's front office.

Interim Assistant Principal

Ms. Camille McElroy, Assistant Principal, will be retiring in January, 2008, after 31 years of dedicated service to children. Ms. McElroy is on leave until her retirement and we welcome Mr. Earnest Killum as our Interim Assistant Principal. Mr. Killum is a retired Fulton County Principal and we are excited to work with him during this transition period. Mr. Killum will assume the sixth grade level duties held by Ms. McElroy. We will say our 'official' good-bye to Ms. McElroy in the spring as part of the Fulton Retirement celebration.

CMS Lunch Menu

NO STUDENT IS ALLOWED TO 'CHARGE' A LUNCH

Monday	Chicken Divan, Cuban Pork Sub, Chicken Enchilada, Deli Sandwich
Tuesday	Chili with Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Nuggets, Pizza, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates
Wednesday	BBQ Chicken, Corndog, Nachos Grande, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates
Thursday	Oven Fried Chicken, Chicken Rings, Beef Enchilada, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates
Friday	Shrimp Poppers, Hamburger, Pizza, Deli Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates

North Spring Charter School Showcase

North Springs Charter School of Arts & Sciences will be holding a School Showcase on November 4th at 3:00pm. Any interested parents are invited to attend this informational gathering, offering a sneak preview of magnet and non-magnet opportunities for prospective students.

MRSA Awareness in Schools

Staph infections, including Community-Acquired Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (CA-MRSA), are becoming a frequent topic in the local and national news. Understandably, our communities are concerned about the impact staph infections could have on our schools. Here, at CMS, we have one confirmed case and this student is under a doctor's care and has met all requirements to return to school. The administration feels good about the family's response and is confident that all guidelines were followed. In addition, prior to knowing about the student, the school had already instituted additional cleaning in the locker room area and clinic. We had purchased a new machine over the summer to be used in deep cleaning the restrooms, using chemicals meeting requirements to kill staph germs. We want to share accurate information about this common skin infection and what the Fulton County School System is doing to protect our students and eliminate its possible spread. All students were given a packet of information in homeroom to take home to parents that outlines the district plan. We will also link that information to the school website. By following the guidelines provided we can effectively prevent and control the spread of serious antibiotic-resistant infections. The CMS administrative team will work closely with our custodial, clinic and PE staff to insure student and staff health and safety.

Red Ribbon Week - Informational & Fun

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who worked to make our **Red Ribbon Week** a success. A special 'thank you' to Linda Nicklin, for heading up activities associated with Red Ribbon Week. The students enjoyed the assembly with the Roswell Police, decorating homeroom doors, creating jingles and the other activities during the week.

Book Fair ~ A Huge Success!

The Book Fair was a blast. Thanks to the parents who dropped by the Book Fair. We hope you enjoyed browsing the books while drinking a cup of coffee! A huge "THANKS" goes out to the local businesses that provided our prizes: **The Roasting House in Roswell (donated Monday and Friday's specialty coffee), Alessio's Pizza, Cakes by Darcy, Coffee Buy the Book, Lulu's Bakery, Shape Xpress, and Trader Joe's.**

The following are the winners of the parent drawing. If you have not yet picked up your prize, stop by the Media Center: Trader Joe's bag of groceries – Darla Layton; Shape Xpress passes & goodies – Brenda Orlans; Lulu's Bakery gift certificate – Sara Hoover; Cakes by Darcy gift certificates – Julie Adams, Megan Saunders, Katie Matthews, Jean Bagwell, Lauren Sheridan & Kim Nolte. Last, but definitely not least, thanks to all those who volunteered their time to work a shift (or two) at the Book Fair. We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks to Beth Miller, Maryann Sablich & Melanie Smith for allowing us to take over their offices and the Media Center. A great time was had by all!

Partnership Perks

We would like to thank Fidelity Bank for their donation of fresh-baked cookies enjoyed by cluster teachers visiting our school on Wednesday. Fidelity Bank offers personalized banking services and cookies, a winning combination!

We are happy to announce that we have partnered with Wal-Mart in their efforts to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. This organization provides an estimated 2.5 billion in charity funds to hospitals all over the country each year, including Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.