



Crabapple Middle School

Friday Notes

Week of Aug. 18-Aug. 22, 2008



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug. 18	PTA Board Meeting @ 12:30pm
Aug. 20	Linda Schultz Community Mtg-Mimosa Elem.
Aug. 21	Welcome Back Party 4:00-5:30
Aug. 22	New Parent Coffee @ 9:00a.m.
Aug. 26	Curriculum Night - 7th/8th 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 28	Curriculum Night - 6th 7:00 p.m. PTA Meeting

First Day Packet Information

All students were given a 'First Day Packet' to take home, with the following documents: Student Accident Insurance Plan, Bus Safety Rules, a Fulton County School Calendar, Free and Reduced Meal Application, Medical Authorization Forms, an Internet Permission Form, and a Middle School Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook. Please be sure and ask your student for these important documents. Our front office has extra copies of all documents.

New Morning Procedure

Beginning Monday, August 18th, any student arriving to school before 7:30am is to be seated on the front benches until the school opens at 7:30. There are no supervised activities for students prior to that time. Once students enter the building they are to go immediately to their help session or intramurals (once they begin) or to the cafeteria. It is the expectation that all students will be supervised once they enter the building. We appreciate your cooperation.

First Week of School

Thank you for sending us such awesome students! This has been a great first week of school. The students have returned to school ready to learn and have demonstrated Husky PRIDE in their behaviors. Many of our students have experienced schedule changes this first week. We are working diligently to place the students in the most appropriate classes and to balance class size as well. Over the summer we had computer problems resulting in the loss of data that had been entered for schedules. The extent of the loss was not totally apparent until students arrived and traveled their schedules. We regret that it happened but want you to know that we will have all conflicts or errors resolved as quickly as possible. Your students have been great and we appreciate your understanding and support.



New Parent Coffee!

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August 22, 2008

Media Center @ 9:00am

All parents with students new to Crabapple Middle School ~ Please come and meet our administrators, counselors, PTA representatives and other new parents.

Affidavit of Residence Forms

Starting this school year, parents/guardians of all new students and incoming sixth grade students **MUST** submit a notarized Affidavit of Residence form certifying that the family resides in Fulton County at the address given to the school. When completing this form, the family must provide two documents, such as a current bank statement or utility bill, a paycheck stub, an apartment lease or a copy of a home contract. A driver's license is not acceptable as proof of residency. In addition, all **returning** students must complete an affidavit form certifying that they still reside at the address given to the school the previous year. These forms can be downloaded from the Fulton County website, www.fultonschools.org. These forms are due by August 22nd.

Sally Foster Fundraiser Has Begun

Each student received a Sally Foster packet on Friday with gift product and magazine sales information. While raising important funds for our PTA benefiting CMS, your student can earn chances to win prizes. Thanks for your support!

Join PTA

Parents, you are encouraged to join our PTA and show support for the school. The PTA sponsors our Reflections Program and supports our teachers with grants to further learning in the classroom. Forms are on our school's website.

Back to School Party

The CMS PTA is sponsoring our 2nd annual Back to School Party Thursday, August 23rd from 4:00pm until 5:30pm. The fun-filled afternoon will include games, pizza and drinks. Permission slips go home Aug. 15th and are mandatory for admission. There will be no after school sweep bus available. **No students will be allowed to call home the day of the party to secure this required permission slip.**

CMS Lunch Menu

Monday	Nachos Grande, Chicken Tenders, Vegetables, Deli Sandwich, Various Salad Plates
Tuesday	Beefaroni, Asian Chicken Bites, Vegetables, Deli Sandwich, Various Salad Plates
Wednesday	Roasted Turkey, Hamburger, Vegetables, Deli Sandwich, Various Salad Plates
Thursday	Tacos, Cuban Pork Sandwich, Vegetables, Deli Sandwich, Various Salad Plates
Friday	Fried fish, Chicken Sandwich, Vegetables, Deli Sandwich, Various Salad Plates

NO STUDENT IS ALLOWED TO 'CHARGE' A LUNCH

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OF THE SCREENING AND REFERRAL PROCESS FOR GIFTED SERVICES

The Fulton County School System screens students for eligibility for gifted services twice a year.

- I. Automatic Screening-** At the beginning of the school year, TAG teachers review previous year's test scores.
 - Standardized Tests**
Students must have a minimum of an 85th percentile and a 90th percentile in two of the three areas: Total Reading, Total Math, and Complete Battery
 - Criterion-Referenced Competency Test**
Students must score in the top 20 percent on the reading or mathematics section when compared to all other students in the system
 - Grades (high school only)**
Students must have an overall cumulative average of 95 or greater
- II. Classroom Screening-** Local schools select a two-week period from January 5 -February 27, 2009, to review **all** students in their school. Classroom teachers use the *Characteristics Instrument for Screening Students* (CISS) to identify students with superior abilities in five or more of the following areas: motivation, interests, communications skills, problem-solving abilities, memory, inquiry, insight, reasoning, creativity, and humor. Parents may request to view their child's screening results.

Students who meet either the automatic screening OR classroom screening criteria AND who have supporting data gathered from test history, products, and/or advanced content levels are **referred** for gifted placement testing. Once referred to testing:

Parents receive the *Parent Notification for Testing Consent Form*.

Student is tested for the gifted program.

Parents receive test results.

If state eligibility is determined, students are placed in the TAG program.

Parents may request to view their child's screening results. For more complete information regarding Fulton County Schools Gifted Services, please visit www.fultonschools.org/dept/curriculum/tag contact the teacher of gifted students at your school, or call 404-763-6811.

Local School Advisory Council News

The CMS Local School Advisory Council has an opening for a parent to serve as a parent member on this council. This council provides advice and recommendations to the principal relating to student achievement and school improvement. Any parent interested in having their name placed on the ballot should submit a letter of interest to the school principal, Dr. Kimothy Jarrett by August 21st. The election will be August 26th at 6:30pm in the café. If you want more information, contact Agneta Mimms at 770)649-6793.

Partnership Perks

CMS would like to thank our wonderful business partners for 'stepping right in' to help us this new school year. The Sophisticated Sardine Catering Company and Chick-Fil-A donated various items to help start the school year off right.

If you are interested in being a business partner with CMS, contact Dana Pearson, Partners In Education Coordinator, for more information at 770-552-4520 ext. 136 or email pearsond@fultonschools.org.