



Crabapple Middle School

Friday Notes

Week of Aug. 25-Aug. 29, 2008



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug. 26	Curriculum Night - 7th/8th 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 28	Curriculum Night - 6th 6:45 p.m. PTA Meeting
Sept. 1	Labor Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL
Sept. 9	Math Night for 6th Grade 7-8:30pm
Sept. 10	Math Night for 8th Grade 7-8:30pm
Sept. 11	Math Night for 7th Grade 7-8:30pm
Sept. 12	Linda Schultz Community Meeting ~ Sweet Apple Elementary School
Sept. 15	PTA Board Meeting ~ 12:30pm
Sept. 17	Early Release Day & Picture Day

Student Council Applications

Do you want to make a difference this year and have a voice at Crabapple Middle School? Are you willing to lead committees and be a representative for your class? Then we need you! CMS Student Council will be holding Officer elections very shortly!! If you are interested in becoming a voice for your student body, you may pick up an application packet from Mrs. McCaulley in room 402 beginning next Monday, August 25 but no later than August 29. We look forward to a great year and letting your voice be heard! For more information, check out our website at www.freewebs.com/crabapplesc/ Look forward to seeing you!

Important Clinic Information

Parents, if you want your child to have over-the-counter medication at school, you must complete the medication form and send in the medication from home. The clinic cannot give medication unless we have both of these items. Medication forms will be discarded if they are incomplete and are not sent in with the medication indicated on the form. The form must state the medication to be given, the dosage and time to be administered and have the proper signatures. If you have questions, please contact the clinic.

Emergency Medications: If your child has an allergy, asthma, diabetes, seizures or any health condition which may require emergency medications, please contact the clinic so that we can be properly prepared to care for your child should a situation arise. It is important to have care plans, medications and authorization forms signed by a doctor on file in the clinic. Please feel free to call if there are any health related issues you feel should be discussed. The clinic is open from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and can be reached at 770-552-4520, Ext. 133.

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 last 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, including a VISA gift card worth \$150. Thanks for your support!

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.

Curriculum Nights

Please be sure to attend Curriculum Night for your child's grade level. You will follow your student's schedule and receive a syllabus from the grade level.

Aug. 26	Curriculum Night 7th/8th	7:00 pm
Aug. 28	PTA Mtg./6th Curriculum Night	6:45 pm

Early Release Day Sept. 17th ~ School Ends @ 12:35

The first of 5 early release days is scheduled for September 17th. Students will be dismissed at 12:35pm and follow the normal bus schedule. On these days, teachers and school staff will use the remainder of the day to participate in school wide trainings and professional development. Other dates are Oct. 15th, Nov. 19th, Feb. 25th and March 25th.



Link to View Meal Menus

Visit <http://www.fultonschools.org/dept/schoolnutrition/> website to view the breakfast and lunch menus for the month. This website has valuable nutrition information for all parents. Remember, no student is allowed to 'charge' a meal in middle school.

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. 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 Mom's Table for providing our Leadership Team with a delicious meal last week. In addition, Fidelity Bank provided their wonderful cookies.

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. We love to work with parents as business partners.