



Crabapple Middle School

Friday Notes

Week of Sept. 1-Sept. 5, 2008



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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



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.

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.

Sally Foster Fundraising

Each student received a Sally Foster packet 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!

Extramural Soccer Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sept. 16	Elkins Pointe	Crabapple
Sept. 19	Haynes Bridge	Crabapple
Sept. 24	Northwestern	Crabapple
Sept. 26	Hopewell	Crabapple
Oct. 1	Sandy Springs	Sandy Springs
Oct. 3	Ridgeview	Ridgeview
Oct. 8	Fulton Science Acad.	Crabapple

* All games begin at 5:00 p.m.

Communicating Friday Notes

Beginning this Friday, August 29th, Friday Notes will be sent electronically to all families who have given us their email addresses. All editions can also be seen on our school's web-site. Copies will always be available in the front office. If you haven't given the school your email address and would like to receive Friday Notes, email Dana Pearson your information at pearsond@fultonschools.org.

Procedures for Checking Out Students

When checking your student out during a school day, please **send a note** with your student. Students should take their check-out note to the front office in the morning. Parents should always **bring identification** with them when checking students out of school. In addition, when your child is **absent from school**, please submit an **excuse note** to the front office within two days of the absence.

Sweep Bus Begins September 3rd

A late activities bus will begin running Sept. 3rd to accommodate students who participate in after school activities. A signed permission form, available in our front office, must be on file at the school to ride this bus. Projected departure time is 5:00pm on Mondays and 5:30pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. There is no sweep bus on Tuesdays or Fridays. Drop off locations are printed on the back of the permission form. Normal bus routes are not run with this late bus.

Tennis Anyone?

The CMS Tennis team will have their first team practice Monday, Sept. 8th from 3:45-5:00. All skill levels are welcome to attend. Beginner/intermediate players will practice two days a week and advanced players will practice one day a week. The countywide tournament will be Saturday, Oct. 18th. CMS will bring 6 boys and 6 girls to the tournament. Each child will need a physical and intramural form filled out and returned to Coach Thomas before the first practice to be eligible. We look forward to another successful season as we look to bring home a trophy for the second straight year!



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.

Partnership Perks

We would like to thank Bella Flora for donating roses for parents attending Curriculum Nights. Visit their location at 1030 Woodstock Road, Suite 3110 for all your floral needs.

We would like to thank our PTA volunteers who copied and collated all documents necessary for Curriculum Nights. This huge project could not have been completed without their help!

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.