



# Crabapple Middle School

## Friday Notes

Week of Aug. 24-Aug. 28, 2009



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Aug. 24 PTA Board Meeting @ 9:30am
- Aug. 25 Curriculum Night - 7th/8th 7:00 p.m.  
8th Grade Washington Information Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- Aug. 27 Curriculum Night - 6th 7:00 p.m.  
PTA Meeting - 6:45 p.m.
- Sept. 14 Interim Progress Reports distributed
- Sept. 16 Early Release Day—students dismissed at 12:35pm  
Picture Day

### 'Husky Hut' Open Daily

To accommodate our students, our own school store, *The Husky Hut*, is open each morning from 8:00am-8:25am should your student need any school supplies. The cost of items is low and there is no sales tax. In addition, each student is asked to bring in one ream of 20 lb white copy paper for classroom use. Your support is very much appreciated!

### Roswell High School Football Games

Last Friday night, RHS had over 1600 students attend their first varsity football scrimmage at Roswell High School. The majority of the students in attendance were high school students but there were also a couple hundred students from middle and elementary schools. RHS is excited to begin their 2009 season on August 28<sup>th</sup> against Tift County HS and are asking for your assistance in future home games. The following are guidelines from Dr. Ed Spurka, RHS principal:

*Children that are not currently enrolled in the high school must be accompanied to the game with a parent or guardian. Students getting dropped off will not be admitted.*

*Please have your children sit with you during the game and help supervise your child. Last Friday night there was a large gathering of younger students in the south end of the stadium and by the concession stand which caused some problems for our visitors and staff on duty.*

### 8th Grade Washington Trip Parent Meeting

We are pleased to announce that plans are being made for our 5th trip to Washington D.C. with the 8th grade class. This trip will take place in the spring. Please join us for an informational meeting on August 25th at 6:00pm to find out all of the details about this exciting trip!

### 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 and in the front office.

### Friday Notes Sent Electronically and on Website

Beginning next week, our weekly editions of Friday Notes will be sent electronically to all parents who have given us their email addresses. In addition, they are posted weekly on our school website, [www.crabapplemiddle school.org](http://www.crabapplemiddle school.org) as well as all previous editions of the notes. We also keep copies in the front office. Unfortunately, some email addresses 'block' our submission of Friday Notes and this is beyond our control.

### 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!

### 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. 25 Curriculum Night 7th/8th 7:00 pm
- Aug. 27 PTA Mtg./6th Curriculum Night 6:45 pm

### Equestrian Club

Any student who is interested in participating in an Interscholastic Equestrian Club, please pick up a flyer from the Counseling Office. An informational parent meeting is scheduled for September 2 at 7:00 p.m. here at Crabapple. See Mrs. Doetsch in the Counseling Office if you have any questions.

### Junior Promenade of Roswell

Junior Promenade of Roswell invites all 7th and 8th grade students to attend their fall classes covering manners, etiquette and dancing. The classes are on Sunday evenings. If you want more information contact:

- 7th grade: Paige Seibert (770)315-0782
- 8th grade: Kim Nolte (770)649-7010

## CMS Lunch Information

Parents, please visit <http://www.fultonschools.org/dept/schoolnutrition/index.asp> for breakfast and lunch menus and pricing. Remember, no student at CMS is allowed to 'charge' a meal.

### 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 85<sup>th</sup> percentile and a 90<sup>th</sup> 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 26, 2010, 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.***

For more complete information regarding Fulton County Schools Gifted Services, please visit <http://www.fultonschools.org/k12/TalentedandGifted/>. There you will find our Talented and Gifted Brochure and Q&A documents. You may also contact the teacher of gifted students at your school or call 404-763-6811.

### MANDATORY Affidavit of Residence Forms

As mandated by Fulton County policy, 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](http://www.fultonschools.org). These forms are due by August 28th and we have a notary on staff for your convenience.

### Partnership Perks

CMS would like to thank The Home Depot on Woodstock Road for rebuilding all of the picnic tables in the bus island with the gazebo so students and teachers can enjoy the outside. They also built a bench around the tree for classes to use.

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](mailto:pearsond@fultonschools.org). We love having parents as partners!