



Crabapple Middle School Friday Notes

Week of Aug. 27-Aug. 31, 2007

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug. 28	Curriculum Night - 7th/8th 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 30	Curriculum Night- 6th 7:00 p.m. PTA Meeting
Sept. 3	Labor Day Holiday—No School
Sept. 17	Progress Reports Distributed

MARQUE SU CALENDARIO

28 de agosto	noche de informacion del Curriculo Septimo y octavo grado a las 7:00p.m.
30 de agosto	Noche de informacion del Curriculo Sexto grado a las 7:00p.m.; Reunion del PTA

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. 28	7th/8th Curriculum Night	7:00 p.m.
Aug. 30	PTA Mtg./6th Curriculum Night	7:00 p.m.

Procedures for Checking Out Students

When it is necessary for you to check 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. Thank you very much for your cooperation! In addition, when your child is **absent from school**, please submit an **excuse note** to the front office within two days of the absence.

Successful Back to School Party!

We would like to thank the PTA for hosting our second annual Back to School Party. The students enjoyed an afternoon of good music, food and camaraderie with fellow classmates.

Sally Foster Fundraiser Has Begun

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 a Nintendo Wii and/or be guaranteed a \$50 gift certificate. What a win-win situation! You can even place an order via the internet. This fundraiser ends September 7th, so don't delay. Contact Julia Eshpeter at 678-921-4053 or Terry Heard at 770-587-2971 if you have any questions. Thanks for your support!

Mentors Needed!

We are still in need of mentors for our MATHLETES Mentoring Program. Mentors have a weekly influence in skills-building in basic math. **Please consider volunteering!** Mentors meet with students every Wednesday morning from 8:40am until 9:20am. Teachers provide you with prepared folders on specific math deficits and CRCT workbooks. Our program is in its 12th year. It has changed to meet school needs. Our school goal is to close the achievement gap and help all students reach Level 2 in math. This program is one that addresses building skills in areas with re-teaching or filling gaps of learning. We go after specified weaknesses. We have seen dramatic changes in student attitudes, raised test scores and more success in math classes. Please come aboard! Contact Pat Barteel at 770-552-4520, ext. 129 or email, barteel@fulton.k12.ga.us as soon as possible.

Parents Can View Bus Transportation Website

Parents can now view school bus change information and bus delays via the Internet. Begin at the Fulton County School's homepage, www.fultonschools.org/index.asp, then click the 'School Bus Information' button on the left navigation bar. Click the 'School Bus Delays/Changes' button on the bottom right of the page, then select the school and, from the drop-down box, click the 'Submit' button.

Affidavit of Residence Forms

Starting this school year, parents/guardians of all 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. The school has a notary available Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:00am until noon. Anyone with a signed waiver has 30 days to provide the school with this document. The affidavit can be downloaded from the Fulton County website, www.fultonschools.org.

Office Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in working in the CMS front office as a parent volunteer and missed the sign up opportunity on Readiness Day, please contact Sandy Campbell at sandracampbell@bellsouth.net or Linda Spagnola-Bragg at lindasb@bellsouth.net for further information.

CMS Lunch Menu

Monday	Chicken Enchiladas, Chicken Nuggets, Soft Shell Taco, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates
Tuesday	Beefaroni, Ham/Cheese Sandwich, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates
Wednesday	Asian Chicken Bites, Chicken Tenders, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates
Thursday	Baked Chicken, Hot Dog/Chili, Turkey Wrap, Various Salad Plates
Friday	Fried Fish, Chicken Wings, Burrito, Turkey Wrap, 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 7 -February 29, 2008, 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.fulton.k12.ga.us/DEPT/curriculum/TAG/index.htm>, 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. Please submit your letter of interest no later than August 27th. Elections will be held August 30th.

Partnership Perks

CMS would like to thank Mario's Pizzeria for supplying the pizza enjoyed at our Back to School Party.

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.