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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

As the end of this school year draws near, I must share with you some of our most recent highlights. We just received preliminary results from the 5th grade writing test and I have been told that our 5th graders “set the curve” with the highest scores in the Atlanta Public Schools! We are waiting for CRCT and ITBS results and will send all of that testing data home, with report cards, in early June. I know our students have made incredible progress this year, so I am confident we will continue to shine in terms of achievement. We also are among the very elite of IB schools, with an evaluation report from IB North America that is exemplary. Our students and staff have worked tirelessly this school year to exemplify the IB Student Profile and their involvement in many worthwhile actions demonstrate their commitment to bettering our school, our community, and our environment. We have recently been designated a Clean Air School, which means we have made great strides to positively impact our environment. We are expecting a Healthy Schools designation soon as well as we work to reduce our intake of sugars and increase our consumption of healthy foods and exercise. Thank you for your help with all of these on-going projects.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful parents. This year's PTA has worked tirelessly to help make our school the best it can be and the PTA Board has my true appreciation for all of the hours they put into the effort. For all of you who have contributed time, talent, and/or treasure, THANK YOU! You have helped make a good school a great school and your efforts are truly appreciated. On behalf of our staff, thank you for all you did to make Teacher Appreciation Week the best ever.

Have a wonderful last few days of school and make plans to really enjoy this summer break. Be sure to read a good book or two and spend some quality time with family and friends. Remember, the summer months are short and we will look forward to seeing most of you again in August!

## PTA CORNER

We can't believe how fast this school year has flown by. It has been our pleasure and honor to work with all of our PTA committees this year. Teacher Appreciation Chairs, **Terri Bone, Kitty Hartley, and Bev Selby**, worked hard ALL year organizing lunches, staff meeting snacks, and special treats for our teachers. They deserve a big THANK YOU!!! **Eric Hume, Natasha Phillips, and Julie Tepper** did an excellent job coordinating our fun Field Days, and a huge shout out to **Robin Kahn** who did an incredible job making our IB Video come to life. We'd especially like to thank **Doug Duerr, Cathy Barshay, and Amy Fletcher** who worked closely with us on a weekly basis to make sure announcements and the Jaguar Pause were distributed.

Kudos to our FABULOUS PTA Board - **Rosanne Kirkman, Leslie Bolden, Cheryl Windom, Susan Collingsworth, Ellen Black, Nancy Okeson, Melissa Sturgis and Karen Yanoshik**. These ladies made our job easier, and we could not have done it without them.

It's also been a pleasure to work closely with Dr.Reich and her staff. Dr.Reich's dedication and support make Jackson a special place. We have incredible teachers who love to teach and inspire our children. Jackson families have a lot to be proud of! We are positive that under the leadership of Melissa and Karen your PTA will continue to do great things.

We hope you have a safe and happy summer! -*Marianna and Jennifer*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 21 Field Day (Primary)  
May 21 Honors Day (4th and 5th Grades)  
May 24 5th Grade Celebration  
May 25 Last Day of School

## BOOK SALE

The book sale is almost here!! The used book sale begins next week at the main campus. Students will be allowed to shop for books before school, after school, and during lunch time. We have books, movies, computer games and posters. Parents, please come and shop for your summer reading books. We have a lot of books for parents as well! Most paperback books are \$1 and hardback books are \$2. The book sale will be held in the Math Lab. All money this year goes to the Jane Goodall Institute!!

## CLASS OF 2010

Don't forget that the 5th Grade Celebration is May 24, 2010 at 5:30 PM in the Jackson Gymnasium at the Main Campus. Suggested attire is: white or pastel color dresses for the girls and khaki pants, white shirt and tie for the boys. Formal invitations will be coming home shortly. We look forward to seeing you there!

## PARTNERS IN EDUCATION NEEDS YOU

**We need our parents who own businesses or work for local companies** that can donate \$2,500 worth of goods and services during the 2010 – 2011 school calendar year. As a Partner, your business would become a preferred vendor for Warren T Jackson. With this program, we will provide numerous advertising opportunities for your business.

To learn more about our empowering Partners in Education program, please contact one of our 2010-2011 Chairs of the Partner of Education committee by **Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. Contact Information: Karen Roman [karenroman@comcast.net](mailto:karenroman@comcast.net) 770-329-5146 (cell) and Kathleen Eidson [kathleen\\_eidson@mac.com](mailto:kathleen_eidson@mac.com) 404-822-6665 (cell)

## JACKSON AFTER SCHOOL

Jackson After School has begun registration for the 2010-2011 school year. Please visit our website at [www.jacksonafterschool.com](http://www.jacksonafterschool.com) for registration packets and more information. You may also stop by our desk in the Media Center from 3:00-6:00 daily. Don't delay, spaces are very limited!

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The Directory Committee is hard at work updating everyone's information for next year. With 600 current families entering 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade next year, they have their work cut out for them! If you haven't done so yet, please help move the process along by returning your blue Directory Information Form to the front office of either campus over the next week—even if you don't have any changes.

## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Last week's Teacher Appreciation Week was a big success due in large part to all the volunteers who helped with arranging and delivering flowers, helping in the classrooms, donating books/magazines, and preparing scrumptious desserts and fruit for the teachers' luncheon held at the primary and main campuses. Thank you so much to everyone who helped – we could have never done it without you.

We must also say a big thank you to three of our Jackson families: **Paul & Angela Smith with Park Tavern, John Lieng with John's Alterations, and Robin Wilson with Café at The Stalls**. Robin catered a delicious lunch of salad and sandwiches for the teachers and staff at both campuses. As a gift, we gave each teacher and staff member a lunch tote monogrammed with their initials in which the monogramming was 100% donated by John's Alterations! And, the Park Tavern donated \$25 gift certificates! So, please support these businesses that so graciously support our school. Their overwhelming generosity, as well as, everyone's generous donation of their time and effort made this a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week.

Thank you so much to all of you in showing our teachers and staff how much we appreciate them!!!

## COUGAR NEWS

Get a glimpse of Sutton's wonderful Showcase at Chastain Amphitheatre here: <http://www.suttonmiddleschool.org/Documents/source/0910/sourcelatestedition.pdf>

The Sutton Cougar's look forward to greeting our rising Jackson 6th graders in August. Let the middle school fun begin!

### Jaguar Pause Submissions

Submissions for the Jaguar Pause are due by 2:30 pm, Monday of the week of publication. ALL article submissions should be emailed to [jaguarpause@yahoo.com](mailto:jaguarpause@yahoo.com). PLEASE be mindful of our deadline. There may be some occasions when we simply CAN-NOT accept your late entry. We appreciate your understanding and your ON TIME submissions.

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