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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



It seems one of the hottest gifts this past holiday season was electronic in nature, and many of those electronics are coming to school. While we have no official school policy against cell phones, iPads, Kindles, or other type machines, we do discourage students from

bringing them to school. This concern is primarily around breakage, loss, or theft. Teachers cannot be responsible for securing these items, and the likelihood of something getting lost or broken is high. If you decide to allow your child to bring a Kindle, or other electronics, to school, you will be asked to sign a waiver acknowledging that the school will not be responsible for the electronics. Teachers will always have the right to confiscate, and return to the parent, any electronic (or other) device that is used incorrectly or is distracting to teaching and learning in the classroom. Please discuss with your child's teacher the benefits to your child of bringing electronics to school. Hopefully, together, you will make the best decision for your child, and perhaps, your wallet!

APS will hold its second demographic-capacity study community meeting at North Atlanta High School on Wednesday, Feb 1, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will be the opportunity to provide input and feedback on the second round of maps and scenarios from the independent demographers looking at capacity issues in our cluster of schools. We hope you can join us for what should be a very informative meeting.

We're getting excited about our upcoming Read-A-Thon. Thank you in advance for your support. We always look forward to this emphasis on reading and the many fun ways parents and teachers plan to celebrate our literacy. Keep your eyes open for important Read-A-Thon materials and ways you can support reading both at school and at home. It is going to be a fun January!

PTA CORNER

Hello Jackson Families - we hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday weekend, and that you are all now ready to officially begin the Read-A-Thon! To quote Dr. Seuss, "the more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go". Please encourage your children to read to foster their love as it will truly take them places!

The time of year has come for us to begin nominating individuals for the various PTA Committee positions for the 2012 - 2013 school year. We are always looking for more parents to get involved at Jackson. We cannot put on these great events without the support and leadership of our volunteers, so please think about giving your time for something next year. If you have questions about a committee, please feel free to contact that current chair or any of your PTA board members. We want as many parents involved each year as we can get! Attached, please find the self-nominating form that we are kindly requesting that you return by Friday, January 27; it is first returned, first dibs, so you don't want to miss out! Curious about some of the committees? Please visit:

http://www.wtjackson.org/forms/PTA_Handbook2011-12.pdf to read up on them all. We would love to have you, so please let us know what sounds great to you!

On Wednesday, January 25, Jackson Primary will be host for the monthly North Atlanta Parents for Public Schools (NAPPS) meeting. Please join us at 12:00 pm in the auditorium for a discussion on international exchange programs. It is BYOL (bring your own lunch), but drinks and dessert will be provided. It is Bring Your Own Lunch, but

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 20 Read-a-Thon begins
- Jan 24 2nd Grade After-School Movie
- Jan 24 Spirit Night - Menchi's
- Jan 25 NAPPS Meeting (Primary)
- Jan 27 2nd Grade Fathers and Friends
- Jan 30 Read-a-Thon ends
- Jan 31 Morris Brandon Speaker Series
- Feb 1 APS Community Meeting (NAHS)
- Feb 24 Bingo Night

drinks and dessert will be provided.

We hope that you all have a great weekend, and look forward to seeing you all out and about! *Kerri Griggs and Jamie Hubbard*

FUTURE SUTTON STUDENTS

On February 5, 2012 at 12:30 - 2:30 Complimentary, private skate session for the first 250 students to RSVP on-line. (More skating may become available on-site based upon availability). Private use of the Tented RINK, Piedmont Garden Tent seating and Meadow. Come early or stay late-- full restaurant menu from Park Tavern available all day!

HOW TO GET YOUR RSVP? Follow these simple steps... hurry-- skating is confirmed for the first 250 students to RSVP on-line.

- 1- visit www.xorbia.com/e/sutton
- 2- Enter the COMP CODE: sutton
- 3- Print the Insurance Waiver, have your parent sign it, bring it with you the day of skating!

READ-A-THON

It is official; it is time to ~~SOAR INTO~~ **READING!** Jackson's annual Read-A-Thon starts this Friday, January 20th. Kids should already be signing up sponsors and can start reading for credit on Friday. Students are eligible to win a gift card from Barnes & Noble if they read 500 or more minutes. Complete information can be found in the Read-a-Thon folder sent home with your child.

Next Tuesday, Primary students will be visited by author Diane Shore. In addition, check the calendar included in your Read-a-Thon folder for the following "fun days":

Monday: Inside Out & Backwards Day
Wednesday: No Homework Day
Thursday: Funny Hat Day
Friday: Pajama Day

Read-a-Thon night with the Hawks will take place Saturday, February 4th. If you returned your order form with payment, then tickets will be sent home via your child's book bag. We also want to thank our friends at **Publix** at Chastain Square, **Menchies**, **West Stride**, **Learning Express**, **Target**, **Willy's** and **Chick-Fil-A** at Northside for their generous donations to the Read-A-Thon. Have fun **SOARING INTO READING!**

GRANDPARENTS/VIPS

Calling all Jackson Grandparents/VIPs! Please save the date for the upcoming Grandparents/VIP day at Jackson for the Kindergarten, 2nd and 5th Grades. The event will be held the morning of Friday March 23, 2012. Look for additional communications providing details on this fun and memorable event!

4TH GRADE SKATE NIGHT

Come on down to the Gym at Peachtree Presbyterian for a fun night of skating with your friends! Join us on Friday, March 2nd from 6.00-7.30 pm.

Inline skates, helmets and protective gear will be provided, however you are encouraged to bring your own. Trainer skates are also available for first-timers as a fun and easy way to get started. The cost is \$5 per child to be paid at the door.

We will need two volunteers on the night. Please contact Jane O'Malley at garrettandjane@comcast.net to volunteer or if you have any questions.

BINGO NIGHT

Mark your calendars for Jackson Bingo Night 2012 – Friday, February 24th! This family event is always great fun and provides much opportunity to visit with all your Jackson friends. Look for sign-up fliers in early February and check future Jaguar Pause issues for prize information. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Ellen Black (ellentblack@comcast.net).

SPEAKER SERIES

Jackson families are cordially invited to the Morris Brandon Speaker Series for the following discussions; both will occur at 11:30 am in the Main Campus media center:

January 31st - How Cognitive Skills Aid with Success in the Classroom and in Life

March 1st - Dr. Avril Beckford, author of *Allow Your Children to Fail if You Want them to Succeed*

Please contact Morris Brandon Elementary if you have any further questions.

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. 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.

Would you like to receive the Jaguar Pause by email? For parents, please go to www.wtjackson.org and click on "contact us" to subscribe. For grandparents, please send your email address jtcooperga@aol.com.

Questions? Contact Douglas H. Duerr, Editor (404.582.8432 or duerr@elarbeethompson.com).

Self-Nomination for The PTA Executive Board and Committee Chairs

Nominate yourself or another person by filling out this form and returning to the front office by January 30, 2012.

Please let us know what positions you are most interested in by marking the space 1, 2 or 3.

Name: _____ Phone #:

Email:

Child's Name: _____ Teacher:

Executive Board

	Co-President Elect		Primary Vice President
	1 st Vice President		Secretary
	2 nd Vice President		Assistant Treasurer (treasurer elect)

Committee Chairs

	Annual Fund		Auction
	Back to School Night (Main)		Back to School Night (Primary)
	Bingo Night		Box Tops/Brick Campaign/One Cause
	Bus/Carpool Liaison		Celebration of Learning
	Children's Art Sale		Decorating
	Directory		Father & Friends Breakfast
	Grandparents/VIP Day		Green Think
	IB and Cultural Arts Liaison		Jackson Jottings
	Jaguar Pause		Jackson Jamboree
	Lost and Found		Lunchroom Liaison

	Media Center (main)		Media Center (Primary)
	Movie Night		New Parent Coffee
	Notary Public		Outdoor Classrooms
	Partners in Education		Prospective Parents
	Publicity and Marketing		Pumpkin Patch
	Read-A-Thon		Room Parent Coordinator
	Roots & Shoots		Santa at Park Tavern
	School Spirit Wear		School Supplies
	Spanish Liaison		Sunshine Fund
	Sutton Liaison		Teacher Appreciation (Main)
	Teacher Appreciation (Primary)		Turkey Trot
	Website		Welcome Desk (Main)
	Welcome Desk (Primary)		Welcome Wagon
	Wellness Liaison		

Fifth Grade Chairs

	5 th Grade Coordinator		Afternoon Movies
	Anatomy Fair		Class Gift
	Class Trip		Creepy Candy Shop
	Fall Photos		Promotion Ceremony
	Musical Liaison		Video
	Yearbook Liaison		

Private Party for Rising Sutton 6th Graders



Date: Sunday, February 5, 2012

Time: 12:30 - 2:30PM

Place: The Rink at Park Tavern

Who: Meet other rising 6th grade committed Cougars from our Sutton Feeder Schools.

Complimentary, private skate session is available for the first 250 students to RSVP on-line. (More skating may become available on-site based upon availability). Private use of the Tented RINK, Piedmont Garden Tent seating and Meadow will be available.

Come early or stay late-- full restaurant menu available all day!

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TIPS FOR A FUN SKATE SESSION:

- Wear long pants
- Wear long socks
- Helmets are welcome and encouraged! (Some are available on-site)
- Get your buddies to sign up :)

BIG THANKS TO ANGELA AND PAUL SMITH FOR SPONSORING THIS FABULOUS EVENT!