

Camp Creek Weekly Paws



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Dates to Remember September 19 – September 23

Monday	3:45-5:00 P.M. – Math Tutoring	Day 5
Tuesday	CoGAT Testing – Grades 1, 3, 5 3:25-5:30 P.M. – Kid Chess 3:45-5:00 P.M. – Reading Tutoring Spirit Night at Papa Johns at Hwy. 29/Indian Trail	Day 6
Wednesday	7:30 A.M. – Violin Class Begins CoGAT Testing – Grades 1, 3, 5	Day 7
Thursday	CoGAT Testing – Grades 1, 3, 5	Day 8
Friday	Spirit Wear Day 7:30 A.M. – Breakfast with Day – Grades K-2	Day 1

Principal's Notes

It was great to see so many students and parents at our Annual Back to School Dance this year! I think we may have set a new record for attendance! Many thanks to Elaine Shreve for coordinating this effort and to all those parents who volunteered by serving food. In addition, we had a great group of moms at the "Coffee with Kathy" meeting this week. Please look for more opportunities to get involved in the Weekly Paws every week!

From time to time, I publish actual questions and answers from parents that I receive. It is great to share the information with a larger audience just in case you wondered about the same thing! Please know that you can always reach me by email at [Kathy M Jones@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:Kathy_M_Jones@gwinnett.k12.ga.us) if you have a question or concern.

1. Question: I've seen a notable police presence on Cole Road and at Camp Creek lately. What is going on?

You are correct, the police have been monitoring traffic on Cole Road, our car rider line, and the use of the front curb for parking. They do this frequently to make sure that our students are safe and that our community is following the law. In addition, we do have a School Resource officer, David Seibles, who is actually a Gwinnett County police officer, visit our campus regularly. He is housed at Parkview and serves the Parkview cluster schools to ensure safety for our students and staff. I am grateful to have officers on patrol around our schools!

2. My child arrives at school at 8:50 and is marked late when they arrive in their classroom. I thought school started at 8:50.

School does start at 8:50 but the expectation is that each student is in their classroom prepared to begin school when the bell rings at 8:50. If you aren't dropping your child off before 8:50, they won't make it to their classroom on time. When students arrive, they immediately begin math practice in the classroom. Every classroom in our school uses the 8:20 to 8:50 time to practice math through game-type activities. Getting your child to school at 8:20 means that they will have at least 18 hours of extra math practice a year! Our buses arrive by 8:30 or sooner, so if your child rides the bus, they too will be allowed this opportunity. In addition, our school serves a great breakfast for those students who arrive before 8:45.

3. Every time I come to lunch, it seems that the lights go off in there. Why are the lights being turned off?

My expectations for student behavior at lunch are pretty simple. I want students to talk...they need to socialize with their friends. I encourage our students to treat our cafeteria like a restaurant...they would not shout in a restaurant but would have a "normal" volume to their voice. They don't need to whisper either. They also would not throw food or spin in their chairs in a restaurant. Because our cafeteria is small (we are expecting renovation to enlarge it if the SPLOST passes) we have a lot of students eating at one time. The lights go off to signal to kids that the volume is too loud. The lunchroom monitors need to be able to hear if someone is in trouble (choking or another emergency) and the cafeteria workers need to be able to assist the students with getting lunch.

I hope that this information was valuable to you! Please don't hesitate to ask your question!

Have a great weekend!

Kathy Jones, Principal

Cognitive Abilities Test

Gwinnett county students in first, third and fifth grades will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test during the week of September 19-23. The testing schedule is as follows:

Verbal – Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Quantitative – Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Nonverbal – Thursday, September 22, 2011

Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest each night, eats a good breakfast, including protein, and arrives at school on time each day. Testing begins first thing each morning. Students need two #2 pencils for the tests. The testing window closes on Friday, September 23rd, so there will be no test make-ups after Friday.

Picture Day

Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming on Wednesday, September 28th. Individual student pictures will be made. Look for more information on your child's Picture Day flyer which will be sent home today. The pictures will be pre-paid and although you may order with cash, money order or check, if you order on-line, you have the option of having more choices of looks and backgrounds for each sheet of pictures. For more information, go to mylifetouch.com. The money envelopes will go home on Friday, September 23rd.

TrueBlue Schools Program

Dear Camp Creek Parents:

I recently joined a great program that I thought you might be interested in. It's called the TrueBlue Schools® program. It's an easy way to raise money for our school just by choosing Georgia Natural Gas®.

Signing up is easy. Simply enroll for Georgia Natural Gas then use your GNG account number to register for the TrueBlue Schools program. Select the Georgia school you wish to receive donations and when you pay your GNG bill on time, \$5 EVERY month goes to Camp Creek. It's that easy, and it adds up fast. As an added bonus, TrueBlue Schools' participants are eligible to receive an up to \$0.15 per therm discount off their monthly gas bill by choosing Georgia Natural Gas.

GNG's goal is to raise \$2,000,000 for Georgia schools through NEW or existing GNG customers. Top earning schools have raised over \$20,000 dollars while other TrueBlue Schools have raised \$5,000 in just a matter of months. Together, we can make this happen!

Best of all, both **residential and commercial gas** users can participate to earn money for your school. Non-GNG customers can make the switch to Georgia's #1 natural gas provider,

and start saving up to a .15¢ per therm discount in addition to earning for your school today.

Check out the website TrueBlueSchools.com, to get more information about how the program works and start earning money for your school, the TrueBlue Way!

Our teachers are desperate for document cameras and Smartboards for their classrooms. Many of our neighboring schools have this advanced technology in their classrooms and it is time for Camp Creek to have it too! **I've challenged my teachers to join GNG and to invite a friend to join as well. If we do that, we'll raise close to \$17,000 in one year!!!! Please help us in this challenge!**

Kathy Jones, Principal

Outdoor Classroom Update

If you have not had a chance to visit the outdoor classroom with your children lately, I invite you to do so. Damen Hester, a Parkview Senior and Eagle Scout, chose our outdoor classroom for his Eagle Scout project. He planned the outdoor classroom project throughout the summer and worked on it for three weeks. Volunteers included some of his JROTC friends, family, and other Boy Scouts. A private company donated the mulch and the science lab donated \$200 from its PTA fund to help purchase plants. Bev Rogers has been so helpful also with making our outdoor classroom more beautiful and educational. She has spent many hours repotting the plants in the front of the school, pruning the rose bush, filling bird feeders, hanging wind chimes, wind socks, flags etc. She is also replanting our bog garden. A huge thank you goes out to these two for again making our outdoor classroom one that can be enjoyed by all.

If you are interested in learning more about the Green Team at Camp Creek, please join us for our informational meeting on **Wednesday, September 28th at 3:30**. Children are welcome to attend. In addition to recycling, we also work with Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, The Clean Air Campaign, and plan fun and educational events for Earth Day. For more information please contact Beth Remmes at bremmes@hotmail.com or 770-715-4525.

Diane Dotson
Speech/Language Pathologist
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Volunteers Needed...

Do you enjoy interacting with parents and students? Do you have a couple of spare hours that you can volunteer to assist our staff with light office work?

If so, the Camp Creek Front Office Committee needs you!

Front office volunteers needed Monday - Friday from 9 - 12pm.

We need your help even if you only have 1 hour a week available.

A few volunteer hours can make a real difference!

To sign up please contact Shelly-Ann Smart at shelly-annsmart@comcast.net



Weekly PAWS PTA Points

Boosterthon Pledges Due Now



Thank you so much for participating in this year's Boosterthon Fun Run for Camp Creek Elementary. We need your help to meet our school goal of 100% collected. Each classroom who collects 100% of their pledges will receive a special reward!

Remember, a pledge is a promise!

Please collect the money pledged from your student's sponsors and return it to school **as soon as possible!**

All checks can be made payable to: **Camp Creek Elementary PTA**

Sponsors who pledged online can also pay online using the link that was sent to them in the Boosterthon reminder email.

Again, thank you so much for all you have done to make this a great success and for supporting Camp Creek Elementary through this year's Boosterthon Fun Run!!!

Amy Ney

Kim Hall

Boosterthon Co-Chairs

CampCreekboosterthon@gmail.com



Back To School Celebration A Success!

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers that helped with the Back to School party last Friday night. We had a huge crowd, lots of dancing, face painting and candy. We did NOT run out of pizza this year! Yeah! A special thank you to all who brought in TONS of drink donations and to the Camp Creek teachers and staff who were able to join us. There were many volunteers from Trickum Middle School and Parkview High School that worked to make sure all the students had a great time. We sure hope you had fun this time and will join us for our next fun event - Movie Night! See you then!



Clean and Beautiful - Recycling

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Spirit Night

Save the date.....Tuesday 9/20/11

Papa Johns Pizza

At Lilburn Highway 29 / Indian Trail

Order pick-up or delivery and use your special Camp Creek code (**CAMP11**) and Papa Johns will make a donation to our school. Your code is good all day for lunch or dinner. Don't forget to look for the great Papa Johns coupon offers sent home to just our Camp Creek students.



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