

# Camp Creek Weekly Paws

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## Dates to Remember October 3 – October 7

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12:50 P.M. – Early Release</b>	<b>Day 7 (a)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12:50 P.M. – Early Release</b> 5:00-7:00 P.M. – <i>Chick-fil-A Night at Killian Hill/Hwy. 29</i>	<b>Day 7 (b)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 A.M. – Violin Class 3:20-4:45 P.M. – Girl Scout Troop 1187	<b>Day 8</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	9:15-10:00 A.M. – First Grade Fire Safety Speaker In Activity Room 3:45-5:00 P.M. – Cub Clubs 3	<b>Day 1</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Spirit Wear Day 8:00 A.M. – Chorus 9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. – K to Washington Farms Pumpkin Patch 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Picture Made at Parkview HS AR Deadline Reflections Entries Due <b>End of First Nine Weeks</b>	<b>Day 2</b>

## Principal's Notes

Parent -Teacher conferences are occurring on Monday and Tuesday of next week! This is a little earlier than in past years. Students will be released from school at 12:50 on both days. I found a great tip sheet for parents from the Harvard Family Research Project, Harvard Graduate School of Education (October 2010). I hope that you will find it helpful as you prepare for your child's conference.

*As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. You and your child's school have something in common: You both want your child to learn and do well. When parents and teachers talk to each other, each person can share important information about your child's talents and needs. Each person can also learn something new about how to help your child. Parent-teacher conferences are a great way to start talking to your child's teachers. This tip sheet suggests ways that you can make the most of parent-teacher conferences so that everyone wins, especially your child.*

*What should you expect?*

**☑☑A two-way conversation.** *Like all good conversations, parent-teacher conferences are best when both people talk and listen. The conference is a time for you to learn about your child's progress in school: Ask to see data about your child's attendance, grades, and test scores. Find out whether your child is meeting school expectations and academic standards. This is also a time for the teacher to learn about what your child is like at home. When you tell the teacher about your child's skills, interests, needs, and dreams, the teacher can help your child more.*

**☑☑Emphasis on learning.** *Good parent-teacher conferences focus on how well the child is doing in school. They also talk about how the child can do even better. To get ready for the conversation, look at your child's homework, tests, and notices before the conference. Be sure to bring a list of questions that you would like to ask the teacher.*

**☑☑Opportunities and challenges.** *Just like you, teachers want your child to succeed. You will probably hear positive feedback about your child's progress and areas for improvement. Be prepared by thinking about your child's strengths and challenges beforehand. Be ready to ask questions about ways you and the teacher can help your child with some of his or her challenges.*

*Keep these principles in mind for a great parent-teacher conference:*

### ***"Be Heard"***

**Best intentions assumed**  
**Emphasis on learning**  
**Home-school collaboration**  
**Examples and evidence**  
**Active listening**  
**Respect for all**  
**Dedication to follow-up**

*Let's work together to make your child's educational experience a great success!*

***Kathy Jones, Principal***

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## National Walk to School Day – October 5

October 5 is National Walk to School Day at Camp Creek. Please help us celebrate our third annual walk to school day. We are trying to education our students about the benefits of walking to school. These benefits include; exercise, family time and cleaner air. Kids can also ride their bikes or scooters.

Please make sure an adult supervises students walking, it would be great is subdivisions could do this as a large group. Have your children tell their teachers that they participated on that day. We will acknowledge them for this. Thanks as always for your support in trying to make Camp Creek Elementary more "green"!



### 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](mailto:CampCreekboosterthon@gmail.com)



Book Club News

Book Club is up and running in most classes now! There were still a few that we did not get leaders for. It's not too late!! If you can lead a book club and you don't think there is one in your child's class yet, contact Jennifer Brown at [JB30047@aol.com](mailto:JB30047@aol.com). Kids should start getting

their books that they will be reading and meeting with their leaders for the first time this week. We hope that everyone enjoys their books, and the discussions and activities around the books. Most of the books are written by authors who have written multiple books or series of books so encourage your kids to read more by these authors!! Have fun and read, read, read!!!



### 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](mailto:shelly-annsmart@comcast.net))



### Reflections 2010 – “Diversity Means...”

Attention Creative Camp Creek Cubs: Have you been working on your *Reflections* entry?

The time to turn in your work is here!

Starting Monday, October 3, you can turn in your entries in the office. All entries are due by 3:00 pm on Friday, October 7.

Remember, all students can enter one or more of the categories with original work expressing this year’s theme, “Diversity Means...” School winners are chosen for each grade level and category, and the first place winners can go on to compete at the county level. All Camp Creek participants will be recognized at an ice cream party.

The six categories are: Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Dance Choreography and Film Production. You will find the rules and guidelines for each category as well as helpful hints on the Camp Creek web site. Additional forms and copies of the rules are available in the office.

#### Helpful hints:

Sign the entry form! Both the student and a parent must sign the form.

Write the name of the student’s teacher at the top of the form.

If you include other people in a photograph, a film/video entry, or a dance entry, you must turn in a signed release for each person. This form can also be found on the Camp Creek web site.

Include an artist’s statement that briefly explains the student’s entry.

**We look forward to seeing your child’s creations! Please call Tina Roark, at 770-638-4885, if you have any questions**



### **Bingo Basket Rep Meeting!**

Friday, 10/7. 10:00 a.m. in PTA room.

If you are a Basket Rep, or if you are interested in being a Basket Rep, please attend this meeting.

We still need Basket Reps for the following classes: Fancher, Toney, Hewatt, Machado, Ramey, Rudy, Streich, Daniels, Frady, Frihart, Kruse, Lewis, Malloy, Palmquist, Will, Herrin, Tiller, Upreti, Boutin, Moritz, Olson, Reeves, Walker, Armstrong, Coffee, Florey, Ruzek, Swingle.

Bingo Night is an annual PTA fundraiser, and the winners get to take home the fabulous baskets donated by the classes and assembled by the Basket Reps. Without Bingo Baskets as prizes, Bingo Night will not be a successful fundraiser. Please support our PTA!

If you have any questions or will be unable to be at the meeting, please contact **Kim Gibbs** at [gibbstrio@bellsouth.net](mailto:gibbstrio@bellsouth.net).



### **Camp Creek Spirit Night**

**Save the date...10/4/11**

Come join us for Spirit Night at Chic-Fil-A in Lilburn. Show your Camp Creek spirit and support your class by eating at Chic-Fil-A on Tuesday 10/4/11 from 5-7p.m. The class that has the most students to attend spirit night will "win" a special surprise brought to your class by our spirit night mom. Don't miss out on the make your own ice cream sundae bar, just for our Camp Creek Cubs!

# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> <i>Computer Learning Month</i>	<b>3</b> <sup>7 (a)</sup> <b>12:50 PM – Early Release</b> 12:00 – PTA Luncheon – Office Conference Room	<b>4</b> <sup>7 (b)</sup> <b>12:50 PM – Early Release</b> 5:00-7:00 PM – Chick-fil-A Night	<b>5</b> <sup>8</sup> 7:30 AM - Violin 9:15 AM– 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gr. Arts in Education 3:20-4:45 P.M. – Girl Scout Troop 1187	<b>6</b> <sup>1</sup> 9:15-10:00 AM – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Fire Safety Speaker in the Activity Room 3:45-5:00 PM - Cub Clubs 3	<b>7</b> <sup>2</sup> 8:00 AM – Chorus 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Class Picture at PHS 9:30-1:30 – K to Washington Farms Pumpkin Patch <b>End of First Nine Weeks</b> AR Deadline Reflections Entries Due	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Furlough Day</b>	<b>11</b> <sup>3</sup> 3:25-5:30 PM - Kid Chess 3:45-5:00 PM - Tutoring – Reading	<b>12</b> <sup>4</sup> 7:30 AM – Violin	<b>13</b> <sup>5</sup> 9:30-1:30 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade (Cheek, Herrin, Campbell, Tiller) to Environmental & Heritage Center 3:45-5:00 PM - Cub Clubs 4	<b>14</b> <sup>6</sup> 8:00 AM – Chorus 9:30-1:30 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade (Bandy, Upreti, Reid) to Environmental and Heritage Center 2:15 PM– Reflections Ice Cream Party	<b>15</b> 7:30 PM – <i>Movie Night</i>
<b>16</b> <i>Bus Driver Appreciation Week</i>	<b>17</b> <sup>7</sup> 3:20-4:45 PM – Troop 4580 3:30-4:45 PM – Reader’s Rally 3:45-5:00 PM – Tutoring-Math	<b>18</b> <sup>8</sup> Sp. Ed. Transportation Puppets Presentation 9:15 AM – 1 <sup>st</sup> Gr. Arts in Ed. 3:25-5:30 PM – Kid Chess 3:45-5:00 PM – Tutoring – R	<b>19</b> <sup>1</sup> 7:30 AM - Violin	<b>20</b> <sup>2</sup> 3:45-5:00 PM – Cub Clubs 5	<b>21</b> <sup>3</sup> 8:00 AM - Chorus 9:00 AM – PTA Officers’ Meeting <b>Report Cards Go Home</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>ITBS Testing</b> →						
<b>23</b> <i>Red Ribbon Week</i>	<b>24</b> <sup>4</sup> 9:00-4:15 - 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. (Armstrong, Coffee, Florey, McClellan) To Atl. History Center & Oakland Cemetery 9:15 AM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade AR Ceremony 10:00 AM – 4 <sup>th</sup> Gr. AR Ceremony 3:45-5:00 PM – Tutoring-Math	<b>25</b> <sup>5</sup> 10:00 AM – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr. AR 3:25-5:30 PM - Kid Chess 3:45-5:00 PM – Tutoring R	<b>26</b> <sup>6</sup> 7:30 AM – Violin 9:00-4:15 – 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. (Guest, Hayes, Ruzek) To Atl. History Center & Oakland Cemetery 3:20-4:45 PM – Troop 1187 Meeting	<b>27</b> <sup>7</sup> 9:00-10:30 -K-2 Field Day 3:45-5:00 PM - Cub Clubs 6	<b>28</b> <sup>8</sup> 8:00 AM - Chorus Field Day: Gr. 3-5 9:00-10:20 – 4 <sup>th</sup> 10:45-12:15 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1:00-2:00 – 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>29</b>
<b>ITBS Testing</b> →						
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <sup>1</sup> Book Fair Preview 3:20-4:45 – Troop 4580 Mtg. 3:45-5:00 PM – Tutoring - M					

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# Share



**In the Memories Your Family Makes at Camp Creek... by**

***purchasing a yearbook today!***



Here is the direct link: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01454310>

\*We will be placing our total book count order to Josten's soon. We will currently be ordering fewer books to reduce any liability for the PTA.

To ensure your child gets a copy purchase A.S.A.P.

Any questions can be sent to [taylorvl@bellsouth.net](mailto:taylorvl@bellsouth.net)



**Get your pictures in the yearbook!** Don't miss getting your photos in before our deadline. Send in your Boosterthon and Back to School Celebration photos **today**. Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username:400112979 and password:cubs
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

