

Camp Creek Weekly Paws



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Dates to Remember May 3 – May 7 *Teacher Appreciation Week*

Monday	3:30-4:30 P.M. – Last Keyboard Class (Session 2)	Day 8
Tuesday	Writing Retest 9:00 A.M. – Grade 4 Gateway Content Field Test in the Area of Social Studies 9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. – Earth Patrol to Gwinnett Recycling Center 3:25-5:30 P.M. – Chess Clubs	Day 1
Wednesday	11:00 A.M. – PTA Luncheon for Staff To Celebrate <i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i>	Day 2
Thursday	10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. – Kindergarten Registration	Day 3
Friday	Spirit Wear Day 10:15 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. – First Grade to Center For Puppetry Arts End of Tracking Period for Everyday Math Games Online	Day 4

Principal's Notes

It is time for our annual Teacher Appreciation Week! This is the week that we thank our teachers for doing such an awesome job! Camp Creek has the best staff in the world! Please join me in thanking them for their hard work and dedication to their jobs!

Due to State and local budget cuts, our summer school has been drastically cut. There will be no summer school for grades K-2 and summer school for grades 3-5 will be for those students who did not pass the CRCT. I feel that our students would benefit from some extra practice during the summer. In your child's folder this week, you will find a few summer practice options.

- 1. Summer Bridge Series** – this award-winning workbook series is written as a “bridge” for students moving up to the next grade level. The workbooks allow for students to practice, reading, math, science, and vocabulary for 15 minutes daily. Our school will order these books for you at a reduced price (\$14.00) (retail is \$14.95). More information about the series, including sample pages, can be found at www.carsondellosa.com. If your child is above grade level in most subjects you may want to look at getting the next grade level's booklet. The order form is in your child's folder.
- 2. Gwinnett County Math Tutorials** – Gwinnett's teachers have created tutorials (on-line) to review or preview math material. These tutorials are available for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades at a cost of \$10.00. If your child needs a review, order their current grade level. If your child could benefit for previewing material for next year, order next year's grade level. A computer and access to the internet are needed for this program. An order form is in your child's folder this week.
- 3. We are also working on enhancing our school's website** so that our students can link to activities that will help them keep in “practice” for next year. Check the website this summer for some special activities!
- 4. Finally, enroll your child in the Gwinnett County library's Summer Reading Program!** It is a fun way to keep reading and keep brains sharp over the summer!

Don't forget to join us on May 26 for our Annual School Picnic. Students will go to lunch at their regular lunch time but will be able to enjoy an additional 30 minutes of fun on the front lawn. We hope that you'll join us!

Have a great weekend!

Kathy Jones, Principal

Welcome to the School Council !

For the last two weeks, we have solicited names of those parents who would like to be on the School Council. We usually have elections for the representatives the first week of May. However, we had three volunteers to seek election and we only needed 3 to replace outgoing members. So, congratulations to **Kelly Vann, Pattiann Taylor, and Karen Byrne** as they become new members of the Camp Creek School Council! Look for news from the School Council every month in the *Weekly Paws*.

Get Ready for Kindergarten!

Kindergarten Registration is May 6, 2010. Please see the attached document with all of the details regarding **Kindergarten Registration**. You may also go to the following websites: www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us or www.campcreekschool.com for complete information.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school!

Content Area Field Test Given Next Week

On Tuesday, May 4, 2010, all 4th graders will participate in the Grade 4 Gateway Content Field Test in the area of Social Studies. This field test will be used to determine questions to be used for the Social Studies CRCT retest administered during summer school for students who do not meet or exceed the CRCT Social Studies test administered earlier this month. The Social Studies subtest, along with subtests in Reading, English/LA, Math, and Science will all be promotional Gateway tests for fourth grade students in Gwinnett County. The field test is not timed and is comprised of 60 multiple choice test items.

Thank you for making sure your child is present on the test date. Testing will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Once testing has begun no child will be allowed to enter the classroom while the test is being administered. Since this is a field test, **scores will not be given nor any make-up dates scheduled.**

Community Conversation

Our school system will host the Vision for Public Education in Georgia project's **Community Conversation** for our area at the Instructional Support Center, 437 Old Peachtree Road, Suwanee, GA 30024. This event will be held on **May 4**, beginning at 6:30 P.M.



Relay For Life Support More Birthdays

Spring cleaning? Please send in any of your left over Birthday Party supplies. We will be using them at this year's Relay For Life event on May 7th. There will be a box in the front office to place any supplies in that you have to donate. Thanks for your help in Celebrating More Birthdays!

Trickum Middle School 2010

All students are required to read two titles this summer before entering in the fall. In 6th grade, students may select two titles to read over the summer. Follow-up activities will take place when you return to school. To assist students in having access to the books of their choice, Mrs. Trish Biemiller, TMS Media Specialist, will order the books for you through Barnes & Noble.

All book orders must be turned in to your child's Fifth Grade Teacher by Monday, May 10. Mrs. Biemiller must place the order that day to guarantee delivery before school is out. Please use the order form provided by Trickum to place an order.

SIX FLAGS TICKETS...

The Six Flags Six Hour Reading Program tickets are here. We will send them home next week so, if your child earned a Six Flags ticket voucher, please check their folders next Thursday or Friday.

Six Flags will not replace lost tickets, so make sure you put your ticket vouchers in a safe place until they can be used in June or July.

Label Contest Winner

We received over 12,000 BoxTops and Campbell's labels in our latest label contest!
Congratulations to our winners: 1st Grade with 3401 labels!
They have won a grade level party for the end of the year. Way to go!

The other grade levels submitted:

Kindergarten: 2055	2nd Grade: 1566
3rd Grade: 1100	4th Grade: 1878
5th Grade: 2466	

Thank you to everyone who sent in labels. It is such an easy way to help Camp Creek. Keep saving your BoxTops and Campbell's labels over the summer. They can be turned in at any time to the container in the office or save them for next year's contests.



Weekly PAWS PTA Points



YEARBOOK

Tomorrow is the:

FINAL day for purchasing the **yearbook** is here. The last date to order on-line to be sure your student has a copy is May 1st.

The yearbook is still being sold for \$32.00

On-line Ordering Link: <http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A01454310>

Any questions can be sent to yearbook@campcreekpta.com

Thank you,
Victoria Taylor



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

We had a huge turnout this year! It was estimated that we had about 450 people at Family Fun Night! WOW!! We don't know where to begin... we had inflatables, tattoos, face painting, and lots of crazy hair colored children running all over the place and some in their socks. We had teachers and staff getting all wet in their clothes in the Power Shower. Oh, and did we mention that we had the Boosterthon guys, Todd and Jonathon, guest as our disc jockeys. They rocked!! We also had a surprise visit from Chicken Man. We really want to thank the cheerleaders and Beta Club at Parkview for helping with face painting, tattoos, hair painting, and supervising the inflatables. We wanted to give a BIG thank you to **The Village Vets** who donated a portion of money for the pizzas. Also thank you to the many volunteers who donated their time to work the different areas, including coming early to help set up and fill in when there was a void. A night like Family Fun is not possible without all of you donating your talents and time. Thank you to our very own Peggy Arnold who helped to make sure we were ready set go! Thanks for a great year and we look forward to seeing you next year!!

Parent and Family Life Committee

