

APS PTA News

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APS TO PARTICIPATE IN BROOKHAVEN ARTS FESTIVAL

The 2011 Brookhaven Arts Festival is on Saturday October 15 (10 am to 6 pm) and Sunday October 16 (Noon to 6 pm) on Apple Valley Road, directly behind the Brookhaven MARTA Station.

As in previous years, Ashford Park School will have a booth where we will be showcasing some of our wonderful students' artwork. We will also be offering a spin-art activity for a small fee to raise additional funds for the APS Cultural Arts Committee.

Please volunteer at the APS Brookhaven Arts Festival booth and feel free to recruit friends and family to help out as well.

To volunteer at the APS BAF booth go to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/brookhaven

For more info about the Brookhaven Arts Festival, visit <http://www.brookhavenartsalliance.com/arts-festival>

TO THE BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND, READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!!

Our Fall Book Fair begins October 13th and runs through October 20th, with many exciting events in between. Hours are 7:20 a.m. to noon on weekdays.

Special events include:

Muffins for Moms – Wednesday, October 19, 7:20-8:00 a.m. Moms and other special women come enjoy breakfast goodies on us and pick out some great books with your student!

Donuts for Dads – Thursday, October 20, 7:20-8:00 a.m. Dads, uncles, big brothers, and other cool guys, come by with your student for tasty treats!

Be sure to check out your **teacher's Wish List** when visiting the Book Fair! Teachers will be treated to a preview before the Fair opens, and will list the books they most want for their classroom library. When you purchase a Wish List book, your child gets to put their name on its book plate and present it to their teacher. What a wonderful way to let our teachers know we appreciate them!

If you would like to help out, contact Kristin Mitchell at kristingmitchell@hotmail.com.



Thanks to all the folks who came out to

Canyon Burgers Spirit Night. We raised \$216.00!

Ms. Abrahams 2nd grade class won for highest class participation. Now that's school spirit!

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SAVE THE DATE!

ASHFORD PARK ELEMENTARY'S
FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 5th • 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
2968 Cravenridge Drive

**VENDORS WANTED,
COME JOIN US!**

We are planning an AMAZING Fall Festival this year.
Complete with vendors, food, rides, games and prizes.
If you are a vendor, we would love to have you at the festival.

PLEASE CONTACT:

Renee Kunkler at Renee@ReneeKunklerRealty.com
or call **404-936-7454** for more details!

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FARM TO SCHOOL SUCCESS!!



A huge thank you to Robyn Farmer and her team of volunteers for generating awareness and excitement around DeKalb County School's Farm to School program! So far, our kids have been served Georgia grown watermelon in August and Gala apples in September. The next local produce will be Georgia grown Granny Smith apples on Oct. 26th. On Saturday mornings, you can find locally grown produce at the Brookhaven Farmer's market. For more details, visit www.BrookhavenFarmersMarket.com

As the temperatures begin to cool off, please find ways to get outside as a family after dinner. Shoot some hoops, score a goal, play a game of tag, go for a bike ride or simply walk around the block. When children experience our willingness to participate in being active, it will encourage them to choose a healthier, more active lifestyle in years to come.

BUY FIREWOOD AND SUPPORT PTA

A well-respected firewood supplier is offering to help our PTA by selling well seasoned, no "green" firewood. **10% of sales will go to the PTA.**

The wood is \$150 for a 1/2 cord (large wood rack), delivered and stacked, or \$125 for 1/2 cord, delivered and "dumped" off the truck at your house. They're also offering \$100 for 1/4 cord, delivered and stacked, or \$80 for 1/4 cord delivered and dumped.

To purchase your firewood and learn more, visit <http://www.thestorkdelivery.com/firewood>

What a great way to stay warm this winter!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is all this testing coming up?

A: Standardized tests allow parents to see how your child is performing at the current time and in comparison to other students of the same age/grade across the U.S. The last week of September, 1st, 3rd and 5th grade students will begin the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test). This is a mental ability test that measures level of critical thinking and logical reasoning. In DeKalb County, it is also used to obtain student data for possible gifted eligibility (i.e. Discovery and the Kittridge lottery). Mid-October the students will take the ITBS, an achievement test that assesses all subject areas. These tests are a great way to see how much your child has grown mentally and to determine their areas of strength.



SAVE THE DATE FOR SCHOOL PICTURES



Picture Day will be **Thursday November 3rd and Friday, November 4th**. Individual and class pictures will be taken. We will NOT be doing spring pictures this school year.

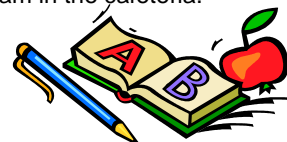
OPT-IN TO ASHFORD PARK PTA E-BLASTS

Want to stay informed of Ashford Park school activities and receive announcements from the DeKalb County School System? Join the Ashford Park PTA OR you may choose to opt-in to receive e-blasts from the PTA without becoming a member. To opt-in to e-blasts, please send an e-mail to ashfordparkpta@gmail.com with 'Opt-In' in the subject line and your e-mail address will be added to the distribution.

Visit the School Store

The school store is open on the following Tuesday mornings from 7:00 am – 7:45am in the cafeteria.

October 11th and 25th
November 8th and 15th
December 6th



A BIG THANKS TO SEVERAL OF OUR APS VOLUNTEERS

Three volunteers have stepped up to chair a committee:
Outdoor Classroom: Andrea Keefe
keefeandrea@gmail.com

Safety Committee: co-chairs Kathie Coy
kathiecoy@hotmail.com and Cortney Carey
carey.cortney@yahoo.com

We are still in need of a chairperson for the Family and
Community Engagement Committee.

If you would like to be a part of revamping the PTA
Website, please contact Mary Alice NeSmith at
maryalicensmith@yahoo.com

Our PTA is Growing!

The Membership Committee is happy to report that our
count of total PTA memberships is over 200 and continues
to grow. If you have not already joined PTA please
consider it. Your \$10 yearly fee goes straight to support
our children and teachers. Please email
rachel.s.myers@gmail.com for more information or to join
the PTA. *If you have joined PTA this year and did not
receive a card and information packet please contact
Rachel Myers.*

ADVOCACY CORNER

An online survey is being administered by the Georgia School
Boards Association in order to understand what you want your
public schools to provide for students, what the schools are
doing well, and what challenges the schools and students face.
This survey will be used to revise the strategic plan that will be
adopted by the Board of Education in February 2012. It will be
live through midnight on September 30, 2011. Please take a
moment and participate in the survey to let your voice be heard!
<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22CSGKB2U3D>

DCPC Meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 9:15am
(refreshments beginning at 8:45am) at Kittredge Magnet
School. Topic: *"Understanding staffing our schools and FTE*
Points". Speakers: Susan Hurst, Director of Budgets, DCSS
Division of Finance and Lisa Domzal, Director of Instructional
Budgeting, Staffing and Scheduling, DCSS Division of Teaching
and Learning.

Volunteer for Morning and Afternoon Carpool!!

Volunteering for carpool is a great way to help out! It only
requires a small amount of your time. From 7:15am – 7:45am,
volunteers greet each car as it arrives to school and ensures
that students get into the building safely and efficiently.

Afternoon carpool is from 2:00 – 2:30pm.

To volunteer, please visit this link to sign up:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/carpool80/1347832

WHO'S GOT SPIRIT? APS!

For Spirit Wear Days, we offer the classic APS logo T (green)
for \$10. We also have two new styles available for sale this
year for \$15. One is a softball T shirt with green sleeves and a
navy blue APS logo and the other new style is a green slim cut
t-shirt with a pink APS logo. Stop by the cafeteria before
school on Spirit Wear days or come to any PTA meeting to
check out all our Spirit Wear styles!

Students are allowed to wear jeans on Spirit Wear Day as well.
Field Day t-shirts are NOT approved spirit wear.

This month's Spirit Wear Days are October 21st and 28th.

RECYCLED UNIFORMS

Please drop your gently used uniforms and spirit wear in
the Used Uniform Box located in the corner of the
cafeteria near the stage entrance. Several times through
the year we will re-sell these uniforms for \$4.00 and
\$2.00 each. Proceeds benefit our caring counselor,
Ms. Witeczek.

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