



Otter Outlook

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Ocee Elementary School

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

This was a sad week for our Ocee community. Mason McLeod, a fifth grade student, passed away Tuesday after a courageous battle with Burkitt's lymphoma. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. this Saturday, October 24th, at Trinity Tabernacle, 239 Allred Mill Rd., Jasper, GA 30143. We will always remember Mason as an energetic, fun-loving and spunky boy who enjoyed being at school and learning with his friends. We will also remember his smile, which could light up a room. Please keep the McLeod family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Debbie Pernice

Ocee Boosterthon Weekend Challenge

Otters came home today with a flyer explaining the Ocee Weekend Challenge. Every student who receives additional pledge donations amounting to \$5 or more will receive a special reward on Monday morning. Only pledges entered on Friday, Saturday or Sunday will count! Good luck getting pledges for Ocee this weekend.

For Boosterthon questions, email christinahiller@comcast.net or leej1@fultonschools.org

Ocee Boosterthon Update

Would you like to see the Boosterthon message of the day? Then visit our Ocee website, www.oceeotters.com, daily to get a summary of what your child is experiencing with the Boosterthon team!

2009-2010 Student Council Members

Congratulations to the following students who will serve as Student Council Representatives this year: Becky O'Sullivan, Austin Downum, Jessie Tepper, Darren Craddock, Keith DeMartino, Aerin Pruitt, Lindsey Aranson, Griffin Gilder, Allie Kostrinsky, David Isaacs, Brendan Huet, Anna Hou, Ella Hou, Ashwin Arora, Raeisha Bhuiyan, Tricia Perez, Jackie Rhinehart, Charlie Smith, Jonah Weinback, Anna Jackson, Emily Hull, Sidesh Desai, Ridhi Choragudhi, Connor Whitney, Emily Krupp, Carter Moran, Julia

Important Dates

October

- 10/23** Free Community Health Fair
- 10/23 & 26** Science Zone 4th Grade
- 10/28** Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 10/29 BOOSTERTHON FUN RUN !!!**
- 10/30** Ocee's Parade of Nations 7:55 AM
- 10/30** Science Zone 5th Grade

November

- 11/2** Science Zone 5th Grade
- 11/4** K-Kids Club Information Meeting 7:15 AM
- 11/5** 5th Grade T-Shirt Day
- 11/6** Student Council Wacky Hair Day
- 11/10 & 11** Tanner Photography
- 11/13** Fall Picture Retakes
- 11/13 -20** Student Council & Peacekeepers' Can-A-Thon
- 11/13 & 16** Science Zone 1st Grade
- 11/17** Ashley Widener Community Mtg Johns Creek HS 1:00 PM
- 11/18** Early Release Day

Spooktacular 4th Grade Staff Luncheon

On Wednesday, October 28th, the 4th grade parents will sponsor a Spooktacular Staff Luncheon. In an effort to go GREEN, the Hospitality Committee has decided to send out all luncheon forms via email again this year. These forms will be forwarded to the respective grade level room parents who will then distribute them to their classes via email. The luncheon forms can also

Lammers, Harrison Warner, Ansley Foil, Megan Kulkhami, Joshua Sigmon, William Sherry and Alex Davis.

2009-2010 Student Council Officers

Congratulations to Austin Downum and Becky O'Sullivan. Austin will serve as the President of Student Council and Becky will serve as the Vice President of Student Council.

K-Kids Club

Ocee ES is starting an afterschool club that will be affiliated with our local Johns Creek Kiwanis group. K-Kids is a service club for young children similar to Key Clubs in high schools. Fourth and fifth grade students are eligible to be in the club. Students will decide on projects in which to participate in order to help their school or community. On November 4th at 7:15 a.m. in the media center, we will have an informational meeting for interested fourth and fifth grade students. Ms. Rebecca Richman, Mr. Matt Herman, and Ms. Pam Weiser will be the teacher sponsors for the group, and they will be supported by Ms. Monica Phillips, PTA member and parent. Interested parents are invited to attend along with their children. We hope to see you there!

Green Ocee

Please remember Ocee has a no-idle zone. The need for action is clear: excessive idling exposes vulnerable populations of children and adults to unhealthy plumes of exhaust filled with particle pollution.

be found at www.ocepta.org under the "Resources/Room Parent" tab. On that page there is a section labeled "Hospitality." The chairpersons for the Spooktacular 4th Grade Luncheon are Kim Schorr (kschorr@bellsouth.net) and Julie Beiger (jbeiger@bellsouth.net) who can be contacted with any questions.

Parade of Nations

On Friday, October 30, 2009, Ocee will host its annual Parade of Nations. This is an opportunity for all of us at Ocee to celebrate our diversity. Our students from other countries or with international heritage will have the opportunity to walk the building in a parade. The parade will take place at 7:55 in the morning. Students will hold flags that represent their countries of origin, and are encouraged to wear traditional cultural outfits as well. If you would like for your child to participate in the parade, please contact Marisol Acevedo, ESOL Teacher, at acevedom@fultonschools.org. Participating students will need to report to the ESOL classroom in Cabin 3A at 7:30 a.m. on the morning of the parade.

FREE Community Health Fair

There will be a free community health fair on Friday evening, October 23rd, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, October 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The health fair will take place at 77 Crossville Road in Roswell, GA 30075. Screenings will include glucose, hemoglobin, and blood pressure. Medical, dental, and vision practitioners will be on hand as well as pediatricians. Vaccinations will be provided by The Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness.

Airborne particles can cause nasal, throat, respiratory, and eye problems, and are particularly harmful to those with asthma.

Participants should bring any health records available. Proof of residency and income may be required.

Articles for Newsletter

All articles for the Ocee Newsletter should be sent to Jo Fowler (fowlerjj@fultonschools.org) by the end of the day of the Tuesday of the week you want the article to run.

October is Dry Cereal Month

The shelves are bare at North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC). Please consider donating a box or two of dry cereal this month. NFCC provides emergency food to hundreds of families here in our community each week. Your donations help make this possible. Please visit the Ocee PTA website at www.ocepta.org to view the complete Outreach collection list for the year.

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