



Otter Outlook

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Ocee Elementary School

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

The weather cooperated for our first ever Boosterthon Fun Run which took place this morning at Ocee ES. If you are a parent who was able to attend, then you already know what a terrific event this was for our students! They enjoyed fresh air and exercise and were cheered on by teachers and visiting families alike. Thank you, Christina Hiller and other members of the PTA, for working so hard to make this fundraiser such a success. All of the money raised will go right back to our students: teachers will use their portion of the funds to buy items for their classrooms; the PTA will use the proceeds to support the many academically-focused programs that they provide such as Science Zone, Read and CompEAT, and Accelerated Reader; and the money that will come to the school will be added to our technology fund and used to purchase additional ActivBoards. Thank you, parents, as always, for all your support.

Sincerely,
Debbie Pernice

Ocee Boosterthon

The Fun Run was fantastic and a great time was had by all! Parents, thank you so much for coming out and supporting the students at Ocee Elementary! Please look for the blue collection envelope that will go home with your student tomorrow, and contact his or her sponsors. Remember students, a PLEDGE is a PROMISE!!

The due date for your pledges to be turned in is next Friday, 11/6! This final step is so very important to making the Boosterthon Fun Run successful at our school.

Please make sure all checks are made payable to Ocee PTA. When accepting checks, make sure there is a valid phone number on the check.

Remember, 10% of all that is turned in to your student's homeroom classroom by the due date, 11/6, will go straight to his or her teacher to use in the classroom! Let's make sure we are diligent and do our best to FINISH STRONG.

Future Focus Fair

Do you have students who are already starting to think about college? Then you may want to attend the Future Focus Fair. At this event, speakers will provide information about planning for college and answer questions targeted to students and parents who are preparing for a college experience. The Fair will be held on November 14th, 2009, from 10:00

Important Dates

October

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

11/6 Fun Run Pledges are due

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

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,

a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at the Georgia Tech Student Center. The guest speaker/moderator will be Nancy McDuff, Associate Vice President for Admissions and Enrollment Management, The University of Georgia.

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!

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.

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.

Tanner Family Photography

A flyer went home today announcing that Tanner Photography will be at Ocee from 4 to 8 pm on November 10 and 11 to take family portraits. To sign up for a session, fill out the coupon stating your preferred time and send it in with a check for \$15.00 made payable to Ocee Elementary. This check, which is a non-refundable donation to Ocee Elementary, reserves your time slot. You will be contacted to confirm receipt of the request and to be given a specific time. If you have any questions please contact Jo Fowler at fowlerjj@fultonschools.org.

Green Ocee

North Fulton residents dispose of an average of 6.3 pounds of waste each day. That adds up to more than 2,300 pounds per person annually! About 40% of the solid waste thrown into our landfills is recyclable!

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.

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