



Otter Outlook

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Ocee Elementary School

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Don't forget to save the date for our fantastic annual Thanksgiving Feast! We will be serving turkey and all the trimmings on Thursday, November 19th, to grades K, 2, and 5 and again on Friday, November 20th, to grades PK, 1, 3, and 4. Be sure to mark your calendars and come prepared to eat some terrific turkey as you enjoy lunch with your child.

Speaking of feasting, Ocee staff enjoyed a delicious "Spooktacular Luncheon" last week prepared by 4th grade families. Thanks to all the parents who donated food and served, and to Julie Beiger and Kim Schorr, who organized the event. Teachers and staff enjoyed the treats very much!

Thank you to everyone who supported the school and PTA by participating in our Boosterthon Fun Run fundraiser. Please remember to send in your pledges by November 6th if possible. We appreciate everything you do!

Sincerely,
Debbie Pernice

Ocee Boosterthon

The due date for your pledges to be turned in is TOMORROW, 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.

Your PTA Dollars at Work in Programs Through the Month of October

Accelerated Reader
Read & CompEAT
Science Zone for multiple grades
Movie Night
Spirit Day
Hearing & Vision Screening
Parenting Seminars on Healthy Eating and the Flu
Red Ribbon Week
Random Acts of Kindness Week preparation
Critter Corner Books

Important Dates

11/6 FUN RUN PLEDGES ARE DUE

11/6 Student Council Wacky Hair Day

11/10 & 11 Tanner Photography

11/13 LSC Meeting - State of the School 7:00 AM

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

11/19 Thanksgiving Feast (K, 2, 5)

11/20 Thanksgiving Feast (PK, 1, 3, 4)

11/24 Read-In Pajama Day

11/25-27 Thanksgiving Break

Local School Council

The Local School Council (LSC) provides a vehicle through which parents can partner with school personnel and community members to promote academic and school improvement. Four parents serve on the committee: Kim Schoy, Chair, Diane Maicon, Dawn Martelli, and Pam Redder. Staff members who

Hospitality Functions
Teacher Lunches
Donuts for Dads
Landscaping including new planters filled with flowers and plants
Spiritwear
State and National PTA dues

Please check out the PTA newsletter in the next few weeks with further information about current and upcoming enrichment programs and events. Not getting the PTA newsletter? Log on to www.oceeotters.com, enter your email address under Otter Outlook sign up, and hit submit where you can update your profile to include the PTA newsletter right into your inbox.

Thank you for your continued support in enriching the education and lives of our Ocee Otters!

Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo Night

The Ocee PTA is off to a very busy start this school year! We had a great and slightly chilly outdoor movie night, the Boosterthon group had us Standing Up and ready to run to raise money for our school and Thanksgiving is right around the corner. The PTA is putting the Spaghetti Dinner on hold for a while but don't be disappointed. We are gearing up for an awesome night of Bingo and Basket Raffles on January 29th, 2010. The raffle prizes are already coming in, and you won't want to miss any of the fantastic baskets. Bingo will have an exciting Superbowl theme this year so you can cheer for your favorite team. Don't forget the great food and prizes, too. We can't wait to see you all there!

Meet the Masters

serve on LSC are teachers, Ann MacKenzie and Jen Kosciow, and Debbie Pernice, principal. We are lucky to have two community representatives and Ocee business partners who join us for meetings - Charlie Feehan, owner of Shane's Rib Shack, and Dr. Jacqueline Malone, of Dr. Malone's Orthodontist Office. The second meeting for the year will take place at Ocee ES at 7:00 a.m., on Friday, November 13th. Debbie Pernice will be presenting the state of the school address at this time. All are invited to attend.

Student Council and Peace Keepers CAN-A-THON November 13-20

It's time to help restock the shelves at North Fulton Community Charities!

Bring your cans to the gym for a competition between A Hall (K, 2, 5) and B Hall (PK, 1, 3, 4). We will see which hallway can collect the most canned goods.

The Giving Tree

Today all of the students at Ocee heard the book *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein read on Otter Talk and will visit Ocee's Giving Tree.

Each student selects a leaf from the tree that has an item on it to be donated to North Fulton Charities or Georgia foster children. We hope the story and the opportunity to help others will make our children reflect on what they have to be thankful for and to be compassionate towards the needs of others. Please drop off donations in the bins at Ocee's Giving Tree in the front lobby no later than Friday, November 20th.

Meet the Masters is a PTA Program designed to expand students' knowledge of and interest in the arts. We have recently "gone green" and will no longer be sending the full sheet artist profiles in Thursday Papers. We will include a brief summary of the artist in the Ocee Newsletter and then will ask that you visit the PTA website (www.ocepta.org) for the rest of the information as well as several samples of the featured artists artwork. We will also present the featured artist on the bulletin board outside of the Media Center.

In November/December, meet Norman Rockwell.....illustrator for many magazines and books, including *The Saturday Evening Post*. As a young boy, Rockwell illustrated books, greeting cards and the Boy Scout magazine. He is also well-known for illustrating some of Mark Twain's books. He died in November of 1978 at the age of 84. For more information and samples of Rockwell's works of art, please visit www.ocepta.org under PTA Programs, Meet the Masters. "Right from the beginning, I always strived to capture everything I saw as completely possible." - Norman Rockwell

November is Pasta, Macaroni & Cheese Month

The shelves are bare at North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC). Please consider donating a box or two of pasta or macaroni and cheese this month to help those in need here in North Fulton. NFCC provides emergency food to hundreds of families here in our community each week. Your

Ocee's Thanksgiving Feast

This year's Thanksgiving Feast is coming up! Please see the invitation included in your child's Thursday papers for specifics on dates and times. The lunch cost this year for all visitors to Ocee is \$3.05. We would appreciate your bringing exact change for your party or bringing a check made out to the Ocee Café. We look forward to seeing all of you there for this wonderful Ocee tradition.

Tanner Family Photography

Tanner Photography will be at Ocee from 4 to 8 pm on November 10 and 11 to take family portraits. There are still sessions available. 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.

Accelerated Reader Program!

The Accelerated Reader Program is now in full racing mode with 8 racers already making it to All Stars - way to go! We would also like to congratulate the following three classrooms for reaching 100% participation - Ms. Salowitz, Mrs. Ravita and Mrs. Stewart. Congratulations to all of the students that have cars on the track and for those who are looking to start their engines - now is the time! Help your classroom reach 100% participation and receive an AR blue ribbon and a special treat! Please continue to

donations help make this possible. Drop-off bins are located in the lobby of the school.

"The Big Bad Musical" Webb Bridge MS

Once upon a time...in a courtroom in the Enchanted Forest...the trial of the century took place. Join us as EFN reporter, Sydney Grimm, shares the tale of the plaintiffs' case against the Big Bad Wolf. The cast of the Webb Bridge Middle School Performing Arts will present "The Big Bad Musical" on November 12 & 13, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. each night in the Alpharetta High School Auditorium. To serve on the jury for the trial, you may purchase tickets on line at: seatyoursself.biz/wbms. (Reserved seats: \$8.00 & General Admission: \$5.00) Only General Admission tickets will be available for purchase at the door the nights of the performances. Come join us, and help decide the outcome of the trial. Will the Big Bad Wolf be sentenced for his alleged crimes? Or will he go free to find his way into another story some day?

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 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at the Georgia Tech Student Center. The guest speaker/moderator will be Nancy

encourage your child(ren) to visit the Media Center! The 2nd testing period ends November 20th and we will update the track soon after. If you have any questions, please check out the Ocee PTA website under PTA programs or contact either Maria Evonsion (maria12@bellsouth.net) or Lisa Sutton (the4suttons@comcast.net).

Science Zone Welcomes 1st graders!

Ocee's 1st graders will get to visit the Science Zone lab for the first time on Friday, 11/13 (9:00-Stephansson, 10:00-Hershnow, 1:00-McCollum) or Monday, 11/16 (8:00-Parry, 9:00-Cheoun, 10:00-Weiser, 1:00-Eyre). Students will learn about what scientists do, see what types of tools they use to study the world, and use some of these tools to experiment like a scientist.

We need several parent volunteers for each class to assist students with the lab activities. For more details and to sign up, go to www.ocepta.org, select "Science Zone" from the PTA Programs dropdown menu, and click on the "Schedule & Signup" link, or contact your room parent. If you have any questions, please contact Anupa Doraiswami at sz@akdweb.com or Tamra Brown at tamrabrown@bellsouth.net.

Green Ocee

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle!!! So many of us are getting iPhones and are checking out the "apps!" Have you seen the free app called iRecycle?

Bottom line: With information provided by local governments, industry insiders, organizations and

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everyday consumers, you can recycle hundreds of products from packing peanuts to computers. It's a fast and easy way to make your life just a bit greener!

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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