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State Bridge Crossing Elementary *Bobcat Tales*

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From the Principal

Welcome back to SBCE! I am looking forward to an exciting and successful year. I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with your wonderful children.

Thank you to all of the thoughtful PTA volunteers who helped make staff pre-planning days and Sneak Preview so successful. We enjoyed our breakfast on Wednesday provided by the PTA. Special thanks to Amy Minton, LeAnna Beutjer and Michelle Gaddis for all the hard work they did on breakfast.

LSAC parent representative letters are due to me tomorrow, Friday, August 14th. For more information go to our website and click on LSAC.

*Please be sure to read our new **Family Handbook** that you received at Sneak Preview. Most of your questions about SBCE should be covered. Also, please plan to attend our upcoming curriculum nights. These are important nights for parents only. **Secure a babysitter now!***

Check-Out

In order to maintain a safe and efficient early check-out process, please be prepared to show a photo ID upon picking up your child before dismissal time. Also, please remember to arrive prior to 1:45pm to check-out your child so it will not interfere with our regular dismissal procedures. Thank you for your cooperation.

Extra Books for Home

Yes, those book bags do get heavy from time to time! Many of you have requested extra books to keep at home, and we would love to accommodate that need; however, we have a limited supply of extras and those are reserved for children with special needs, students with a doctor's note, or other documented special school accommodations. If you would like to purchase a set of books, please email Betsy Trawick @ trawick@fultonschools.org to for a list of textbooks and ISBN numbers. Amazon.com. and valorebooks.com are just 2 of the many online sources for used textbooks.

This week in VIP's:
Spirit wear order forms, Chick-fil-A

Carpool Guidelines

In order to move the carpool line quickly, we ask you to adhere to the following guidelines.

- Enter the school at the main entrance by the traffic light. (The lower entrance is for staff and buses only.)
- Children should be ready to depart from the car as soon as it stops.
- Children can only exit the car from the **passenger side**.
- Adults should stay in the car.
- Should you need to get out of your car, please park in the "Visitor" parking and walk your child to the door.
- Children should not be let out of the car until the car gets to the circle.
- The afternoon car pool line starts before the visitors' parking lot. The car pool staff will wave a green flag when it is time to move to the circle.

August Dates to Remember

18th – Ashley Widener Community Meeting SBCE at 1:00pm
18th – Curriculum Night at 6:30pm (Pre-K, Kdg, 1st & 2nd)
20th – Curriculum Night at 6:30pm (3rd, 4th & 5th)
27th – Newcomer Meet & Greet 9:00am at SBCE
September 7th – Labor Day – No School

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OF THE SCREENING AND REFERRAL PROCESS FOR GIFTED SERVICES

The Fulton County School System screens students for eligibility for gifted services twice a year.

I. Automatic Screening – At the beginning of the school year, TAG teachers review previous year's test scores.

* **Standardized Tests**

Students must have a minimum of an 85th percentile and a 90th percentile in two of the three areas: Total Reading, Total Math, and Complete Battery.

* **Criterion-Referenced Competency Test**

Students must score in the top 20 percent on the reading and mathematics section when compared to all other students in the system.

* **Grades (high school only)**

Students must have an overall cumulative average of 95 or greater.

II. Classroom Screening – Local schools select a two-week period from January 5 – February 26, 2010, to review all students in their school.

* Classroom teachers use the *Characteristics Instrument for Screening Students* (CISS) to identify students with superior abilities in five or more of the following areas: motivation, interests, communications skills, problem-solving abilities, memory, inquiry, insight, reasoning, creativity, and humor. Parents may request to view their child's screening results.

Students who meet either the automatic screening OR classroom screening criteria AND who have supporting data gathered from test history, products, and/or advanced content levels are **referred** for gifted placement testing. Once referred to testing:

- * Parents receive the *Parent Notification for Testing Consent Form*.
- * Student is tested for the gifted program.
- * Parents receive test results.
- * ***If state eligibility is determined, students are placed in the TAG program.***

For more complete information regarding Fulton County Schools Gifted Services, please visit <http://www.fultonschools.org/k12/TalentedandGifted/>. There you will find our Talented and Gifted Brochure and Q&A documents. You may also contact the teacher of gifted students at your school or call 404-763-6811.

Parent/Visitor Dining

Please note you are invited to have lunch with your child after the first two weeks of school. Lunch visits may begin **Monday, August 24th**. Please sign-in at the front office and receive a Lunch Visitor badge and then proceed to the cafeteria to meet your child. After lunch, please go back to the office to check out. Please do not follow your child back to the classroom so that we can maximize instructional time.

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We know how important our school is to you. Now it's easier than ever to make positive impact on it. Georgia Natural Gas (GNG) has launched the TrueBlue Schools Program. It's a simple fundraising solution that lets parents, teachers, alumni and members of our local community support our school – just by choosing GNG!

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GNG will provide ongoing donations to our school for every GNG customer who signs up for the program and designates our school as the school they wish to support. For every customer that signs up, GNG will:

- Give our school a one-time \$40 donation per customer
- Donate \$5 for each month you are a GNG customer – up to \$60 per year.
- As an added bonus, TrueBlue Schools participants are also eligible for a guaranteed **5¢ discount per therm** by choosing our Market Advantage Plan.

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Clinic News

Welcome back students and parents! Please note that in order to administer any type of medication, a signed authorization form is needed along with the medication in its original bottle/packaging. Please label your child's medicine and place it in a zip-lock bag. If you have any food, insect allergies or medical concerns, please feel free to contact our school clinic aides, Theresa Sloman and Laura Humphrey at 770-497-3850 ext. 154. We look forward to assisting your children and keeping the students safe and healthy.

FINAL CALL FOR SPIRIT WEAR!

If you missed your chance at Sneak Peek, we are still taking orders for SBCE t-shirts or hoodies. There is an order form enclosed in today's VIP. The order form and payment, either cash or check, is due back to school on Friday, August 14. If you miss this opportunity, there will be an order placed in October. Shirts will be distributed back to the classroom in early September.

School Directory

The State Bridge Crossing Elementary PTA is in the process of producing our school directory and would like to include your business in the advertising section of the directory. The directory will be distributed to approximately 400 families at State Bridge Crossing. This is a great way to let others know about your business and show support for our school, at the same time. The ads are reasonably priced and the fee will help our PTA provide programs that enrich the learning of our children. Go to our website at www.sbcepta.com and download the directory ad form and follow the directions. If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Rommer at stephanie@rommer.com.