



State Bridge Crossing Elementary

Bobcat Tales

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Mr. Martin, Principal

Dr. Dixon, Assistant Principal

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From the Principal

Don't miss our Shane's Spirit Night

Join us on this Tuesday evening at SHANE'S Spirit Night from 5-7 p.m. You'll recognize SBCE kindergarten teachers and administrators who will be assisting with serving your meal! The class with the **BEST** attendance will receive a FREE cookie party. They contribute to our school at the highest business partner level. Also, they will be providing lunch to our staff free of charge on our first Early Release Day. Therefore, let's all show our support for their continuing efforts!

Early Release

Our first early release day is Wednesday, September 16, 2009. The early release forms should be returned to your child's teacher by Friday, September 11th. This will help us ensure that all children go home the proper way on our first early release day, September 16th. Dismissal begins 3 hours early, so students should arrive at their destinations 3 hours before the usual time. Dismissal begins at 11:15am.

LSAC News

Congratulations to Patty Lynn Webb who filled our last position on our Local School Advisory Council.

Mr. Martin

September Dates to Remember



- 11 – Patriot Day (wear red/white/blue)
- 15 – Ashley Widener Community Mtg. 11am Ocee Elementary
- 15 – Shane's Night
- 16 – Early Release Day (dismiss at 11:15)
- 17-20 – Tanner Family Portraits
- 21-25 – ITBS Testing (3rd & 5th grade)
- 25 – PTA Family Movie Night

From the Assistant Principal

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills are norm-referenced tests. Georgia law mandates that a nationally norm-referenced test, such as the ITBS, be administered annually to students in grades three and five. The purpose of a norm-referenced test is to obtain information about the performance of Georgia's students and compare it with that of students in a national sample. The results are used for evaluation, decision-making, and instructional improvement. The testing window for the fall administration of the ITBS is September 21-September 25. The testing block is 8:15-10:45 a.m. During the week of testing, parent volunteers (readers, etc.) cannot be utilized in the building until the testing **all call** has been announced. (Exception: Parents stuffing VIP packets may work in the front atrium). Please make sure that your child is prepared and on time.

State Bridge Crossing T-Shirts

Order Deadline – Friday, September 18th

The State Bridge Crossing Administration and Physical Education Department have created grade level colored student and staff t-shirts to be worn on Field Days and Field Trips, as appropriate. As students transition from grade to grade during their career at SBCE they will keep the same color shirt with new shirts being available for purchase in the case of a lost, outgrown, or damaged shirt. The t-shirts may be purchased for \$5. The order deadline is Friday, September 18th. For additional information contact Matt Mangan at www.manganr@fultonschools.org.

Welcome – Outback Steakhouse

WELCOME our newest business partner, Outback Steakhouse 10955 Jones Bridge Rd. 770-442-8775. Managing partner, Beau Johnson, will serve your family or cater your party or event. Beau is committed to supporting SBCE and his neighbors.



Movie Night is coming!

Mark your calendar for a fun night with family and friends! Friday, September 25th, 7-9:30pm. More info in this week's VIP's

Help Us Prevent the Spread of Colds and Flu

There are actions you can take to help reduce your exposure to the flu. As always, prevention is our best intervention when combating the spread of any illness, whether it is the common cold or something more serious. There are everyday actions people can take to stay healthy. These actions include the following:

- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners/hand sanitizers are also effective.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- Keep sick children at home until their illness has run its course and as recommended by a health care provider.
- Have your family vaccinated against the seasonal flu.

As a reminder, anyone experiencing a flu-like illness (fever with a cough or sore throat) should keep away from others as much as possible, stay home, and not attend school or go into the community (except to seek medical care or for other necessities) until they are fever-free for at least 24 hours and do not require medications to reduce the fever. Recovering students may need to stay home for a longer period of time as directed by a health care provider.

FROM YOUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER - Myra Cornelius-Fennell, LMSW

Planning to travel? Check this first.

If you are planning to travel during the school year, please review your child's attendance record first. Fulton County Schools' attendance policy can be found online and in your family handbook. Fulton County School's attendance policy clearly outlines the accepted excuses for absences and what a parent may do if s/he anticipates an absence that is not listed. Please note that in order to have any planned absence excused, a letter from the parent must be submitted to the principal PRIOR to the planned absence. The principal may or may not approve the absence. As well, if your child has missed 10 or more total days of school this year, you may be asked to provide medical notes for additional absences to be considered excused (in accordance with Fulton County's attendance policy). Please reconsider scheduling your family travel/vacation time to coincide with school breaks and avoid missed class time whenever possible. Thank you for your assistance in keeping your student in class for instruction.

Family Portrait Event

11x14 Family Portrait ONLY \$20!

A \$65 value (includes sitting fee). Don't miss this great chance to get a memorable shot of your family! Spots are almost gone, see SBCEPTA.com for details or contact Karen Dapolite, kdapolite@yahoo.com to book your appointment.

Equal opportunity agency Compliance
Coordinator
404-763-4585 TTY: 1-800-255-0135

Free or Reduced Price Meal Benefits

To continue free or reduced price meal benefits for students each household must complete a new application each year. Free and Reduced Meal Benefits will end on September 21, 2009, if the household has not reapplied for SY 2009-2010. If there is an interruption in benefits or the household does not reapply, the household is responsible for payment of meals until the Free and Reduced Application is approved. To help assure continuation of benefits, the household must have a new application turned in to the school cafeteria manager before September 16, 2009. Be sure to list all the students in the household on the application. Keep in mind, the application may take up to 10-days to process. If you have any questions, please call the Fulton County School Nutrition Program - Meal Eligibility Desk at (404)305-2220.

*****New AR program coming soon*****

"Shoot for the moon, even if you miss you will land among the stars".

We need energetic and artistic volunteers to help create the AR wall by the library! A new AR program is being introduced this month, and we need some HELP!!! We want to launch the program by 9/15 and there is much work to be done! Please contact Jennifer Mallie at jennifermallie@mac.com or 770-242-5738 to be a part of this great program.

T - Shirt Design Contest!!!

Calling all creative students! We are going to have a t-shirt design contest for our new AR program. Use your imagination and artistic ability and design a t-shirt. Only one color, please. All designs must be turned in on 8 1/2x11 paper. The deadline is September 30th! Each accelerated reader participant who reaches the moon by March 15 will receive a t-shirt! Please contact Jennifer Mallie at jennifermallie@mac.com or 770-242-5738.

Reflections kicks off Theme: Beauty Is....

This is a contest sponsored by the national PTA. It offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Participating in reflections is a great way to explore and learn about various art forms. There are six different categories: literature, musical composition, photography, visual arts, film and choreography. Entries are judged on artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the theme. Those who participate will have a special reception, receive awards and be listed in the school paper. Select works will advance to state and national levels. After Labor Day, entry forms will be on the Reflections display table located in the front lobby. Be sure to get a copy of the rules for each type of entry. If you want to work on an entry now, forms are available online. Any questions you can find out more at <http://www.georgiapta.org/resources-student-reflections.html> <http://www.pta.org/2033.htm> You can contact Allison Taylor: allisontay@mindspring.com 770-640-5133. All Reflections entries need to be turned in the first week of October.