



State Bridge Crossing Elementary

Bobcat Tales

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Mr. Martin, Principal

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From the Principal

Shane's Spirit Night

Thank you SBCE kindergarten teachers, administrators and students for attending Shane's Night. The class that won the FREE cookie party for having the BEST attendance was Mrs. Lee's class. **Congratulations Mrs. Lee's class!** I would also, like to thank Shane's for providing lunch to our staff free of charge on our first Early Release Day.

Early Release

Our first Early Release Day this year was very successful. Our students and staff did a wonderful job with their modified schedule. Also, student dismissal ran very smoothly. Thank you for having a dismissal plan for your child. After students were dismissed, our teachers and staff were provided professional development opportunities.

Let's Pretend Drama

The after school program, Let's Pretend Drama, will start the week of September 21st. See the flyer in today's VIPs.

Thank You 5th Grade Parents

SBCE teachers and staff would like to thank our wonderful 5th grade parents for providing our first Friday breakfast. It was a wonderful way to start our day!

Thank You Andrew Couillard

Thank you to **Andrew Couillard**, a former SBCE student, who recently completed his eagle scout project at State Bridge Crossing Elementary. Andrew built and installed two benches for teachers to use as they supervise Kindergarten and 1st grade students during recess. In addition, Andrew repainted the Kdg. and 1st grade playground equipment to better blend with the new equipment that was purchased last year by PTA. Also, thank you to **Kathy Hagan**, former PTA Co-President, for coordinating this project. Super job!

September Dates to Remember

17-20 – Tanner Family Portraits
21-25 – ITBS Testing (3rd & 5th grade)
25 – PTA Family Movie Night

"Be There" Campaign

The Fulton County School System is asking parents to "BE THERE" for their children this year. On August 27, Fulton Superintendent Cindy Loe joined with other metro Atlanta superintendents to show support of a national campaign aimed at inspiring parents to become more involved in their children's education. "BE THERE" is a research-based, multimedia campaign that, through compelling images and words, suggests that parents can easily connect with their children during the ordinary moments in life. When going through the ordinary routines of life, you can "Be There." Driving to school, shopping and doing household chores can provide opportunities for meaningful contact with children. Just take the time to make eye contact, smile, ask a question or share your knowledge. One moment of connecting with your child can reap a lifetime of benefits. Together, we can all "Be There" for our children. For more information and tips on how to "Be There" for your child, go to www.bethere.org. We want everyone to "BE THERE" for our students!

Mr. Martin



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.

SBCE New Business Partner - Quizno

Welcome the newest addition to our SBCE Business Partner's, **Quizno's at Regal Plaza**, just a few doors down from the movie theatre! Our first Spirit Day, lunch and dinner time, at Quizno's will be Sept. 24th, Thursday. A percentage of sales comes back to SBCE. Watch for a coupon in the Sept. 24th VIP!

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.



A gigantic thank you goes to our news crew for the weeks of Aug. 31, Sept. 8 and Sept. 14. These students from Ms. Schweiger's class are: Carla Bosch, Michael Crowley, Ananya Ghose, David Hogan, Claire Johnson, Logan Kiple, Chandler McCarl, Sydney Townsend, and Amy Zhang. Fabulous Job, Crew!

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.



Movie Night is coming!

Mark your calendar for a fun night with family and friends!
Friday, September 25th, 7-9:30pm.



Boosterthon

Back By Popular Demand
Boosterthon Fun Run
October 15th.



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 newspaper. Select works will advance to state and national levels. Entry forms are on the Reflections display table located in the front lobby. Be sure to get a copy of the rules for each type of entry. Forms are also available online:

<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.**



Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts troops are forming! Girls will **DISCOVER**: understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world; **CONNECT**: Girls care about, inspire and team with others locally and globally; and **TAKE ACTION**: Girls act to make the world a better place! For more information, please attend the Troop Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd from 7 - 8pm at the Family Life Center – Johns Creek United Methodist Church. For questions, please contact Jackie Diaz at jackiediaz01@gmail.com.

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