

Sugar Hill Happenings

January 2012

A Message from the Principal

Dear Sugar Hill families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing winter break. We are very excited to begin the second half of the school year. As we look towards the future and the new year, I want to take a moment to thank you for the hundreds of ways you support our efforts in providing an outstanding education for your children, and a warm and caring learning environment for all Sugar Hill students.

We deeply appreciate:

- Our supportive community
- Our tireless volunteers
- Our room parents
- Our dedicated PTA Executive Board and Committee Chairs and members
- Your generous gifts of time and financial support
- Our loving families

On behalf of the entire Sugar Hill staff, happy 2012!

Proud to be your principal,

Chris Godfrey



January Schedule for the Science and Art Clubs



Wednesday, January 11th 2:40 - 3:30pm
Tuesday, January 24th 7:10 - 8:00am

We Need Your Help

Parents, although we love having you join us for lunch and you are always welcome at Sugar Hill, due to increased enrollment, it has become difficult for us to accommodate all of our lunch visitors because of limited seating in our cafeteria. It would be very helpful if you would limit future lunchroom visits. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation!

Important Dates

January 6: Report cards sent home
January 9: Chick-Fil-A Night
January 12: Skate Night
January 13: All Pro Dads Breakfast
January 16: MLK Holiday-No School
January 18: Stevi B's Spirit Night

Math Online Tutorials



Who: 3-5 grade students

What:: Free and Continuous Access to Online Tutorials

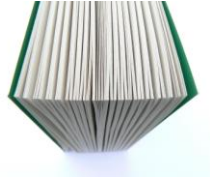
When: Ongoing

Through the support of Dr. Christopher Ray and his staff at Gwinnett County Online Campus, we are now able to offer free and continuous access to all online math tutorials for every GCPS family.

Instructions for Accessing the Tutorials

1. Go to the Gwinnett Online Campus Website : <http://www.gwinnettonlinecampus.com>
2. Click "LOGINS" in the upper right corner.
3. Username: sugarhillesmath
4. Password: sugarhillesmath
5. Select desired tutorial. (There will be a short overview for you to watch the first time)
6. For grade 4, click the "Content" tab in the upper left corner of the screen to begin the tutorial. For all other grades, you will be prompted to "Click here" to begin the tutorial.

@ Your Longhorn Library



It is hard to believe that January is here! Time has passed so quickly this fall while we discovered great new books. Our Georgia Book Award Nominees and Georgia Picture Book Award Nominees will be spotlighted this nine weeks. We'll vote on our favorites in March!

We celebrate reading year-round on our AR wall outside the Media Center. Each month we recognize two classes per grade level for 2nd-5th grade. The Stampeding Longhorn goes to the class who earned the most points that month while maintaining a class average above 85% correct. Our Striding Longhorn goes to the class who improved the most from the previous month. This improvement includes average reading level, percent correct, and points. Everyone plays a part in each class's success.

We are also recognizing our Lifelong Readers...those adults who reach their T-shirt goal of 70 points.

So far, the Lifelong Readers include Rosalyn Ankersen, Ann Azurin, Karen Bedgood, Shain Berry, Amber Black, Jenny Blackburn, Allison Callahan, Dru Carroll, Joan Gearhart, Erica Linsley, Mary Lou O'Rourke, Ruth Reilly, and Tammy Smith. If you love to read, join us and enjoy the books our students love!

For 2nd-5th graders, we are gearing up for our Literate Longhorn

Lanier Cluster Education Foundation



Blue Jean Ball: Lake Lanier Islands Resort is the location for the Blue Jean Ball Saturday February 25, 2012. Lake Lanier Islands will be offering special room rates and golf packages for people that want to stay the night. So book the babysitter and get ready for a fun night raising money for the schools. **Tickets are now on sale for individuals as well as whole table sponsors.** Click here for [TicketInfo](#) The event will be a fun filled evening to benefit the Lanier Cluster schools and consist of a cocktail hour, dinner, entertainment and a silent auction. This will be our main fundraising event for the Foundation.

Denim Wanted! The Foundation needs your denim. We are looking for donations of denim to be used to make the decorations for the Blue Jean Ball. Bins are set up in each school for these donations. We are accepting anything denim. Please make sure that they are clean prior to donating. Any donations that are not used will be donated to Goodwill.

We need items for the Blue Jean Ball silent auction to help make the evening a success. If you have a condo on the beach, have contacts with airlines, can donate a service (oil changes, car washes, Mary Kay), and more please contact Stacey Warchol with the event committee at: laniercef@gmail.com

Items already received: 20 field box seats from the Gwinnett Braves, the high school is putting together a prom package (so you Junior and Senior parents, get together to bid on this one!) to include dinner, prom tickets for 3 couples (and more), a football signed by all members of the 2011 Atlanta Falcons plus Coach Mike Smith and a helmet signed by Brent Grimes, cornerback for the Falcons, a stay at a condo in Costa Rica.

You can follow our progress as well as more information regarding ways to volunteer along with events, donations, gifts, supports, etc. on our [Facebook page](#) or our website [Lanier Cluster Education Foundation](#). If you are one of our fans, please ask five of your friends to like us on Facebook. This is the #1 way for us communicate. **Don't miss out on the fun! Like us today!**



Celebration in May. Students are reading up a storm, and they have the AR points to prove it. Check out our point clubs on display in the hallway. January brings the contest for our second annual Literate Longhorn T-shirt design. As students continue to earn points toward their goal, we will choose the design that best represents our Literate Longhorns. Please remember that students need their points and an average score of 85% correct in order to earn their t-shirt.

Finally, our new version of Accelerated Reader offers Home Connect, allowing you to login to a website and view your child's reading practice. It also provides access to AR Book Finder, a search engine for all Accelerated Reader books. If you are interested in Home Connect contact your child's teacher or the media center.

As the cold days of winter finally arrive, pick up a good book and while away the hours!

Counselor's Corner



With the winter season in full force and children staying indoors more, there tends to be an increase of internet use. There are several things you can do as a parent to help keep your child safe. First, have an open line of communication with your child about what is acceptable and not acceptable. To make sure your child isn't stumbling upon something inappropriate there are blocking and filtering devices that can be installed. These include Net Nanny and CyberPatrol. Many children want to be able to send and receive e-mails. You can set up an e-mail account that only you can log into and review all e-mails together. You can also set up an outgoing only e-mail account with all incoming e-mail being forwarded to your accounts. Examples of kid friendly e-mail are Surf Buddies and Kidmail.net. Lastly, it is a good idea to have a central docking station in a family room so you are always aware of what is being done on the computer and so the child isn't tempted to be on the computer at all hours of the night. Taking some of these simple steps will allow the child to experience the many exciting uses of the internet, but keep them safe at the same time.

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