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**Strong Minds,  
Strong Hearts,  
Strong Communities**

### March 2010

**Monday, March 1** Black History Month Quiz Bowl  
9:30am in the Media Center

**Tuesday, March 2**– Read Across America  
Pajama Day/ Dr. Seuss birthday

**Wednesday, March 3**– 5th Grade Writing Test– AM  
Afterschool program

**Thursday, March 4**- 7:15AM-Study Hall  
Afterschool program, 7:00PM—PTA General Meeting

**Friday, March 5**—Chorus Field trip to Alliance and  
Varsity, Pennies for Patriots ends

**Monday, March 8**

**Tuesday, March 9**

**Wednesday, March 10**

**Thursday, March 11**-7:15AM-Math Help

7:30AM-School Council in Patriot Perch  
Kindergarten in-house field trip

**Friday, March 12**—Student Holiday

**Sunday, March 14**-Daylight Savings Time Begins-set  
your clocks and be on time for school

**Monday, March 15**-Make-up day for Sept. 22

**Tuesday, March 16**-Buck's Pizza Night

**Wednesday, March 17**-5th grade to Shiloh Middle-AM

**Thursday, March 18**-7:15 Math Help

Literacy Night (6:00-Pizza, 6:30-Reading Roundup)

**Friday, March 19**

**Monday, March 22**

**Tuesday, March 23**

**Wednesday, March 24**

**Thursday, March 25**-7:15- Math Help

**Friday, March 26**-RWB goes home

### Testing Dates

Please keep the following dates on your calendar as being  
present on these days is crucial for your students.

Note; the Math Reasoning Test for 4th grade has been  
cancelled for this year.

March 3- Grade 5 Writing test- Grade 5

April 14, 15, 16, -CRCT-Grades 1,2.

April 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 -CRCT= Grades 3,4,5.

May 4- Social Studies Field Test-Grade 4 ONLY.

**AUGUST 9 -first day of school for 2010-2011**

### Welcome

Shiloh ES, along with the other Shiloh Cluster schools,  
would like to welcome Ms. Lawanna Owens-Twaites as  
she joins the Shiloh Cluster family. She will serve as the  
Principal of Anderson-Livsey ES, scheduled to open for  
the 2010-2011 school year. Ms. Owens-Twaites is  
currently the Assistant Principal of Lawrenceville ES.  
She has also served as a teacher in New York, Fulton  
County and at Bethesda ES in Gwinnett County. Ms.  
Owens-Twaites holds an Educational Specialist degree  
in Educational Leadership from the University of West  
Georgia.

### Responsibility and Logical Consequences

We do not allow students to return to classrooms for  
assignments, books, agenda's, etc . We hope you will  
support our efforts to teach responsibility and logical  
consequences. Our doors are locked at 3:15pm.

### New Webpage on Shiloh ES Website

A new web page has been added to the Shiloh website -  
*CRCT Parent Resources*. This webpage has several  
resources that parents can use to help their child prepare  
for the CRCT. You can access this webpage by clicking  
Educational Website then clicking CRCT Online (OAS)  
on the menu bar. You may want to add this resource to  
your favorites.

[http://www.shilohes.org/EW\\_crctresources2010.html](http://www.shilohes.org/EW_crctresources2010.html)

### Firefighter Visit

During February, we had a special visit from Firefighter  
Sheffield. He shared valuable information about his  
career and showed all of our second graders the  
important fire safety that they should know, as well as  
demonstrating his uniform and equipment. Thanks to  
Firefighter Sheffield, who is our Shiloh neighbor and  
dad to Jaron in Ms. Crum's class and Caleb in  
Ms. Carter's class.

### Home Address and Phone Number

Parents, please practice your home address and a phone  
number with your children . Many of our students do  
NOT know this information and it is crucial  
information.

### **Reading Round-Up**

Our theme for this year's Literacy Night is "Reading Round-Up". Grab your partners (your family) and join us on Thursday, March 18th for a fun-filled evening of Literacy Activities.

Here are the highlights for the evening:

6:00 Pizza and drink for \$2.00

6:30 Reading Round-up Sessions begin (you can attend 3 during the evening)

Each elementary-age child will receive a FREE book.

In addition to grade level activities, we will have books for sale (\$2 each), a Bookwalk, a storyteller, and the computer labs open to learn about great literacy websites. The public library will also be on hand to register students for library cards. Several door prizes will be given at the end of the evening, including an MP3 player and family tickets to the World of Coke.

Everyone is encouraged to dress up in Western gear for the evening and enjoy a great night out with your family while learning some great Reading activities. Be on the lookout for a flier with more details coming in the weeks ahead.

We will also have information posted on our Shiloh website.

### **Book Donations**

To help us with books for our Book Walk during literacy night, please send in used children's books in good condition. There will be a donation box in the atrium to place the books.

### **ADHD Workshop for Parents during Literacy Night**

*Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder and Attention Deficit Disorder*

This presentation aims to assist parents with understanding the characteristics of ADHD and its management; understand the effects of ADHD on reading and math; identify strategies that can be used at home and school; and raise awareness of the services available to support children and young people with ADHD.

Presenter: Jillian Whatley, Ed.S., NCSP- School Psychologist for Shiloh ES

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2010

Place: Shiloh ES- Literacy Night

Time: 6:30-7:25 pm

**Read Across America** is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. In communities across the nation, teachers and parents readers encouraged to develop activities to bring reading excitement to children of all ages. At Shiloh there are many special events planned. Many teachers have planned special activities for their classrooms. The cafeteria will provide a special treat for students on that day. Guest readers from the community have been invited to come in and read to our students. Students will also be allowed to wear their pajamas on that day. We are really excited about spending the day reading!!!

### **Reading Bookbags**

Is your child bringing home a book to read each night in a Hefty Ziploc School Bag? All students were given one and are expected to take home a book to read EVERY night. If you are not seeing these come home, ask your child's teacher about this. Even though we set aside time for students to read independently at school, more time is needed for them to become proficient readers. A minimum of 20 minutes is recommended for nightly reading. Research overwhelming shows that the more time children devote to independent reading, the better readers they will be. So do your part to improve your child's reading ability by making sure they have time to read EVERY night! Reading at home every night is the Shiloh Way!!!!!!

### **Reader's Rally**

On Saturday, Feb. 20, a team of ten 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated in Reader's Rally, a county-wide competition. Students read 20 preselected books and answered questions in a quiz bowl format. Our team did AWESOME this year. Even though we didn't win, we had the 4<sup>th</sup> highest score out of 50 schools. Our team coaches were Mary Forehand, Stacy Wilburn, and Debbie Wyatt. Congratulations to our 2009-2010 team members:

Kanisha Ahmed

Michael Collier

Morgan Davis-Vauls

David Guillaume

Mehul Mehra

Imani Minor

I'Endai Minor

Myles Pickney

Charles Smith

Briana Woods

### **Black History Month Conclusion**

We are finishing up an amazing month of Black History celebrations. We offer many thanks to our committee of teachers: Dr Valerie Dickey, Venetia Lowe, Dranita Morrow, Autumn Ginn, Amber MacMillan, and Syllen Crum who have planned and coordinated all of these activities. Our staff and students have been fortunate to learn much about our black history with a variety of meaningful and fun learning experiences. An appreciation to parents for their support of these activities and we invite you to our final event - the Quiz Bowl on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 9:30am in the Media Center.

### **Quiz Bowl**

Some of our students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades will participate in Shiloh's first Black History Month Quiz Bowl. A quiz bowl is a game where students compete against other players in answering trivia questions. To qualify, students have won the classroom and grade level competitions. Two teams have been created from the list of grade level winners. Each team will have one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student. These teams will compete in the Black History Quiz Bowl on March 1, 2010 at 9:30am in the Media Center. Parents are invited to attend. The Quiz Bowl will be broadcast at the school and on the black history month webpage.

Our participants for each team are:

1st grade=Kali Skipworth, Joshua Scott

2nd grade=Isaiah Baker, Talia Grambo

3rd grade=Irlane Saint Cyr, Jordan Wansley

4th grade=Anaya James, Wisdom Nelson

5th grade=Jalen Myers, Isaias Ortiz

### **Lunch with parents**

We so enjoy having parents come to have lunch with their children but we do offer a few reminders:

- Please go directly to the cafeteria and meet your child.
- Please do not conference with your child's teacher in the cafeteria since the teacher is supervising students at this time.
- Please say goodbye to your child at the cafeteria .
- Please remember to check out in the office when your lunch time is over.
- Fast food may not be brought into the cafeteria .
- If you want to buy ice cream for your child and the friend you are allowed to have join you for lunch, this must be arranged in advance. Our book keeper cannot stop each time a parent wants to buy ice cream and we have no other staff to facilitate this purchase.

Do join us for lunch as we have delicious food in our cafeteria and children love introducing their parents to classmates.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Here are the dates- other information is not yet available.

Calendar for 15 day elementary school summer school:

- ◆ Monday, June 21 (First day for students), 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, July 1, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15
- ◆ 15 days, school hours will be the same

### **Parent Portal**

The Parent Portal is up and running and we are encouraged by the number of parents who have signed up for this valuable communication tool. We have decided to continue with our three week missing assignment reports to go home to parents as previously scheduled. This will insure that families, students and teachers are all aware of the current grades and missing assignments that may be made up on the following Thursday. During February, parents received our first 3 week report during parent conferences . On Feb 26, today, the second three week report will go home. Please take advantage of all of these opportunities to stay informed about your child's progress.

### **February Dance**

Our Sweetheart dance last Friday was a huge success and we offer a huge thanks to our wonderful PTA for all the hard work that went in to making this annual dance a great success.

A special thanks to all parents and students who turned out for a night of fun and beauty. Our students and their "dates" looked beautiful!

## **SuccessMaker At Home Users**

As we begin the count time to CRCT, this is a great time to use SuccessMaker kits at Home in new ways. We know that students who regularly use the SuccessMaker at Home program, at least twice a week, improve in reading, math, or both. Therefore, we want to help your child get the most benefit from this program by supporting you in the following ways: First, please check to make sure your computer is compatible with the software. Your computer must have the following for the software to work: a DVD player, 512 MB RAM memory or higher, Internet Explorer, and Windows 2000, XP, or Vista.

1) Online installation guides, troubleshooting guides, and how to videos. (These resources can be found at [http://www.shilohes.org/EW\\_successmaker.html](http://www.shilohes.org/EW_successmaker.html)) 2) Continued Pearson technical support -If you experience difficulty installing SuccessMaker on your home computer or have other technical questions please call our Technical Support line at: 1-888-977-7100 Option 2, then Option 1

8AM - Midnight ET Monday – Thursday, 8AM – 10PM ET Friday

If you have more questions or need general help, please contact Pearson via email at [SuccessMakerAtHome@shilohes.com](mailto:SuccessMakerAtHome@shilohes.com)

3) Parent Orientation Meeting - Every Tuesday from 5:30pm - 6:15pm.

You do not have to sign up for the meeting. You are welcome to join on any Tuesday. During the meeting we discuss installing and using the software.

Working together, we can truly use the SuccessMaker at Home program as a tool to improve your child's achievement in math, reading, or both.

## **Donations needed**

Our new OT ( occupational therapy) room at Shiloh could use some donations as we try to help some of our students with challenges. If you can contribute, please contact Michael Gliebe at Shiloh. Here is a list of what we need:

Mats	therapy balls	hippity hop	Bubbles	bubble wrap	big blankets
big pillows	dried beans	Lamps	sand	egg crate cushions	yoga mats
rice table	massagers	tricycles	big wheels	sit and spin	gardening pads
plastic adjustable roller skates					

## **Motivating Your Child**

Positive academic motivation helps your child in two ways, first it helps them to succeed at school and second they understand that learning is a rewarding part of their life. As a parent it is imperative to motivate your child to want to learn and do well in school.

### **Ideas to motivate your child:**

- o Encourage positive family relationships and responsibility
- o Provide reasonable structure so they can become independent
- o Assign chores to teach responsibility
- o Maintain expectations for proper behavior
- o Take time to do fun things with your child
- o Have regular conversations and listen to their interests and concerns

Praise your child for trying hard and successes they achieve

### **Model the importance of learning:**

- o Plan family outings that encourage learning including museums, parks, or the library
- o Let your child see you reading, and discuss what they are reading
- o Show an interest about what goes on with your child at school
- o Let your child know you think learning is important

Have a working relationship with your child's teacher

It is important your child know the importance of education, and the best way to do that is to show them how much you value education. Teaching your child habits that encourage learning, such as having a routine, limiting TV, discussing school events, reading together, and providing opportunities for learning will help them be successful. If you feel your child is struggling despite your best efforts talk with your child's teacher or counselor, look for tutoring or after-school programs, and do not be afraid to seek counseling or help outside of school.