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Strong Minds,
Strong Hearts,
Strong Communities

November 2009

Nov. 1- Daylight Savings Time ends (Fall back)

Nov. 2-13 – Food Drive

Nov. 9-13-Book Fair

Monday, Nov. 2 —Food Drive begins (ends 11-13)

Tuesday, Nov. 3 -Student Council Elections

Wednesday, Nov. 4

Thursday, Nov. 5 -7:15-Study Hall/Math Help by invitation only

7:00PM -PTA Meeting

Friday, Nov. 6—Incomplete work due

5th Grade Panoramic Picture taken at 9:15

Monday, Nov. 9

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Wednesday, Nov. 11 —Early Release at 12:00 for Parent Teacher Conferences

Personal Safety preview in conference room

Parent Portal sign up– bring ID

Thursday, Nov. 12 —No Math Help

Early Release at 12:00 for Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Portal sign up– bring ID

Friday, Nov. 13 —Food Drive ends

Monday, Nov. 16-

Tuesday, Nov. 17-Buck's Pizza Night

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Thursday, Nov 19-7:15- Math Help

Math Night:6:00-Pizza

6:45-Program

Friday, Nov. 20 -RWB goes home

Monday, Nov. 23—9:30-Student Council Installation

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Wednesday, Nov. 25—Friday, Nov. 27—Thanksgiving Holidays

Advance Organizer

Thursday, Dec. 10—PTA Winter Celebration

Dec. 18- Winter parties

End of 2nd Nine Weeks

RWB comes home

Dec.21—January 4– Winter Break

Jan. 5– Students return

School Boundary Changes

Beginning the 2010-2011 school year Shiloh Elementary School will have new boundary lines for attendance. This is due to the opening of Snell Elementary on Hwy 124, which will be part of the Shiloh Cluster Schools. As a result of the change in boundary lines, your child may be attending another school. Some students from Shiloh ES may attend either Partee or Annistown. There are maps hanging in the foyer and in the cafeteria hallway if you are interested in viewing the county proposed boundaries. On November 19, 2009 there will be a public meeting in the ISC Board Room at 437 Old Peachtree Road in Suwanee, where parents will have the opportunity to voice comments. The final boundary maps will also be displayed at Shiloh ES after the Board of Education vote on December 10, 2009.

Math Night

Mark your calendar for our annual Math Night on Thursday, November 19. Your family is invited to come for Buck's Pizza at 6:00. A drink, a slice of pizza and chips for only \$2.00! Dinner will be followed by three sessions of math games and activities for all ages. You will leave the evening with fun activities you can do at home with your child to increase their math achievement.

Shiloh's Annual Food Drive

November 2nd – November 13th

Please help us as we collect food for the needy families in our Shiloh Community. Clean out your pantries and cabinets this weekend and have your students deliver it to Shiloh ES during the dates above! All proceeds will go to the Lilburn Co-op. As incentive, one class per grade level will win a party for bringing the most food items. However, the real reward is helping families in need in our Shiloh Community.

The Cooperative ESPECIALLY needs canned meats and fish!

HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY

A faithful member of our Shiloh cafeteria staff, Martha Strickland, will be 85 on Thursday, November 12. Our students know Miss Martha as "Granny" and she loves all of them as if they were her own grandchildren.. If any of your children would like to create a card for Granny's birthday, please encourage them, as she cherishes each remembrance.

We know you will join us in commemorating our beloved Granny being 85 years young and wish her many more years with us at Shiloh. As this article was going to print, Granny suffered a fall and had surgery on Tuesday, October 27 so we hope you will keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery and return to us better than ever!!

Retirement Best Wishes

Good bye to Brenda Simmons and best wishes for a wonderful retirement. Brenda has been a paraprofessional at Shiloh Elementary since August 2000, most recently working in Mrs. Jennings kindergarten class. She retires effective today, Friday, October 30. We will miss Brenda's faithfulness and dedication to our students and the mission of Shiloh Elementary.

SuccessMaker Kits

We have a limited number of SuccessMaker kits this year. Kits will be distributed to select students based on needs. More information will be available at conferences.

Energy Assistance

The Centerville Community Center is a service location for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program presented by the Partnership for Community Action. This program can assist with your home heating bill. Applications are by APPOINTMENT ONLY by calling (404)929-2451 or (404)929-2452 or 1-(800)869-1150. All requirements for service can be obtained through these numbers. The application process begins for seniors, the disabled and homebound residences November 2nd, 2009. The program will open for the general public December 1st, 2009 until all the funding is gone.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Our fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Nov. 11 and 12. Some teachers may also be scheduling conferences on other mornings and afternoons that week. It is very important for teachers to see ALL parents for these important meetings. You will get updated information on your child's progress and find out ways you can help at home.

Remember it is important to be on time. If you are late, the teacher may not have time in her schedule to meet with you.

During these conferences, we dismiss school at noon on Nov. 11 and 12 so make sure you have any child care needs taken care of. If your children are going home differently than their normal way, you must send a note in writing. If they are car riders, be sure to be at school by noon.

We also will have information about the Parent Portal during conference week. By registering you will be able to check your child's grades at any time.

We look forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher Conferences!

Parent Portal

Beginning in January 2010, you will have the ability to access on-line information on your student through the parent portal. You will be able to see continually updated information on your child in the area of attendance, discipline, test history, schedules and grades in addition to several other items. In order to use the parent portal, you will first need to register. Registration forms were sent home on Friday, September 4. During Early Release days (November 11 and 12) you will bring your completed form to school and we will verify the information. At that time you will receive your password to access your child's information. I hope each of you will take advantage of this new tool as a means to stay informed about your child.

Personal Safety Preview

In the next few weeks, a program on personal safety will be presented based on Gwinnett County Public Schools' AKS curriculum. This program is part of Gwinnett County's comprehensive guidance program. The program is upbeat and non-threatening and includes videotapes, role-plays, handouts and group discussions. Children will learn how to protect themselves in potentially harmful situations including sexually abusive situations. They will learn to say "no" to unwanted approaches and seek help from a trusted adult.

This program has been presented to thousands of children in Gwinnett County, Georgia, and nationwide with very positive results. Most children report feeling "more safe" and "less worried" after participating in the program. Emory University staff have evaluated the program and found it is very effective in increasing children's personal safety knowledge.

This Wednesday, November 11th, Ms. Graff and Ms. Caruso will have a parent preview of the material covered. It will be available on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Please go to main office and ask for Ms. Graff or Ms. Caruso.

If you have any questions or feel that you do not want your child to participate in this program, please feel free to call your child's counselor, Danielle Graff 770.736.2062 or Catherine Caruso at 770-985-6883.

Business Partners

It is a good time to become a business partner at Shiloh Elementary and make a connection with our school and community. If you are interested please send your business card, along with a \$20 check made out to Shiloh Elementary. You will become a member of our PTA, be on our website and be featured in the Red, White & Blue. It is so easy! Thank you to our newest business partner:

- ◆ **McClendon School of Dance**
5895 Memorial Drive, Suite K
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
404-292-4920

7:15AM Thursday Math Mornings

On Thursdays at 7:15AM students who receive an invitation will have the opportunity to receive additional assistance in the area of math. **Students must be invited to attend.** There will be no Math Help on Nov. 12 due to parent conferences..

Book Fair News

The Shiloh Elementary Fall book fair will be delivered next week. Students will come for preview on Thursday and Friday. This will give them an opportunity to see what books are available and create a wish list. The book fair will officially open on Monday, November 9. The hours for the book fair are 9:15 to 2:30, except on Wednesday and Thursday; on those days we will be open until 3:00. We have decided that this will be the only book fair we have this year, there will not be one in March as in previous years, Since this is the only one we will have it will be much larger and offer a wider selection of merchandise. Information will be coming home next week in your student's Friday folder. We are also looking for parent volunteers to help with the Book Fair. If you are interested in volunteering please call the media center at 770-736-2056.

School Messenger News

We are using our new automated phone calling system to keep you informed of timely information about our school activities, procedures, cancellations, etc.

Please be sure you listen carefully to the entire message. Calls are made to the number you provided the school as the primary phone number for communication. If your number changes, please let us know immediately so we can update our records.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are in need of several parents/grandparents to assist our children and teachers in the cafeteria. Our goal is to have at least two volunteers to help wash tables, sweep, open condiments, and maintain order on a daily basis. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Kelli Sheffield, PTA Volunteer Coordinator, at klsheffield@hotmail.com. Thank you for your help in advance!



Holiday Assistance for the Shiloh Community

Call if you need assistance or want to sponsor a child.....

The Lilburn Cooperative or the Southeast Gwinnett Cooperative

Please contact:

Kay Whithear

The Lilburn Cooperative

5329 5 Forks Trickum Rd SW

Lilburn, GA 30047

(770)931-8333

Laura Drake

Southeast Cooperative Ministry

Mondays 10-2, Thurs 3-7, and Fri 10-2

(770) 985-5229

Space is limited. Applicants must have children in the home 17 and under.

Applicants must bring the following in order to be seen by an interviewer:

- current proof of residence
- photo id
- proof of income and other financial assistance
- proof of eligible children (ss card, birth certificate, other governmental documents)

