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Strong Minds,
Strong Hearts,
Strong Communities

October 2009

Monday, Oct. 5-Benchmark Reading/LA Test – 1st-5th grades

Tuesday, Oct. 6-Benchmark Math Test– 1st-5th grades

Wednesday, Oct. 7-Benchmark Science Test– 3rd-5th grades

Thursday, Oct. 8-7:15AM-Math Help (by invitation only)
Benchmark Social Studies Test-3rd-5th grades

End of first nine weeks

Friday, Oct. 9– Furlough Day -No school

Monday, Oct. 12-Holiday– no school

Tuesday, Oct. 13-Picture re-takes for absent/new students
and Class photos for yearbook

Wednesday, Oct. 14 -Author visits 3rd-5th grades

Thursday, Oct. 15-7:15-Math Help (by invitation only)

Friday, Oct. 16-Field Day

Report cards & conference preference letters go home

Monday, Oct. 19-ITBS-Grades 3 and 5

Tuesday, Oct. 20-ITBS-Grades 3 and 5

Buck's Pizza Night

Wednesday, Oct. 21-ITBS-Grades 3 and 5

NO 7:15 Math Help

Friday, Oct. 23-ITBS-Grades 3 and 5

Monday, Oct. 26

Tuesday, Oct. 27

Wednesday, Oct. 28

Thursday, Oct. 29-7:15-Math Help (by invitation only)

Friday, Oct. 30– IGPro Reports, Conference Confirmation letters and Red, White & Blue go home

Advance Organizer

Nov. 2-13– Food Drive

Nov. 11,12 -Early Release Parent Teacher Conference day

Nov. 19- Math Night

Emergency Contact Information

Please be sure that your contact information remains current throughout the school year. In the event your child has an accident or becomes ill at school it is imperative that we be able to reach you. Please send a note to your child's teacher or the main office to make changes.

Congratulations TOTY

Our warmest congratulations to Dranita Morrow, Shiloh's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Morrow works with many of our students as a literacy coach and coordinator of our Early Intervention Program (EIP). She was formally a third and fourth grade teacher here and we wish her our best wishes as she represents Shiloh.

Lunch Charges

We appreciate parental assistance in reminding students to bring lunch money and in checking frequently with your children about when additional payments are needed. Students will receive a lunch charge letter when they have charges on their account. Parents are also encouraged to use www.mealpay.com services to monitor their child's account. Students that accrue \$10.00 or more in charges will automatically receive a PB&J sandwich and milk until the charges are cleared and charges will continue to accrue. End of the year report cards will be withheld for all students with charges on their lunch account.

This information is from page 15 of Parent Handbook 09-10.

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 October 22.

Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) is a nationally normed assessment given to evaluate students progress in grades three and five. Please make every effort to have your students rested and on time for school on **October 19, 20, 21, 22, 23**. Results for the ITBS will be available after winter holidays.

Shiloh Dad's Club

The Shiloh Dad's Club will hold their first official meeting of the year Saturday, October 3 at 2:00PM. The meeting will be held at Shiloh Elementary in the Patriot Perch on A Hall. Immediately after the meeting, the Shiloh Dads will stay and enjoy watching the Georgia vs. LSU football game on the school's new big screen technology. Wings and other snacks will be provided. Hope to see you!

Media Center News

The media center has been extremely busy checking out over 1,000 books each week. Our students love to read. The most popular books are Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Something Upstairs, Magic Tree House, Junie B. Jones, Fancy Nancy, and Hank the Cowdog. We can't keep these books on the shelves.

To encourage our students to keep reading, our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will have to chance on Wednesday, October 14 to hear a local author discuss her books. Gail Karwoski, the author of several children's books, will spend the day in the media center talking to our students and we are really excited about it.

Several classes have projects on display in the media center; Mrs. Steele's class has examples of Native American houses and Ms. Reynolds' students have posters showing the water cycle. If you are in the building drop by and check them out.

We are always looking for a few good volunteers; if you are interested in helping out in the media center please contact us, at 770-736-2056. Thank you!

Avon Fundraiser– October 2-16

Due to additional unexpected budget cuts from the County and State, Shiloh ES will be sponsoring an Avon Fundraiser. This is sponsored strictly by the school and does not involve PTA in any way. Forms will come home with your student on Friday, October 2. These items will make great gifts for friends and family especially at Christmas time. For safety reasons please do not allow your student(s) to solicit door to door. Thank you in advance for any support you are willing to provide in this effort.

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 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 will be 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.

Benchmark Interim One tests will occur during the week of October 5.

These assessments will cover the first nine weeks of AKS on our instructional calendar.

All students in grades one through five will take a combined Reading/Language Arts test on Monday, October 5 and Math test on Tuesday, October 6.

All students in grades three through five will take a Science test on Wednesday, October 7.

Grades 1-5 do count for a grade in Math, Reading and Language Arts.(The Reading/Language arts assessment is combined but the grade counts in both categories)

- Grades 3-5 count for a grade in Science.
- The grade on the Benchmark Test is factored in the final nine week grade for that subject. The test counts one percentage point for each grade level. Grade 1 = 1%, Grade 2 = 2%, Grade 3 = 3%, Grade 4 = 4%, Grade 5 = 5%

Students in grades three through five will also take a Social Studies field test on Thursday, October 8, that will not count for a grade. We do our best to assess students in the morning. Please do all you can on these days and every day to have students arrive at school on time, rested and ready to learn.

Thank you!

A big thanks to all the parents and teachers who were able to donate gym shoes. We have plenty now and they are in use daily. Thank you for supporting the Physical Education Department of Shiloh Elementary School.

Mr. Satchwell

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 partners:

- ◆ **Discovery Point**
3775 Zoar Road
Snellville, GA 30039
770-985-9555
- ◆ **ABC Pediatric Group**
2240 West Park Place, Suite A
Stone Mountain, GA 30087
770-771-5222
- ◆ **Kim Brothers/Kickin Kids**
3450 Hwy 78
Snellville, GA 30078
770-979-9800
- ◆ **Legacy Academy**
2845 Centerville Hwy.
Snellville, GA 30078
770-979-2446
- ◆ **Tiffany's Nails**
1227 Rockbridge Rd., Suite 403
Stone Mountain, GA 30087
770-923-0204
- ◆ **McClendon School of Dance**
5895 Memorial Drive, Suite K
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
404-292-4920
- ◆ **Bubbadan Embroidery**
Dan McAlister
5365 Rocky Hill Dr.
Lilburn, GA 30047
404-626-8212

From the Counselors

What is Bullying? Hitting, name-calling, exclusion, or other behavior that is meant to hurt another person. Bullying is often carried out by someone who has more power against someone who has less power.

What are the effects of bullying? Bullying affects both targets and youth who bully. Targets of bullying are more likely to grow up depressed and anxious unless the bullying is stopped. Youth who bully are much more likely than non-bullies to become adult criminals. By-standers can also be affected in that they may feel scared or unsafe.

What parenting styles lead to young people becoming or not becoming bullies? Families where discipline is inconsistent and where there is little warmth and adult attention are more likely to raise children who bully. Consistent, fair discipline teaches self-control and responsibility. Warmth and time spent together teach connection and empathy. The more time you spend with your children-at every age- doing things you both enjoy, the closer you will be to them and the happier they will be. Schedule special times for each child and stick to the schedule.

How can I support my child if they are bullied at school? Avoid blaming your child for what others have done to him or her. Think twice before giving advice – your child may have already tried the strategies you are going to suggest. Get as much information as you can, ask what the child has already tried to do to resolve the problem, and praise them for it. Talk with your child's teacher, principal, counselor and encourage your child to do the same. Help your child heal through art, hobbies, and positive relationships.

How can I talk with my child if she or she bullies someone else? Help your child tell you exactly what he or she did, without excuses or blaming others. Remember, that even if the other student involved did something, your child made a choice to do what he or she did. Encourage him or her to talk about how that behavior affected the other person.

How can I encourage my child to speak up about bullying that he or she sees? Encourage your children to join with others in telling adults when they see bullying and praise them for doing this. Here at Shiloh, we tell our students always to report to the nearest adult first, immediately. Remind them they have the power to help.

These excerpts were taken from *stopping bullying and raising responsible, caring children – a guide for parents*, to learn more visit <http://www.stopbullyingnow.com>

Field Day* Field Day* Field Day is coming!

Here is the 411 for Field Day 2009, October 16. If you are new to Shiloh, we have our field day in the cool of October instead of the heat of May. The Middle School Jr. Beta Club runs Field Day for our students. The events for Kindergarten through second grade will be in the morning from 9:45- 11:45. The third grade through fifth grade will participate from 12:20-2:20.

During Shiloh Way Field Day there are dozens of centers and the students may go to the centers of their choice. They may go back as many times as they wish. We do not keep score or give awards. It is a fun day to participate in AKS skills they have worked on and will be working on throughout the school year in physical education classes. Some events require a partner to cooperate with or participate against and the students may choose their partner or groups. There are no classroom events. The main goals of Field Day are for everyone to have fun and use the skills they have learned in physical education.

I encourage your students to bring a bottle of water, not a water bottle. It should be something they don't need to take home. I also encourage students to wear sunscreen, gym shoes and a hat.

Parents are welcome to come and participate. If you would like to face paint, we can find a spot for you!

Looking forward to seeing you,

Mr. Satchwell