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Strong Minds,
Strong Hearts,
Strong Communities

September 2009

Monday, August 31

Tuesday, September 1

Wednesday, September 2

Thursday, September 3– Picture Day

7:15AM– Math Help

Friday, September 4– IGPro reports go home

Monday, September 7—Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 8

Wednesday, September 9

Thursday, September 10– 7:15AM– Study Hall &

Math Help

7:00PM– Boy Scout Parent Meeting

Friday, September 11- Incomplete work due

Monday, September 14-Vision & Hearing screening
for third graders

Tuesday, September 15-Buck's Pizza Night

Wednesday, September 16

Thursday, September 17-7:15AM– Math Help

Friday, September 18

Monday, September 21

Tuesday, September 22-CoGAT-grades 1, 3, 5

Wednesday, September 23-CoGAT-grades 1, 3, 5

Thursday, September 24-No Math Help

CoGAT-grades 1, 3, 5

Friday, September 25– IGPro reports go home

R,W&B goes home

3:00-5:00– After School Dance

Monday, September 28

Tuesday, September 29

Wednesday, September 30

Thursday, October 1—7:15AM-Study Hall & Math

Help

Friday, October 2– Incomplete work due

From the Clinic

All lost and found items will be donated at end of August. Please check for items.

Dear Shiloh Parents,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Shiloh Elementary. The entire staff at Shiloh is eagerly looking forward to working with you and your students as we strive toward our common goal to raise student achievement.

Our theme for the year is “Reach for the Stars”. This may mean different things to different people, so let me use this simple analogy. S.L. Parker says that at 211 degrees water is hot and at 212 degrees, it boils. With boiling water comes steam and with steam you can power a train. One simple degree means the difference between hot water and something that generates enough force to power a machine. Reaching for the stars is applying that one extra effort to extend yourself beyond your present level of functioning to soar academically. I’m asking everyone to adopt this philosophy and benefit from it for the rest of your life.

On August 1, 2009, Debbie Wyatt, assistant principal for the past two years at Shiloh, retired from her position. Luckily for us, she will return on September 1, 2009 as a part-time assistant principal. She will be sharing the position with Beverly Todd-Lee. Mrs. Todd-Lee is not new to Shiloh. Prior to being named as the Principal of W.C. Britt Elementary in 2000, she was the assistant principal at Shiloh. Mrs. Wyatt and Mrs. Todd-Lee will share grade levels 1, 3, and 5.

I am looking forward to the 2009-2010 school year. Despite furlough days and severe budget cuts, let us all embrace our theme “Reach for the Stars” and make this the best year ever at Shiloh Elementary School.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, please feel free to contact me or one of my staff.

Respectfully,
Betty Ann Schoeneck
Principal



P.E. News

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. The specials schedule this year is quite different than it has been in the past. I would like to try a new approach for students without gym shoes. For safety, students must have tennis/gym shoes to participate in physical education class. If students don't have gym shoes when they come to class, there will be a box of shoes they may choose to wear for the class period. If they make the choice to sit out, that is their right, but if they are not working on the Physical Education Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) that will have an impact on the grade they receive on their report card. They will always have the choice about using shoes from the box or sitting out.

With this new policy we will need to build up a supply of shoes. If you would like to donate new shoes or shoes your children have outgrown please have your children drop them off at the gym.

Thank you,

Larry Satchwell

Business Partners

It is not too early 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:

Jump-N-Good Times

2154 Fountain Square 678-344-2364
Snellville, GA 30078

Spirit Wear Fridays

Every Friday students at Shiloh Elementary, along with our school staff, are invited to wear their Shiloh spirit wear to show school spirit and pride. If you or your child are in need of Shiloh spirit wear, the Shiloh PTA has many sizes and styles available for purchase. Please contact the PTA at shilohpta@gmail.com if interested.



Shiloh Book Store/School Store

The Shiloh Book Store/School Store will be open for business each morning before school starting on Monday, August 24. Students can purchase books for only \$2.00 each! This year, we will not have a separate School Store, but paper and pencils can be purchased at the same place they purchase books.

Please encourage your students to save their allowance and invest in a great book to read!

Take Home Book Bags

Want a foolproof way to improve your child's reading ability and success with testing? It is as simple as READ, READ, READ! To encourage your child's at-home reading we have purchased **Take Home School Book Bags**. Every day, your child should come home with a book in this yellow ziplock bag and they are expected to read EVERY night. Please be sure to have them return this bag each day.

Electronic Check-In

Beginning on Tuesday, August 24, Shiloh ES initiated a new electronic check-in system.

Visitors will now check-in using a computer in our front office which will automatically generate an ID badge. Visitors will need to wear the badge during their entire visit. Any visitor not wearing an ID badge will be asked to return to the front office. This system will also be used to sign in students who are tardy.



7:15AM Thursday

Math Mornings

Beginning the Thursday after Labor Day, students will have the opportunity to receive additional assistance in the area of math. On Thursday mornings at 7:15 each classroom and special education teacher will be available in their classrooms to assist your student in math. Teachers may be contacting specific students to attend but even if the teacher has not requested your child to come, if you see a need they may attend.

School Messenger

The School Messenger is an automated phone calling system. This system will periodically call your home with timely information that you need about important dates and events happening at Shiloh Elementary. Please take the time to carefully listen to each of these messages. If your phone number changes, please notify our office immediately.

School Hours

School hours are 8:10-2:45 each day. Car riders may arrive between 7:45-8:10AM each day. Students may not be dropped off before 7:45AM, as we do not have staff on duty at that time to supervise your child. If you come after 8:10AM, you will need to park in the side parking lot and walk your child inside the front door. Breakfast is not served after 8:10. Car riders must be picked up by 3:00. To be sure your child arrives and is picked up on time each day, please allow them to ride the bus. All buses arrive by 8 a.m. every day.

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.

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 going 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.

Parent Visits

We encourage and welcome parents to visit our school! For the protection of students, however, **all parents & visitors must check in through the office** to receive an *identification badge*. This badge must remain visible at all times. Visitors are asked to turn cell phones off while in the building.

Any classroom visits must be approved by the office and the teacher notified so that there will be no disruption of instruction. This includes during arrival and dismissal times. A prior appointment should be made for any visitation and/or conference so that proper planning and focus can be given to the meeting. Parents wishing to observe in classrooms must schedule their visit in advance with the classroom teacher. Visits will be limited to no more than 30 minutes. Questions arising from the visit will need to be answered in a conference at a later time.

Benchmark

The pre-test Benchmark tests were administered this week and are being used for diagnostic purposes as our staff better prepares for instruction. These assessments are not used as a grade but the data is used for making sure our students are prepared for the year's curriculum.

CogAT

On September 22, 23 and 24, our first, third and fifth graders will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). This assessment is used to measure each student's ability in verbal, non-verbal and mathematical areas. We ask parents to mark their calendars so students are rested and in school each morning on time on these days.

Parking

When visiting Shiloh for any length of time whatsoever, please do not park in our reserved parking or in any area posted as a fire lane. Both the Gwinnett School Police as well as the county police are giving tickets and they are quite expensive.

Check It Out!



What Counselors Do

School counselors are a part of your child's educational team who work together with other school personnel to help support your child at school. We work with students short-term one on one, in small groups, and in their classrooms through our classroom guidance activities. School counselors help parents and teachers better understand their student's social, emotional, and educational needs. We teach skills in leadership, test taking, decision making, coping, communication, personal safety and protection, and positive peer relationships. Some examples of small groups include: family changes, self control, communication skills, and work habits. In addition, school counselors are available to offer support during crisis situations.

Danielle Graff is our half-time counselor at Shiloh Elementary. She will mainly be working this year with First and Second grade and will be assisting with Kindergarten. Danielle taught second grade at Britt Elementary for three years. She has her Master's degree from the University of West Alabama and her Specialist's degree in school counseling from the University of Georgia. She is looking forward to working at Shiloh for her third year as a counselor. She will be here every Monday, Tuesday, and every other Wednesday. You can contact her at 770-736-2062 or send an e-mail to Danielle_graff@gwinnett.k12.ga.us.

Catherine Caruso is our full-time school counselor at Shiloh Elementary. She works mainly with Third, Fourth and Fifth Grades, and will be assisting with Kindergarten, but supports Shiloh as a whole in many ways. Catherine has previously worked in the mental health field. She has her B.A. degree from Georgia State University and her Master's from Marymount University in Arlington, VA. She is looking forward to her ninth year at Shiloh. You can contact her at 770-736-2074 or Catherine_Caruso@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

Media Center News

All students have completed orientation and are checking out books to take home. As students come in for media center orientation, they are reminded that the books they check out are their responsibility. If media center books are lost or severely damaged they must be paid for; the county-wide price is \$5.00 for a paperback book and \$15.00 for a hardback book. The fees for lost and damaged books are set by Gwinnett County. If you have any questions about lost or damaged books throughout the year please contact the media center at 770-736-2056.

Over the summer Shiloh Elementary students completed their summer reading projects with tremendous success. On Friday August 21, students that completed their summer reading were invited to a program featuring Chopper from the Gwinnett Braves. He was accompanied by a guest reader and then passed out Chopper baseball cards. We are looking forward to more exciting events in the media center during the school year.

3rd grade vision and hearing screening— free on September 14

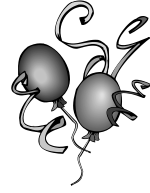
We are fortunate that all of our third grade students will have vision and hearing screened on Monday, September 14. If you do not want your student screened, please return the note sent home with students.

Reader's Rally Book Club

Fourth and Fifth grade students interested in joining the Readers' Rally book club are invited to attend our first meeting on Friday, September 4 at 7:15 a.m. in the Media Center. The first meeting will give all interested students details about the book club to decide if they want to join. We encourage any fourth or fifth grade students who love to read to attend. The book club will meet each Friday at 7:15 a.m. The sponsors of this club are Mrs. Forehand, Mrs. Wilburn and Mrs. Wyatt.

Electronic Devices

Students are prohibited from using any electronic devices on buses. This includes cell phones, pagers, radios, tape or CD players. We would prefer that students not have any of these at school that may interfere with classroom instruction. Cell Phones are permitted but must remain in students' book bags with the ringer off. Other electronic devices may be lost or stolen and we cannot be responsible for these expensive items. Please remind students to leave these at home.



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Would you like to honor your student in a special way?

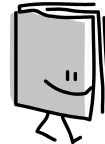
Join the **Birthday Book Club!**

We are initiating a new program this year to add to the materials in the Shiloh Elementary School Media Center.

How does the Birthday Book Club work? It's simple! Fill out the form at the bottom of this page and return it with a check (\$15 per book). Once a month, there will be a birthday party in the media center for students participating in the Birthday Book Club. At the party, your child will have the opportunity to select the book they would like to donate from a variety of titles. If you wish you may attend the party with your child. A photo will be made of your child with the book and they will be given the opportunity to check the book out. Most durable books cost between \$10 and \$20. There will be a special section in the media center where the books will be displayed.

Thank you for your continued support,

Brenda DeBord
Media Specialist



Benefits for your child:

1. Book plate in the book for as long as the Media Center owns the book
2. First to check out the book
3. Special recognition
4. Special feeling of sharing with others

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Child's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Teacher _____

Birthday _____

Check (Made out to Shiloh ES) / Money attached ____ yes