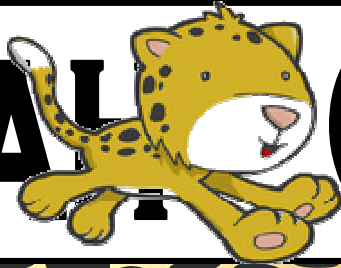


CHEETAAL CHAT



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THE PRINCIPAL'S POINT

Dear Creek View Elementary School Families,

Creek View will be recognized during the Fulton County School Board meeting on February 18th at Dunwoody Springs Charter Elementary at 6:30 for High Achievement on the 2008-2009 CRCT results. We received the Bronze Award from Georgia's Single Statewide Accountability System, and we will be in good company with many other North Fulton schools! I am so proud of what our students have learned and what they are able to do!

I would also like to congratulate our wonderful academic bowl team led by Ms. Helaine Becker and Mrs. Becky Berry! On Wednesday, January 20, 2010, Creek View Elementary School's Academic Bowl Team competed in the 41st, 5th & 6th Grade Winter Knowledge Master Open academic competition. The teams, consisting of fifth and sixth grade students, used computers to answer 100 challenging questions from all curriculum areas. Creek View's team of 13 fifth graders scored 591 of 1,000 possible points (the average was 466). This resulted in the team being ranked 1st among the other Georgia 5th grade teams, and 16th out of the total 223 5th grade teams. The team also placed 4th overall in GA (5th & 6th grade teams) and 90th nationally (5th & 6th grade). Scoring well in all areas, the team's strengths were in Government, Current Events, Physical Science, Trivia, Literature, English and Math. Students present for the competition included: Dharani Balakumar, Bronwyn Bennett, Lexie Bryant, Jonathan Bovee, Chance Davenport-Mills, Neha Embar, Zoe Genet, Brian Hu, Sona Khan, Sophia Kim, Chris Matthes, Keshav Pendiri and Alec Zhan. Thanks to these students and staff members for continuing to keep Creek View in the spotlight for academic achievement!

Matt Rogers

New Student Registration and Hardship Applications

This year's spring registration for elementary schools is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 6, 2010. Registration will be held on Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Only parents of NEW students will need to come to the schools to register on these dates. Current students will take a survey form home to be completed by their parents and returned to the classroom teacher. You do not have to bring your child to complete registration. Please bring the following documents to help speed up registration:



Official State Birth Certificate
GA State Immunization Form (3231)
GA State Hearing, Vision, & Dental Screening Form (3300)
Child's Social Security Number (optional)
Proof of Residency



In addition, Creek View's annual Kindergarten Safari will take place on Wednesday, April 28th from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. You and your child will take a tour of our school, visit a kindergarten classroom, take a trip through the cafeteria line, and board a school bus. Please notify your neighbors and friends living in our attendance zone.

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Applications are now available for parents who wish to apply for a 2010-2011 hardship transfer to another Fulton elementary or middle school. Applications can be picked up at any elementary or middle school or can be accessed online at www.fultonschools.org/dept/studentplacement. The deadline for submission is March 1st, by 4:30 p.m., with no exceptions or extensions granted. Applications can be submitted to the school office and will be mailed from there.

The application deadline for parents of high school students desiring a transfer to another Fulton high school for the 2009-2010 school year is March 1st. High school hardship transfers are considered annually - but are not automatically granted - for medical reasons and curriculum differences as well as for students districted to a conversion charter school who wish to attend a non-charter school. Transfers are also considered for children of Fulton County School System employees.

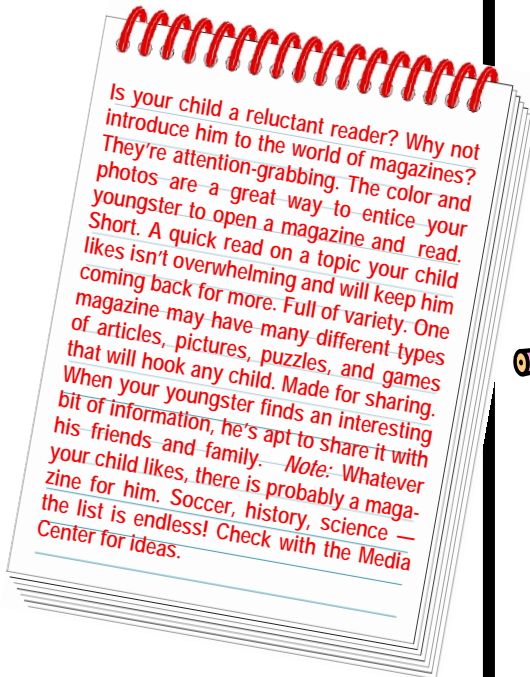
Early Release Day



Mark your calendar for the next Early Release Day, February 24th. On this day, all students will be dismissed from school at approximately 11:10 a.m. Early release days are built in to the Fulton County Schools calendar to allow teaching professional collaborative planning and training. Please be mindful that if your child is a bus rider, the school bus will deliver children home by 11:35 a.m. It is very important to have an adult at the bus stop, if you have children in kindergarten or first grades. If no adult is present, the driver will bring the child back to school. Students currently enrolled in Primetime and other outside daycare may use those services as usual. The last Early Release Day is Wednesday, March 24th.

Read It, Learn It, Know It

Good readers use many tools to increase their understanding of new material—and to remember it once they've finished reading. Share these tips to help your child with her next textbook assignment. Reading will go faster, and the information will stay in your youngster's memory longer. Visualize. Strong readers form pictures in their minds as they read. Encourage your child to imagine what the textbook is describing. Putting the image down on paper may also help. Perhaps she could draw a picture to illustrate the water cycle or create a time line to help her remember geologic events. Ask questions. Comprehending text is easier for children when they are looking for specific information. Suggest that your youngster turn subtitles into questions and then look for the answers. For example, if she's reading about the Civil War, the subtitle "The Battle of Manassas" could become "How did the Battle of Manassas end?" Say it back. When readers come across new information, they understand it better if they can rephrase ideas. Have your youngster read a section of her assignment and then tell you in her own words what she just read. Or have her write a letter to an imaginary friend explaining something she has learned from her textbook.



Looking Forward

Tuesday, February 23
General PTA Mtg
6:30 p.m. Creek View Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 24
EARLY RELEASE @ 11:10

Thursday, February 25
'A Barnyard Moosical' Performance
6:30 p.m. Creek View Cafeteria

Monday, March 1
Spirit Day

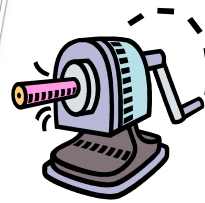
Wednesday, March 3
Creek View Art Show
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Jr. Raider Cheerleading

Parents of rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to try out on April 12—14 at Alpharetta High School in the Gym from 4:15-6:30. You will have a chance to meet Jr. Raider coaches and Jr. Raider board members. We want YOU to join the Jr. Raider team!



CRCT Testing



CRCT testing will take place Wednesday - Friday, April 14-16 and Tuesday-Thursday, April 20-22. Students in first and second grades will test for the first three testing days. Students perform better on tests when they are feeling their best and are able to take the test in familiar surroundings, such as their homeroom class. In order to avoid having make-up tests, please make certain that students are not scheduled for doctor or dentist appointments, or vacation time. Testing will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. and continue until approximately 10:00 a.m.



Creek View Elementary is a "Croc-Free" and "Flip-Flop Free" School Zone.



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