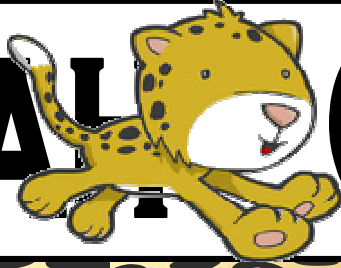


# CHEETA! CHAT



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## THE PRINCIPAL'S POINT

Dear Creek View Elementary School Families,

It was great to see everyone who was able to join us at Curriculum Nights. Our teachers are well-prepared for the year and fully committed to providing solid and meaningful instruction, mixed with just the right amount of fun and engagement! We are thrilled to have had the chance to share our processes with you and look forward to a year filled with lot of learning.

For those parents who were unable to attend one of the Curriculum Nights and did not schedule a Fall conference with your child's teacher, please contact the teacher as soon as possible. Creek View Elementary policy requires that teachers conduct two conferences; one per semester.

As the 8th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks approaches, I am reminded of the honor and privilege it is to be an American. I hope that each of you will take a moment to discuss with your child the freedoms that we, as Americans, enjoy as well as the common interests that bind us together as citizens of this great nation. Our students are the leaders of tomorrow and in them is our hope for a more peaceful and prosperous future.

*Matt Rogers*

## ITBS Testing

Students in grades 3 and 5 will participate in the ITBS, Iowa Test of Basic Skills during the week of September 21-25. The ITBS is a norm-referenced test (NRT). Scores from Fulton County students who take the test in the fall will be compared with scores from other students and schools across the nation that take the test at the same

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To help your child prepare for the ITBS, make sure he/she arrives at school on time and is well-rested. Avoid scheduling doctor's or dentist's appointments during testing times. Ensure that your child eats a good breakfast on testing days and everyday. If your child wears an assistive device, such as glasses or hearing aids, be sure he/she remembers to bring it and wear it during all testing sessions.

## Early Release Day

The first Early Release Day of the school year will be held on **Wednesday, September 16th.**

All students will be dismissed at **11:10 a.m.** In today's Thursday Folder, please be on the lookout for an Early Release Dismissal Form. This form will be used for you to communicate to the teacher how you want your child dismissed. You are asked to complete it and return it to your child's teacher no later than **Monday, September 14th.**

Early Release Days provide teachers the chance to participate in professional learning opportunities as a team. In many instances, staff members from other schools will join our staff for special training and collaboration.

There will be no after school activities held on that day.

The YMCA Prime Time Program will take place, as usual. Once dismissal is completed, students will not be permitted back in the building until the next day.

# Smile & Say Cheese!



School photography company, LifeTouch, will be on hand **Monday, September 14th** for Fall individual portraits. All students will have their picture taken for the yearbook and school records. Order forms with package options are included in today's Thursday Folders. If you would like to order pictures, please return the envelope with your payment on Picture Day. Your child should be dressed in bright and colorful clothing for a memorable photo. All students will be photographed, regardless of whether a package has been purchased.

Picture make-up day will be October 29, 2009.

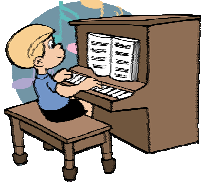
## Cafeteria Meal Benefits

To continue free or reduced price meal benefits for students each household must complete a new application each year. Free and Reduced Meal Benefits will end on September 21, 2009, if the household has not reapplied for school year 2009-2010. If there is an interruption in benefits or the household does not reapply, the household is responsible for payment of meals until the Free and Reduced Application is approved. To help assure continuation of benefits, the household must have a new application turned in to the school cafeteria manager before September 16, 2009. Be sure to list all the students in the household on the application.



Keep in mind, the application may take up to 10-days to process. If you have any questions, please call the Fulton County School Nutrition Program - Meal Eligibility Desk at (404)305-2220.

## Afterschool Activities



After school activities abound at Creek View Elementary. The first session of programs began this week. Enrichment opportunities include Spanish lessons, You Gotta Have Art class, Chess class, Lego Club, Piano/Keyboarding, Future Tech, and Chorus. We invite you to enroll your child in one of these fantastic classes. Upon enrollment, please make sure you submit a change of transportation form to the teacher informing them how your child will be dismissed on that particular day. Look for enrollment flyers in the kiosk across from the front office.

## Tardy and Absence Procedure

We have a new procedure for reporting absences and tardies. There is a form for parents to fill out and give to the office staff for any absences or tardies. These forms are available at the front desk and on the school website. Please make sure to fill out these forms completely and legibly so that absences and tardies are properly recorded.



Creek View Absence/Tardy Note

My child, \_\_\_\_\_  
was absent/tardy on (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
due to (reason) \_\_\_\_\_.  
Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Looking Forward

Thursday, September 10  
Piano/Key Boarding N108

Monday, September 14  
PICTURE DAY!  
Spanish Class A153  
Lego's (K-2) N113

Wednesday, September 16  
EARLY RELEASE DAY  
Dismissal at 11:10 a.m.  
Did you complete and return your form?

Monday, September 21  
1:00 Volunteer Training  
ITBS Testing begins for  
Grades 3rd and 5th

Wednesday, September 23  
Scout Meeting 6:30 p.m.

## CLINIC NEWS

Parents, please stop by the clinic if your child has a medical condition that requires treatment during the school day.

All medications, including cough drops, must be accompanied by a Authorization to Administer Medication form.

Additionally, all medications must be stored in the clinic.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Osthoff



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