Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As the colors on the leaves begin to change and the temperature outside begins to cool down, the students at Feldwood Elementary are well into this school year with much learning taking place and student enjoying the new experiences.

I want to encourage families to be involved in the events here at school this year. Please take the time to look at the many opportunities available and choose those that fit your schedule and interests. We always welcome parents who come to have lunch with their children and value those who volunteer and participate in our school events.

There are many ways that parents can support the educational process here at Feldwood Elementary. While we know that all families may not have the flexibility in their hectic schedule to devote to volunteering at the school, please know that there are other ways that families can be involved in the school. As our culture fashions us to be busier, I want to encourage you to not abandon some of the foundations that you may have already put in place as family routines as these routines tend to get pushed to the side as our schedules get fuller. Active, parental involvement in your child’s education is one important – if nothing else, the most important – factor in your child’s success, and it may already be impacted by routines you may be doing now:

- Establishing regular sleeping times for your child.
- Having your child in school daily and on time.
- Encouraging reading and/or reading to your child.
- Checking your child’s homework folder/agenda daily.
- Talking about what he or she is learning at school or wherever.
- Volunteering and/or attending school activities.
- Creating an adult presence at the bus stop when your child gets on or off the bus.

Education is not something that just happens at school; it occurs whenever and wherever we dedicate time to learning in specific areas. TOGETHER, we make a difference in the lives of our young children as they develop into their full potential. Remember, “You, too, can leave a footprint on the soul of a child.”

Sincerely,
Trici Smith, Ed.D
Principal

Annual donations are back! WE NEED YOUR HELP! Details inside...

Chat with the PRINCIPAL …first Tuesday of every month

Join us at our next Principal’s CHAT on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd at 9AM


TEACHER WORKDAY: Monday, January 6th
No school for Students

While at Feldwood… VISITORS EXPECTATIONS

While we do invite and encourage visitors, we must ensure the safety of our students and protect against disruption of instruction. When entering Feldwood Elementary School, visitors are to dress in such a manner that does not interfere with the educational program or orderly operation of the school. All clothing must be in good taste. Extremes in dress will not be permitted, e.g. pajamas (tops and/or bottoms), robes, slippers or house shoes, tank tops, see-through clothing, short-shorts, etc. Gentlemen are to remove their hats upon entering the building. Visitors are to maintain a respectful tone and demeanor when addressing and interacting with all faculty and staff members. Visitors will be asked to leave the premises if profanity is used or loud, aggressive behaviors are exhibited.

FamilyNOTES 2013-14, pg 5: VISITOR EXPECTATIONS.

School is back in session on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014.
Specials Corner

MUSIC with...
– Ms. Varetta Sweeper-Smith, Music Teacher
Ms. Saudra Echols, Itinerant Music Teacher

We are preparing for our “Bear-y Merry Holiday Musical” and K-3 Winter Concert to be held on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 PM. The students are excited and working very hard in anticipation of their onstage performance debut. Please plan on attending and making your child’s moments in the bright lights a treasured lifetime memory. All “performers” must be at school by 5:00 PM, and all “singers” will report by 5:30 PM. Please have your child come already dressed in his/her appropriate grade level attire.

Thank you so much and hope to see you there!

Ms. Saundra Echols, Itinerant Music Teacher
Ms. Varetta Sweeper
Coach Marcia Edwards, Paraprofessional

Keeping in shape with...
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
– Coach Christopher Rice, PE Teacher
and Coach Marcia Edwards, Paraprofessional

Hello Feldwood Family!

I hope that everyone is well. Basketball season is here at Feldwood! Basketball games for our 4th grade students begin on November 18th and will run into early December. For our 5th grade students, tryouts will take place in mid-December. I will be sending home more information on that shortly. Parents, you are more than welcome to attend but you must have gone through the Volunteer Training with our parent liaison, Ms. Wills, in order to do so. Thank you so much and hope to see you there!

Ms. Ashley Greer, Art Teacher
Ms. Kara Rice, Itinerant Art Teacher

School Social Worker’s Corner

– Ms. Shirley Robins, School Social Worker | 404-765-2001x131

Non-Negotiable Parent Accountability
EVERY CHILD, EVERY SEAT, EVERY DAY, ON TIME…

Effective November 1, 2013, Feldwood Elementary School will begin a new Attendance Incentive Program called Every Child, Every Seat, Every Day, On Time. We believe that school success begins with attendance. The goal of the program is to reduce the absentee and tardy rate for the 2013-2014 school year and promote school success. We will recognize and reward all students with perfect attendance on a monthly basis (Students can not have any tardies or absences during the month).

Students with perfect attendance during the month will have their names posted on an attendance wall in their classroom. These students will receive perfect attendance certificates and neck tags for the month(s) they have perfect attendance.

The class with the highest percentage of students with perfect attendance for the month will be treated to an ice cream party the following month and other attendance incentives (Only students with perfect attendance in the winning class will be invited to the ice cream party).

Students that are absent and/or tardy at any time during the month can start fresh the next month and can receive recognition and a certificate and tag for the month(s) with perfect attendance. All students with perfect attendance for the 2013-2014 school year will qualify to have their names entered into an end of the school year drawing for a special prize.

We need the cooperation and participation of all our parents/guardians to ensure that your children are at school and on time daily. Every Child, Every Seat, Every Day, On Time counts. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

PARENT/GUARDIAN’S PLEDGE

I pledge to have my child at school and on time each and every day because daily attendance is important to my child’s academic success. I believe that “Every Child, Every Seat, Every Day, On Time” counts towards students learning more, achieving more and becoming responsible and productive individuals.
Feldwood ES Annual Fundraiser 2013-14

It's back! ...and we need your help

To support the many endeavors happening at Feldwood Elementary School requires a BIG investment of time, commitment, and... green dollars.

Yes, we said it!

Green dollars! (and no, not COUGAR BUCKS)!

One of the biggest ways you can help support our school is through financial contributions.

We are reaching out to you for a one-time annual donation of $20!

Thank you in advance for making what we do important for our most important entity – OUR CHILDREN!

We understand times are difficult... which makes it that much more special to us that you and your family are able to contribute to help improve the quality of our school for the students and staff at Feldwood Elementary School. To thank you...

Every $20 will earn each Feldwood family an entry to win amazing gifts* - just in time for the holiday!

* GIFTS ARE PROVIDED BY OUR SCHOOL SPONSORS AND WILL BE PRESENTED AT OUR PTA MEETING/HOLIDAY PROGRAM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th AT 6 PM. ALL WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

A donation of $20 will earn your child* TWO COUGAR BUCKS! In addition, classes with 100% participation will be awarded a movie and popcorn time!**

* For families with more than one child attending Feldwood, a donation of $20 covers all siblings, and each child will receive two COUGAR BUCKS.
** In order to qualify, all donations must be received no later than Friday, December 10, 2013.

Your generous donation will allow us to provide opportunities to:
- Recognize and Motivate Student Achievement
  - awards / recognitions programs
  - Student of the Month incentives
  - the Cougar Buck Bank store
- Enrich Student Learning
  - in-house field trips
- Celebrate Our Faculty and Staff
  - Teacher Appreciation Week
  - Feldwood’s Finest Appreciation Week
- Maintain a Clean and Conducive Environment for Your Child to Learn Every Day
  - school beautification

Feldwood Annual Fundraiser 2013-14

We need your help!

Here’s our donation of $20!

PAYMENT TYPE:

☐ CASH  ☐ CHECK# _______

CHILD’S NAME* ____________________________

HOMEROOM TEACHER ____________________________  GRADE _______

PARENT’S NAME ____________________________

*Please list names of all children attending Feldwood ES. COUGAR BUCKS will only be given to students listed on this form.

Please return to your child’s homeroom teacher no later than December 10, 2013.
It’s coming soon: S.T.E.A.M. FAIR

Fieldwood Elementary’s S.T.E.A.M. Fair! Students may enter in the categories of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Please visit our school’s website for more information. All projects are due on January 15, 2014 and must be designed and created by the students! Judging will take place during the school day on January 16th with a public viewing and awards recognition that evening from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Please note that students who participate in the technology portion of the S.T.E.A.M. Fair may advance to compete in the 13th Annual Fulton County Technology Competition on Saturday, January 18th. Two new categories have been added: Game Design and Mobile Apps. For more information:

http://portal.fultonschools.org/departments/academics/LearningandTeaching/Pages/FultonCountyTechnologyCompetition.aspx

December at a Glance...

‘Tis the Season for Caring, Giving, and Sharing

FELDWOOD’S 2ND HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Join us in conjunction with 11 Alive for Feldwood’s 2nd Annual Can-a-thon! We will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items (no liquids) during the week of December 2nd – 6th for needy families in our communities during this holiday. The class that collects the most canned goods will have a cupcake party! Students, parents, staff – just a simple donation of a canned good can brighten a family’s holiday! Please bring your canned goods donation to your child’s teacher by December 6th. Let’s show our cougar spirit that Feldwood cares, gives, and shares!

Fieldwood Sings

THU DEC 12TH

Come to Kroger located on Old National Hwy. and Flat Shoals Road on Thursday, Dec. 12th at 5:00 PM to support the Feldwood Elementary School singers. Please note: All performing students should arrive at Kroger by 4:30 PM.

PTA Meeting -&- Holiday Musical

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Our next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00 PM. Following the meeting, join us for “A Bear-y Merry Holiday” winter musical! Parents, we need your assistance to make this program a success: All “performers” must be at school by 5:00 PM, and all “singers” will report by 5:30 PM. Please have your child come already dressed in his/her appropriate grade level attire:

- Kindergarten: Santa hats, “Sunday’s best” in holiday colors
- Grds 1, 3, and 4: “Sunday’s best” in holiday colors
- Grd 2: Blue jeans and red, white, or green t-shirt, colorful cap

Don’t go anywhere, because at 6:00 PM, join us for the Title I Workshop

And before you leave, make sure to take a look at the Feldwood artwork on display!

Mother-Son Dance

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

Please join us for our first annual Mother-Son Dinner and Dance on Friday, December 13th from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. All mothers, grandmother, aunts, and godmothers, are welcomed to escort their young men! This is a semi-formal event. Tickets are $20 per couple (mother and son) and $5 for additional son. Please be on the lookout for another request form to be sent home by your child in early December. This will definitely by “A Night to Remember!”

Breakfast with Santa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

Guess who’s coming to Feldwood on Saturday, December 14th from 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM. Yip... Santa! Come celebrate the holiday with the Feldwood family. We will have breakfast, arts and crafts, games, pictures with Santa, and much more! Activities are for paying guests only. Tickets are $5 per person, and will be on sale starting Monday, Dec. 2nd. This family event is sponsored by the Yearbook Committee.