

The Teasley Times

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Ms. Mansfield's Message

You hear lots of talk about instructional time, and with the start of 2012, we want to protect that time more than ever!! Here are the TOP 10 ways we can work together to make every minute count at school!!

- 1) Make sure students have needed items daily.
- 2) Ensure that students arrive to school on time to be in their classrooms by 7:50 a.m.
- 3) Try not to schedule appointments for students during the middle of the school day.
- 4) Plan family vacations when school is out.
- 5) Pre-arrange classroom visits with teachers.
- 6) Meet your child at the cafeteria when having lunch, and say goodbye there, too.
- 7) Don't go to classrooms during arrival and dismissal times.
- 8) Avoid early dismissal (check-outs).
- 9) Keep toys, trading pieces, video games, cell phones, ipods, etc. at home.
- 10) We love volunteers and welcome them at Teasley!! Be sure to sign in at the front desk and wear your visitor pass. Also, small children should not accompany volunteers, as they can cause disruptions to the teachers and distractions to students during instructional time. Thank you for helping us make the most of every minute, bell to bell!!

Leslie Mansfield

Tardy Sign In Changes

When students arrive after 7:50, they must be accompanied by an adult to sign them in electronically each morning. Avoid this new process by allowing your students to ride the bus or get to school before the carpool backup begins, usually around 7:30.

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program

Last year, Teasley introduced the data-driven Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, a program to improve peer relations and make schools safer, more positive places for students to learn and develop. On **Tuesday, January 17th**, parents are invited to an information session about OBPP in the café. From 5:45-6:15, pizza will be for sale. At 6:15, children will be escorted to designated classrooms for anti-bullying activities. Parents will remain in the café to hear from Teasley staff and special guest Patti Agatson, staff member of CCSD Prevention/Intervention Center and OBPP Certified Trainer concluding at 7:15.

Prospective Parent Coffee

Help spread the word to your neighbors and friends who reside in the Teasley school zone, there is PROSPECTIVE PARENT COFFEE **Tuesday, January 24th at 8:15AM** in the Teasley Media Center. During this session the school administrators, Leslie Mansfield and Sue Stanton, will discuss the school's instructional program, curriculum, assessment program, discipline plan, as well as dates/requirements for registration. Kindergarten teachers will talk about readiness skills, expectations, the kindergarten standards, and activities. The PTA officers will also be here to share ways parents can become involved in volunteering and supporting the school. Tours of the school will be provided following the meeting.

Notes from the Assistant Principal

Test Scores Are In

We have received third and fifth grade ITBS scores. ITBS score reports were distributed with the 2nd Quarter report cards. For more information on the ITBS and test score interpretation please download the parent brochure on my blog.

2012 School Improvement Survey

We are asking for your participation in the 2012 School Improvement Survey. Please take a moment to give us your anonymous responses regarding your perceptions about Teasley. This information is analyzed and used for school improvement planning so your responses are important to us. Paper surveys will be sent home soon or you can complete the survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/N2GN9P5>. We value and appreciate your input.

Sue Stanton

2012 Yearbook - Act quickly

The 2012 Yearbook is available for purchase through January 30, 2012 from the right hand side of the main Teasley blog or via the order form sent home.

Through February 15, 2012 you may also submit candid class/school function photos for possible inclusion as well from the main Teasley blog. The yearbooks will be delivered early May and will only be available if you have pre-ordered.

PTA

PTA Board Nominations

Are you or would you consider serving on the PTA Board next year? This March, PTA will seek nominations for the Board Member positions (President, Vice Presidents (currently we have 2), Secretary and Treasurer.) This is a great way to be involved in your child's education and get to know lots of parents, teachers and administrators at Teasley. Reach out to any of us to learn more!

Kristyn Rees – President kreespta@gmail.com
Wendie Henderson – Vice President wendiepta@gmail.com
Joy McCracken – Vice President joyteasleyvp@gmail.com
Yolanda Allen – Treasurer teasleytreasure@gmail.com
Elizabeth Anderson – Secretary teasleymom@aol.com

The PAWS Foundation

Get ready for **Hat Day on Friday, January 20!** All proceeds from this will go toward the Teasley Purple Party. Plans are underway for this year's **Purple Party**, which will be held **May 4 at 7:30** at the Vinings Club. It is such a fun event, we hope you all will attend. All the money raised at the Purple Party goes directly back to our wonderful school, and we need you to make it a success. If you have any items to donate or would like to volunteer, please contact teasleypurpleparty@gmail.com. Thank you!

South County Redistricting

Please remember to be informed about the redistricting process for the entire South County. View the proposed map, see the data sheet and leave comments at <http://www.cobbk12.org>, then click on the 2011 Redistricting link on the left hand side. Currently there are no proposed changes for Teasley.

Sparkles Skating Night

Come one, come all to the Teasley Sparkles Skating Night from 6-9PM on **Thursday, January 26th**. For every person that comes Sparkles will donate \$1 back to Teasley. **Sparkles Roller Rink** is located at 666 Smyrna Hill Dr, Smyrna, GA 30082.

WatchDog Dads Kick-Off

Calling all Teasley Dads, bring your kids to Teasley for pizza night **Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30PM** to learn about our WatchDOG dad program starting in February. Who are WatchDOGS dads? Fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father figures who volunteer to serve at least one day a year in a variety of school activities as assigned by the school staff. We hope to see you there!

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run is a life-changing, character development program for girls in 3rd through 8th grade. Our mission is to inspire girls to be Joyful, Healthy and Confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates Running. Registration begins now. Program begins Feb. 13th meeting Mondays and Tuesdays 2:30-4:00. It is not associated with ASP. See Ms. Shockley sandie.shockley@cobbk12.org or Elizabeth Anderson teasleymom@aol.com for details.

Restaurant Night

Save the date and watch for announcements regarding our upcoming Restaurant Night on **Thursday, February 9th**.

Picture Day

Mark your calendars! Spring picture day will be held March 14th. This will be a non-standard attire day.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Jan 15	16 MLK Birthday School Holiday	17 Olweus Bullying Prevention Program 6:15 PM	18	19 Tiger Pride 2nd/3rd 8:45 4th/5th 9:45	20 Hat Day \$1 supporting Purple Party	21
22	23	24 Prosp. Parent Coffee 8:15AM WatchDog Dads 6:30PM	25	26 Sparkles Skating Night 6-9PM	27 100 Day Classroom Celebrations	28
29	30 Yearbook orders due	31	Feb 1 Relay for Life Candygram sales begin	2	3 Chick-Fil-A Biscuits \$2.50	4
5 Jump Rope for Heart all Week in PE	6	7	8	9 Restaurant Night	10	11
12	13 Relay for Life Candygram sales end	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18