

.: **Principal's Corner**

The practice CRCT tests are still being done. FSA has purchased software to give detailed reports to parents and to assess the papers electronically.

If you are not getting e-mails from Principal, please call Terrie Blaskowski at the front office to update your e-mail address in FSA database.

We wish all the best to Chance Coleman, a 7th grader in his future life in Florida.

We would like to welcome Sadie Kline, Paige Pierce, Bryan East, James Meadows and wish great success at FSA.

Parents please pick up your child by 5:00 pm at the latest. Afterschool activities finish at 4:50 p.m.



.: **Congratulations to our Gymnasts!!!!!!**



Amee Rose



Tori Alterman

This past weekend, Amee Rose a 7th grader and Tori Alterman, a 6th grader both competed at the USA level 6 2002 GA State Championships held in Cartersville. Amee won the championship on Vault with a 9.575 and on Bars with a 9.075. Tori won the championship on Beam with a 9.05. Both gymnasts compete for Roswell Gymnastics. On behalf of FSA we would like to congratulate our girls.

.: **Congratulations Tara Deems**

On Saturday, November 9th, 2002, Tara Deems competed in the Georgia Karate League State Tournament series "The 2002 Bushidio Invitational Karate Shiai." She participated in the competition for both Kata (form) and Kumite (sparring). Tara won a silver medal for placing 2nd place in the sparring competition, defeating all but one entrant in her age and weight division. Tara won all but the final match, which was a real battle, losing by only 1/2 point.



.: **PVO News**

Thanks to all parents for such an overwhelming participation at the Saturday meeting on Nov 16. Board is working on resolving the concerns and issues raised and we will post them in our next newsletter.

The PVO would like to remind all parents to send back your directory changes form and

membership/volunteer registration form to your child's homeroom teacher. The forms were sent in an White envelope with your child on Friday Nov 15. We would like to receive the completed forms by end of November. If you have not received the envelope ask your child to ask the Homeroom teacher. Thanks to those who have already sent their contributions and completed forms

We need parents to read 1-2 books to help build our Rapid Reader test base. Please contact Tina Kriske, 770-521-5315 or tkriske@aol.com

DEAR was today in 6th period * Kids if you are in Math or Science class, you will not be participating, continue with your class work.

Congratulations to Josh Schrader for winning our mind bender puzzle last week.

Kids can access world books from the media center now. Thanks to Gina McCullough for setting it up.

Parents - Mark your calendar Great Christmas gifts
Dec 9 - 13: Book Fair - during school hours and on
Dec 11 Book Fair is open for extended hours from 6 pm - 8 pm.
More details on the next Newsletter.

Preliminary testing for Geography Bee will be administered on 1st week of December.

PVO would like to request all parents attend our next meeting on Dec 11 at 7 pm at the Cafeteria.

Parents who like to volunteer during the book fair, please contact Linda Plemmons at 770-754-4668.

PVO thanks on behalf of the Board and Fulton Science Academy to all the parent volunteers for their efforts and time to support the needs of the Knights spirits.

.: News from the Board

In several meetings that members of the board have attended this past week, it has become quite obvious that more communication channels need to be opened between all the members of FSA. These Board Notes are one of these new channels.

Every week we intend to have a brief summary of what the board is working on, primary concerns and, possibly, requests for input from faculty, staff and parents.

Please pass any comments you might have about this first edition to Forrestt Severtson at 678.596.4208 or fsevertson@fultonscience.org.

Last Saturday the entire board met with over 125 parents to listen to concerns about FSA. We have all spent the past week coming up with solutions to the various issues that were raised. We will have a special meeting on Saturday to discuss these solutions.

This past Wednesday the board met for over two hours with the faculty. This first fruit of this meeting is the formation of the FSA LSAC. (Please see the related story in this edition

of the Newsletter.)

Other topics that we will address this Saturday are:

- completing arrangements for the initial in-service training for the faculty
- report on continuing talks with the Alpharetta mayor and police department about traffic control
- jump start fundraising

The Board has received several calls this past week from parents who are concerned about "a negative curriculum report that FSA has received" after some Fulton county curriculum specialists visited the school.

Here are the facts relating to this rumor.

Principal Ozdemir and Bob Lynch, Fulton County Area Superintendent, supervising charter schools, invited Fulton County's science and math curriculum specialists, Drs Grounsell and Dennison, to come and take a look at our curriculum and facilities.

Both specialists were grateful that they had been invited because they had never been to a charter school before. They examined both our curriculum and facilities and said that they were very good. They also made some minor suggestions as to how we could become even better and we are working on implementing these.

No report was written. The visit was for the purpose of opening communication lines between FSA and the curriculum specialists. No shortcomings were found in either FSA or the curriculum.

The Board would like to invite all FSA parents to follow the links on our web site (click on the Academics button in the upper right hand corner) to www.math.msu.edu/cmp (for math) and www.hawaii.edu/Crdg/science (for science). There you will see that both of these curricula, according to the United States Department of Education, are "Exemplary and Promising."

∴ FSA LSAC Formed

On Wednesday the FSA Board met for over two hours with faculty to hear their concerns. Based on faculty input and suggestions, the board is happy to announce that a Local School Advisory Council, LSAC, will be formed here at FSA. This LSAC will consist of two administrators, two faculty members selected by the faculty, two members of the board and two parents. The members of this council will act as ombudsmen for parents, faculty and staff. If anyone has a concern about the school, the LSAC will be another channel through which these concerns may be voiced. In order that the LSAC be as effective as possible, any communication with the LSAC may be made anonymously.

The board would like to ask any parent that is interested in serving on this council to submit a letter to the board explaining why they would like to serve on the council and what contributions they believe they would be able to add to the council and FSA. These letters should be submitted before the next monthly board meeting on December 7th. The faculty will select their representatives and inform the board of their choice before the December 7th board meeting.

The board truly believes that this is another important, new way in which we all will be able to work more effectively to make Fulton Science Academy the success we all want it to be.

.: Dates to Remember

November 27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday No School
December 6th 2nd Installment of \$50 for Georgia Trip is due.
December 9th Book Fair Begins
December 11th PVO Meeting 7 PM

.: CRCT Test Update

Students have completed, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies and Reading tests. On Monday they will take the Math tests. A report card for every student will be prepared and given out before the Thanksgiving holiday break.

.: Reminders & Updates

The 2nd installment of \$50 for the Georgia Trip is due December 6th. Also, if your child is attending the Washington, D.C. trip and haven't paid the 2nd installment of \$100, please do so immediately.

Please remember that the Jr. Beta Club is accepting canned food and non-perishable items now through the holiday season.

We currently have 4 bus seats available for North Fulton, if interestested, you may contact Ms. Holloman at ext. 109.

.: Request for Donations

Mrs. Teeling, the Art teacher would like pencils that aren't the yellow ones. She needs them to be multicolored or just different then the normal yellow ones to help her identify her pencils. These pencils can come from a business.

The school is in need of DK Multimedia Physical Science Videos for Middle School.

.: Congratulations

Nathan Rittenhouse, Wendall Whitaker & Ryan Cook for having their art work selected to be displayed in the front office.



.: Knights of the Round Table Book Club

The Knights of the Round Table Book Club had their first meeting today. While dining on a delicious meal from Chick-Filet, they discussed their book. The 6th graders read either "Stargirl" or "Freak the Mighty." The 7th and 8th graders read "The Pearl