



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Next week at FSA:

Monday, 1/15/07

NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday

Tuesday, 1/16/07

Art

Adv. Basketball B

Beg. Basketball B

Book Club

Chess Grp. A

Environmental

Odyssey of the Mind

Puzzle

Rock Band

Role Playing Games-B

Social Studies CRCT Prep

Wednesday, 1/17/07

Championship Chess

Turkish

Bridge

Orchestra

Thursday, 1/18/07

Band

Board Games

Chess Grp B

Chorus

Dance Team (6th grade)

Debate Club

Flash Grp A

Future City Design

Lang. Arts CRCT Prep.

Ping Pong

Volleyball

Friday, 1/19/07

NJHS

Flash Grp B

Indoor Soccer

Principal's Corner - Mr. Ozdemir

We had a great start to second semester of 2006-07 school year. I would like to welcome the new students who started at FSA in the second semester and wish all the best for those students who left at the end of first semester.

FSA Students took the CRCT Math Winter Check Point Test on Thursday, January 11, 2007. Next Thursday, they will take Language Arts and Friday, they will take Reading. The winter check points test is a practice test for the CRCT and is prepared by FCBOE.

We had a Good Conduct Dress Down Day today. Students who were not sent to office during December 2006 were eligible to dress down.

8th Grade students will take the State Writing Test next Wednesday, January 17, 2007. Please make sure your students have a great sleep the night before and healthy breakfast on Wednesday, January 17th.

The FSA Governing Board will have their bi-monthly meeting on Saturday, January 13, 2006. All parents and staff members are invited.

Our Science Department and Teachers Lounge are in need of working, full sized refrigerators and our clinic is in need of a small working refrigerator. If any FSA family has one they no longer need and would like to donate it to us, we'd be glad to receive it! Please contact Ms. Coaloa to make arrangements at 770-753-4141 x104.

Important Enrollment Information

This year our application and enrollment deadlines for new students as indicated in our charter renewal are as follows. (Current FSA students need only to return their re-enrollment form to ensure their spot for next school year.)

New Prospective Students

- We will accept applications for the 2007-2008 school year between January 1, 2007 and February 16, 2007.
- The Open House for prospective students and parents will be on Saturday, February 10, 2007 between 1:00 and 4:00 pm.
- The lottery will be held on February 17, 2007 at 9:00 am.
- The lottery winners will be registered between February 20 and 28, 2007.
- After March 1, 2007 the waiting list students will be invited in the order in which they applied.

Current FSA Students

The reenrollment forms were sent home through all rising 7th and 8th grade students. The forms must be returned by Friday, February 9, 2007. If we do not receive the forms we will assume that your student is not returning to FSA for the 2007-2008 school year and we will give his/her spot to a prospective student. No Exceptions. If you need a reenrollment form please stop by the front office or print one from our website, www.fultonscience.org.

From the Desk of Mr. Sener, Assistant Principal

I wish all of our parents and students a great second semester.

8th GRADE WRITING ASSESSMENT – JANUARY 17, 2007

The name has changed. The new assessment will be referred as the Grade 8 Writing Assessment. Middle Grades Writing Assessment (MGWA) will no longer be used. Previously, all students had a choice of a narrative, persuasive, or expository genre to address a particular topic. Students will now be given either an expository topic or a persuasive topic. Because the test uses two different writing topics, students should be prepared to write in both genres. The new Grade 8 Writing Assessment will assess expository and persuasive writing as defined by the Georgia Performance Standards. Student writing will be assessed analytically in four domains: Ideas, Organization, Style, and Conventions. The current domain of Content & Organization will be split into two separate domains: Ideas and Organization. Sentence Formation, Usage and Mechanics, currently evaluated as separate domains, will be assessed within the Conventions domain.

WINTER CHECK POINTS

Winter Check Points are simply practice tests for CRCT. We had Math this Thursday. Language Arts test will be next Thursday (January 18) and Reading will be on Friday (January 19).

NEW TEAM TEACHING CLASSES

We have some new team teaching classes starting this semester. Please contact the teacher in charge if you are interested in them.

Current Issues – 6th Graders Only – Contact person Mrs. Hicks

The History of American Sports – 6th Graders Only – Contact Person Mr. Wright

Odyssey of the Minds – For All Grades – Contact Person – Mrs. Sisk

Wellness Team teaching (Physical Activity & Healthy Eating) - 6th Graders Only – Contact Person Ms. Wunder

German Language and Culture – For 7th and 8th Graders only – Contact person Mr. Massar

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

8th Grade Parents,

High school is fast approaching and many high schools will be having Open Houses for you to attend over the next few months. As I receive information regarding these I will put them in the newsletter and try to send them to you via e-mail as well. If you do not receive e-mails from us regarding high school information in the next few weeks, please check with Mr. Conrad to see that we have your proper e-mail in our system. As of today, the following schools have set dates for Open House:

N. Springs HS Magnet Program – Jan. 21st @ 3PM. I also have information in my office regarding the Magnet Program at NSHS if you are interested.

Roswell HS – Jan. 29th @ 9:15 AM & Jan. 30th @ 9:30 AM. Parents Night @ Roswell is Feb. 20th @ 7 PM. Registration is on March 6th @ 7 PM, March 8th @ 7 PM, and make-ups on March 9th @ 9 AM.

Mr. Terry Conrad, Counselor, tconrad@fultonscience.org

P V O N E W S

Happy New Year! The PVO welcomes everyone back to FSA once again. There are lots of things happening this semester. Here are just a few.

Thank You to all our Holiday Helpers! Our faculty, administration and staff received a wonderful holiday surprise thanks to all those families who contributed to our PVO Holiday Gift Fund. Our FSA families are the best.

Did you know that the next big PVO event is our **Third Annual International Night**. The planning has begun so mark your calendars for this great event. Friday, January 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. FSA will be transformed into the best international hot spot in Atlanta. You do not want to miss the fabulous foods, family fun, wonderful entertainment and the chance to spend time with your family and friends without having to do the dishes.

Please bring a covered dish that represents your culture or your favorite family recipe. In order to reserve your seats please fill out and return the form in this newsletter to your students homeroom teacher.

We are looking for cultural items to use for decorations and volunteers to help with set up and clean up. To find out more information or to volunteer for this event please contact Brenda S. Friedman at bsf@lgfriedman.net.

Parent To Parent Classes are coming again! The PVO will once again sponsor our Parent to Parent Classes in 2007. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 7 & 14 and Wednesday, March 7 & 14. Classes will take place at FSA from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. Gay Koenig will be facilitating this program full of information regarding alcohol and drug abuse awareness and internet predators. More information will be available at International Night or you may fill out the form in this newsletter and return it with your check to your student's homeroom teacher. For further information you may contact Gay Koenig at gpkrus-sel@yahoo.com.

EASY MONEY FOR FSA!!

Please continue to send in your **Box Tops for Education** with your student. Remember to use your **Kroger scan sheet** to renew your Kroger commitment card for FSA and keep using your **Publix scan cards** too. The PVO earns money from all these sources that is used to help fund many of the events for our teachers, students, parents and families.

Please continue saving all your **Pike's receipts** for the PVO Landscaping committee. You may drop off your receipts at the school or send them in with your student in an envelope marked PVO. Money raised from recouping these receipts will benefit the PVO Landscaping Committee so that they can continue to ensure that our grounds look beautiful all year round.

Interested in switching to **DirectTV**? FSA will receive \$100. for every new or existing DirectTV subscription. See the form in this newsletter for the code that will give FSA \$100.

The next PVO meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 8:45 a.m. in the PVO Office.

End of Year Field Trips

Final Payment Due Friday, January 19th, 2007

Make checks payable to: FSA. Students can give payments to homeroom teachers.

8th Grade Georgia trip
Ms. Pridgen

\$110 by 11/17/06
\$110 by 12/15/06
\$115 by 1/19/07

7th Grade West Georgia trip
Mr. Stiffler

\$110 by 11/17/06
\$110 by 12/15/06
\$110 by 1/19/07

6th Grade Space Camp trip
Mrs. Hicks

\$105 by 11/17/06
\$100 by 12/15/06
\$100 by 1/19/07

FSA Classifieds:

STOCK THE CLINIC!

Clinic is desperate for supplies that will help our kids feel better when they're under the weather..

Your donations of these items is greatly appreciated.

- **juice**
- **crackers (any type)**
- **granola bars**
- **cereal bars**
- **Gatorade**
- **Water**
- **cough drops**
- **Tea**

Help the Bunny

Mr. Akgul's class is going to get a bunny, me! I am really excited. But I still need a cage, along with food and other supplies. Can you help me? Mr. Akgul is asking for donations or a used cage from you, so I can stay in school! I'd really appreciate it! **J**

The Art Department is in need of more Gallon Ziploc bags. Please bring to the art room.

FSA Lanyards

NJHS has a limited number of FSA Lanyards on sale for \$8.00 a piece. See Mrs. Dill, or the front office before they're all gone!

FUTURE CITY TEAM NEEDS YOUR DONATION!

Small toys, moving cars, small trains with rail, electric motor, recyclable items that can look futuristic with spray paint are needed for our future city model. The materials can be brought to Mr. Akgul's room #149.

Any parent who would like to send a futuristic building in the following format, please send to Mr. Akgul at aakgul@fultonscience.org.

.zbd .stl .bld .ply .zcp .sfx .zec .wrl

The building file is needed for making 3D Future City models from recyclable materials.

Media Center Helpers

MEDIA CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FROM 12:30pm – 1:30pm. Monday- Friday. Please contact Diana Baker at dbaker@fultonscience.org or 770-753-4141 ext.114.

Front Office Volunteers Needed on Fridays-

Please contact Ms. Coaloa, acoaloa@fultonscience.org if you can assist on Friday mornings with getting our weekly newsletter copied and prepared for distribution.

FOUND

Pair of Vera Wang prescription eyeglasses during 7th grade lunch outside. See the front office.

An important message regarding your school:
Fulton Science Academy
Principal Ozdemir

Call 1-888-388-4724 and use
Fulton Science Academy Code: **V6WH**
to sign up for DIRECTV and raise \$100 for your child's school.

Your Immediate Reply Requested

Dear Parents,

Fulton Science Academy and DIRECTV, America's #1 satellite television service have joined forces to help raise money for the school. DIRECTV will contribute \$100 to the school for every new, existing, or former customer who signs up or renews their DIRECTV® service for 12 months through a new program called DIRECTV4Schools™.

DIRECTV4Schools: A New, Easy Way for Schools to Raise Big Money.

With the help of families like yours, DIRECTV4Schools is an easy way for your child's school to raise up to thousands of dollars for the special programs, equipment, and events that enrich children's learning experiences, year after year.

Your school leaders are informing families, friends, relatives and neighbors of Fulton Science Academy about DIRECTV4Schools and encouraging them to sign up for DIRECTV through this unique program. The more people who sign up, the more money we will raise.

- 10 Families = \$1,000
- 100 Families = \$10,000
- 200 Families = \$20,000

DIRECTV is the #1 satellite provider in the country.

In one year, DIRECTV added more television subscribers than all cable companies combined. That's because DIRECTV offers more channels, better picture quality, and higher customer satisfaction – all at a better value.

DIRECTV® programming packages start as low as \$29.99 per month and include FREE professional installation of a 4-room DIRECTV System and a FREE DVR upgrade (after \$100 mail-in rebate). There are no start-up fees and there is no equipment to buy.

Your child gets a choice of a free gift too.

When you sign up for DIRECTV through this special program, your child can choose one of three FREE gifts after mail-in redemption:

- An iPod® shuffle
- A Portable DVD Player
- A \$50 Best Buy™ Gift Card

You could also win a \$100,000 college scholarship for your child.

Entry is automatic! Just sign up for DIRECTV® service through the DIRECTV4Schools program, and you could win a \$100,000 college scholarship for your child!

Join the many families and friends of Fulton Science Academy who are participating in this exciting program and raising thousands of dollars for your child's school. It's easy.

Just call 1-888-388-4724, use the Fulton Science Academy code **V6WH** and sign up for DIRECTV today. It's that easy.

Thank you for your support. We appreciate your participation.

P.S. Call 1-888-388-4724 today and use the school code – **V6WH**. You'll enjoy America's best television experience. Your child can choose a free gift. And your family could win the \$100,000 college scholarship! The sooner you sign up, the sooner Fulton Science Academy will make money.



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Winners of the Commendation drawing in December were:

Aarushi Das: received a CD Player/stereo system donated by Office Depot,

Kevin Mahler: received a Digital Camera donated by Office Depot

Jacob Colon: selected a grab bag with assorted prizes inside donated by Mrs. Teeling.

HOME VISITS

FSA teachers are currently doing home visits and our teachers visited 19% of our students at their homes.

If you also wish to make a home visit arrangement with your child's teachers, please send an e-mail to Mr. Akbaba, eakbaba@fultonscience.org and indicate three available dates. Depending on our teacher's availability at least two teachers will be together to visit our students and parents at their homes.

Mr. Akbaba, FSA Home Visit Coordinator

Teacher Luncheons and The New Year

Now that we are past the holidays, if you are interested in helping with any of our monthly Teacher Appreciation Luncheons, please send your name and telephone number, via email, to:

Lavon Hatcher
thebazilenoval@mindspring.com

Each month we have a theme, and we request certain food items and related goods to fill out the planned menu. Even if you don't like to cook, we always need food containers, ice, beverages, fruit and other 'non cooked' items.

We handle all the correspondence and coordination of the luncheons via email, so if you want to help one month, but not the next, you simply delete that month's message! We hope everyone had a great holiday -- and that you enjoy a blessed New Year!

Lavon & Kammy, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Coordinators

New NJHS Members Selected

The selection process for the Fulton Science Academy National Junior Honor Society for the first semester of the 2006-2007 school year was completed before the holiday break. Mrs. Dill and all of the current members would like to congratulate the new members and remind those who were not selected this time, that there will be another selection process in May! Here are the new members!

New members, please attend as many meetings as you can beginning Friday, January 12, 2006 from 3:50-4:50 pm!

Rowan	Alhonaiti	Olivia	Moesser
Samad	Ali	Sarthak	Mohapatra
Lexi	Anderson	Jennifer	Moody
Veena	Anilkumar	Brett	Northey
Rachel	Aron	Jacob	Potts
JaQuan	Beachem	Nithin	Ravikumar
Brianna	Bingham	Raja	Selvakumar
Lindsi	Bollinger	Brennan	Starr
Eric	Connell	Nicholas	Thrasher
Matthew	Cribb	Dashmeet	Tutega
Alex	Dickerson	Stephanie	Umezaki-Oba
Shannon	Dillehay	Nikhil	Vallalhnaeni
Megan	Eisenberg	BK	Womak
Rachel	Engle	Kevin	Wu
Jacob	Fletcher	Athif	Wulandana
Vinita	Gogate		
Christine	Goolsby		
Shelby	Hatcher		
Austin	Hayden		
Jackson	Howard		
Garyn	Jenkins		
Michael	Kilinc		
Madison	Kress		
Anthony	Kuehl		
Harsh	Kumar		
Peter	Luther		
Kevin	Mahler		
Kristina	Mayer		
Meghana	Melkote		

FULTON SCIENCE ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Tech-Fair Team Weekend Studies

Thursday, January 11, 2007

Dear Parents,

From the beginning of this school year our students have worked very hard on their projects and we are very hopeful about this year's competitions. However, we still think that we need more time to study before this year's Tech Fair competition held on January 27th.

We are asking all Tech-Fair members to please join us for weekend studies so that we may be ready for the January 27th competition. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Parents, please sign the below consent form and return to Mr. Bakay. For more information please e-mail bbakay@fultonscience.org or aakgul@fultonscience.org.

Sincerely,

FSA Tech-Fair Coaches

CONSENT FORM

I, _____ parent of _____ ,
_____ grade gave my full consent for my child to attend Tech Fair studies on January 13 and 20th. And I, hereby know that Fulton Science Academy does not accept any liability that may occur during the class and/or existence in the school building.

Saturday, January 11th –From 09:30AM till 2:30PM
Saturday, January 20th—From 09:30AM till 2:30PM

Signature

Date



3rd Annual
INTERNATIONAL DINNER
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2007
6:00 PM – FSA CAFETERIA

The PVO cordially invites you to the Third Annual FSA International Night on Friday, January 26, 2007 at 6:00 pm in the FSA Cafeteria. Come share a fabulous potluck dinner showcasing the rich cultural diversity of our FSA community. Entertainment will be provided by our talented FSA students. There will be a silent auction and lots more.

All you need to do to insure your place for all the fun is to fill out this form and indicate what type of dish you will bring.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

I will bring a meat, dairy, sidedish or dessert to share_____

I can help set up_____

I can help clean up_____

I can help decorate_____

To volunteer to help or if you have questions, please contact Brenda Friedman at bsf@lgfriedman.net.

*Please return to Homeroom Teacher or to the Front Office by
Tuesday, January 23, 2007*