



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

A Weekly Newsletter of Fulton Science Academy School
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Next week at FSA:

Saturday, 9/9/06

Board Elections 10-12 pm

Monday, 9/11/06

8:45 am PVO Meeting
Adv. Basketball A
Beg. Basketball A
Book Club A
Comic Book Club
Creative Writing
Drama
Video Editing
Yearbook
Journalism
Band

Tuesday, 9/12/06

Art
Adv. Basketball B
Beg. Basketball B
Board Games Grp. A
Chess Grp. A
Dance Team 7th & 8th gr.
Environmental
History Club
Rock Band
Role Playing Games-A
Yoga

Wednesday, 9/13/06

Championship Chess
Turkish
Bridge
Orchestra

Thursday, 9/14/06

Board Games Grp B
Book Club Grp B
Chess Grp B
Dance Team (6th grade)
Debate Club
Flash Grp A
Future City Design
Ping Pong
Role Playing Games Grp B
Volleyball

Friday, 9/15/06

NJHS Meeting - 7th and 8th gr.
Flash Grp B
Kickball
New Family Pizza Dinner 6pm

Principal's Corner - Mr. Ozdemir

Orchestra Now Offered at FSA

FSA is now offering Orchestra after school every Wednesday. This club is not for beginners but rather for students who wish to join others who have previous Orchestra experience. Please contact Mr. Terry Conrad at tconrad@fultonscience.org to register.

Governing Board Elections Tomorrow

The FSA Governing Board Elections will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2006 between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. We now have 5 candidates after 1 candidate withdrew their application. The board member candidates will make a 3-minute speech in last name alphabetical order starting at 10:00 am. If you know of the candidate you want to vote on you can simply vote and leave. We certainly encourage our parents and employees to come and vote on Saturday. The candidate who receives the most votes will earn a 2-year seat and the second and third highest votes will earn a 1-year seat. Good luck to all candidates.

Governing Board Meeting Next Saturday

FSA Governing Board bi-monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at 9:00 am in the FSA Cafeteria. All parents and staff members are invited.

Curriculum Nights Draw a Big Turn Out

We want to thank all our parents who attended FSA Curriculum Nights. There was a big turn out for 6th and 7th grade parents. If you could not make it to Curriculum Night, please feel free to contact your student's teachers any time. The FSA directory at www.fultonscience.org has all teachers' e-mail addresses and voice mail numbers.

From the Desk of Mr. Sener, Assistant Principal

ITBS (IOWA TEST of BASIC SKILLS) – Only for 8th Graders

ITBS will be held on September 18 through September 22. Please try not to schedule out of school appointments for your 8th grader during these days. The schedule will be as follows:

Monday, September 18 – Sources of Information Maps & Diagrams / Reference Materials

Tuesday, September 19 – Vocabulary & Reading

Wednesday, September 20 – Language

Thursday, September 21 – Mathematics

Friday, September 22 – Social Studies & Science

First Progress Reports

At FSA, progress reports are sent home to parent every 4 1/2 weeks. The first 4 1/2 weeks progress reports will go home to parents next Friday, September 15, 2006. On that day, progress reports will also be available on FSACONnect. Parents must sign the first page of the progress report and have their student return the first page to their homeroom teacher.

Are you getting emails from FSA?

FSA relies on emails as a way of communicating important dates and information to parents at least once a week. If you are **not** receiving emails from FSA, please let us know your correct email address!

Call us	770-753-4141 Ext. 0
Email Us	info@fultonscience.org
Write Us	Send in a note to the front office

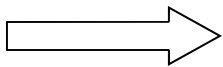
Science Class: Why doesn't the acid in a soda erode the can?

Students were curious about how the carbonic acid (in a can of soda) can sit in an aluminum can without melting through into the contents of the can. So 6th graders in Mr. Akgul's science class found out.

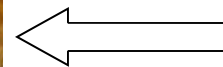
Students reversed the experiment by putting HCl (a strong acid) on the outside of a soda can. When the acid was in contact with the outside of the can for 2 days, the can corroded. (See pictures below)

The corrosion stopped before hitting the contents of the can thanks to a thin protective film lining the inside the can made of a polymer.

After



Before



From The Art Department

Attention Visa Rewards points members...



Or if you have another credit card that offers a reward system. I am currently trying to gather prizes to give to our drawing winners of the Commendations. Students earn commendations by doing something above and beyond what is expected. These student's names are then entered into a drawing for a prize. (we draw a name at random about every two weeks.)

One of our parents told me that she's ordered several Borders gift certificates with her 'points' and thought that it was an idea worth sharing. So do I! If...you'd like to help us reward the kids and don't already own or operate a business that you have a good or service you can give me as a prize...here's your chance to assist us in this endeavor. Use those reward points and order a variety of gift cards that we can use as prizes for the kids. Gift cards for Book stores, media stores, kid friendly restaurants are all great ideas.

Please contact me should you have any questions or want to know how your business can help us. Thanks you in advance for your assistance.

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attendance@fultonscience.org

Don't forget you can email attendance@fultonscience.org when your child is absent. Or, students may bring an excuse note to the front office when they return to school.



Advertise in the 2006-2007 FSA Student Directory

Advertising space is available in the 2006-2007 FSA Student Directory published by the PVO.

The ad rate is \$ 15.00 per quarter page, \$25.00 per half page and \$50.00 for full page. The size of a quarter page is 3-1/2 by 4-1/4 inches. Ads can include business cards or other graphics. Ads will be printed in black ink. Please contact Gay Koenig at 678-772-1131 or gpkrussell@yahoo.com by Friday, Sept. 22nd, if you would like to buy ad space in the student directory.

FSA TECH NEWS

Flash Club Members

Group A-Thursdays

Muhammed Akbay
Neil Amin
Kenneth Apple
Christian Burger
Andrew Butler
Upasana Chandra
Melinda Chou
Patrick Dodd
Akash Gogate
Tajha Groves
Noah Gurewitz
Andrew Kapusta
Fatih Kececi
Vlad Kryvor
Harsh Kumar
Bennet Maurer
Seth Miller
Jones Murphy
Nairita Nandy
Nick Shooter
Corey Sobel
Amy Stuhltrager
Bradley Thompson
Michael Zlatogur

Group B- Fridays

Tareq Alhnaiti
Jaquan Beachem
Irielle Charles
Daniel Condon
Charlotte Cronley
Michael D'Errico
Payam Ghobadpour
Larry Gunner
Haseena hussain
Trevor Hymel
Naveena Karusala
George Khouri
Anthony Maggiola
Justin Marx
Chelsie Miller
Dhara Patel
Josh Proctor
Victoria Radcliffe
Nithin Ravikumar
Jordan Smith
Dashmeet Tuteja
Ishmeet Tuteja
Kevin Wu
Sally Yalavarthi

Shajira Mohammed and Hannah Friedman had joined to our Tech Fair Team

FSA Flash Club and Tech Team Coach Baybars Bakay, bbakay@fultonscience.org

Environmental Education News



Clean Air Campaign

FSA will continue to be a selected middle school in the state of Georgia piloting the Clean Air Campaign's Better Air School Program. We began this program last year. The pilot will include in-depth projects, discussions, investigations, and other activities about air quality in the local community.

The Better Air Schools program is an innovative education outreach program that engages the entire school community on the need to clean up our air. Better Air Schools agree to implement educational and action-oriented projects that educate and empower students to make a difference in the air we breathe while also reaching out to the entire school community.

FSA will feature educational components such as air quality lesson plans, an anti idling campaign for both buses and carpool lane drivers, and a smog alert awareness program. Currently, information about smog alerts and the daily AQI (Air Quality Index) can be found on the bulletin board next to the PVO office. For more information on The Clean Air Campaign visit www.cleanaircampaign.com

Help Our Lungs Breathe Easier

Fulton Science Academy launched an anti-idling campaign last year to protect the health of our students and the health of our environment. We are also asking parents to adopt a no-idling policy for their own vehicles.

Why should you support the anti-idling effort?

Idling harms our health

Vehicle exhaust is harmful to everyone's health, but it especially affects children who breathe more and at a faster rate than adults. By turning off your car, our students, teachers and other parents won't breathe in unhealthy fumes as they enter school.

Idling pollutes the air we breathe

Vehicle idling creates unnecessary pollution. Each minute of idling emits more smog-forming emissions into the atmosphere, adding to metro Atlanta's poor air quality.

Idling costs you money

A popular misconception is that idling your car uses less gas than turning it off and restarting. The truth is, if you're going to be sitting more than 30 seconds, it's more fuel efficient to turn it off. Idling also causes more wear and tear on your engine parts, which are designed to work most effectively at regular driving speeds.

Please support **Fulton Science Academy's No Idling Zone** and turn your car off. Then we can all breathe easier.

To learn more about air pollution, its effects and what you can do, visit www.cleanaircampaign.com.

Air Pollution Hits Home

Georgia has a higher than average rate of childhood asthma: 11% compared to 5-7% nationally. An Atlanta-based study reported a 37% increase in pediatric asthma emergency room visits following days with high ozone levels.

In 2000, an estimated 540,000 school days were missed in Georgia due to asthma.

Even low levels of pollutants are risk factors for respiratory symptoms in children; and can cause decreased lung function even in healthy adults!



Rivers Alive
September 30, 2006
Annual River Clean Up-- Mark your Calendars!

FSA needs many volunteers (students, parents, scouts, community members) to help in our annual river clean up. You will be joining an estimated 28,000 other volunteers statewide participating in the Annual River Cleanup. This year we will again be cleaning up Foe Killer Creek (Behind Fed Ex-Kinko's on Mansell Road) on Saturday, September 30. We will need a lot of volunteers!

Rivers Alive is Georgia's annual volunteer waterway cleanup event that targets all waterways in the State including streams, rivers, lakes, beaches, and wetlands. The mission of Rivers Alive is to create awareness of and involvement in the preservation of Georgia's water resources. Rivers Alive is held annually and is sponsored by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' [Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Program](#) and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' [Keep Georgia Beautiful Program](#), in cooperation with [Help the Hooch](#).

Last year approximately 25 volunteers removed about 2 truckloads of trash. The usual cans, bottles, paper, plastic, and fast food containers were removed along with things like mattresses, car axle, furniture, and power boxes. For more information visit www.riversalive.org. To volunteer please contact:

PVO Environmental Education Committee:
Sharon Butler, 770-777-4689, LandDsmom@aol.com
Victoria Potts, 770-664-1020, vpotts@mindspring.com
or Mr. Akgul at aakgul@fultonscience.org

KNIGHTS OF THE ROUNDTABLE BOOK CLUB APPLICATION

Are you interested in reading good books and meeting once a month to discuss them with your fellow classmates? Would you like to have dessert while you talk about the book you read? Then join the **Knights of the Roundtable!** The club will meet during your lunch period. Below is the application. Here are the rules:

You must read the selected book before you come to the book club meeting.

You are responsible for picking up your book and getting it back to the media center. You will be notified when your book is available for pick up.

You will be asked to participate and behave like a professional student.

The cost is \$10 for the year. You may pay cash or check made out to FSA PVO. This will cover the cost of desserts.

YOUR NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

HOMEROOM TEACHER _____

PLACEHOLDER TEACHER _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

WHAT ARE YOU FAVORITE KINDS OF BOOKS: _____

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR: _____

LIST ANY FOOD ALLERGIES: _____

To Parents: A few parents are needed to help facilitate the book discussions. It will take about one hour. If you are able to help out one month please include your contact information: _____

DUE MONDAY, 9/11

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH \$10 TO THE **MEDIA CENTER** NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 11, 2006.

Please contact Amy Miller at 770-518-5682 or acm1@charter.net if you have any questions or suggestions.

FULTON SCIENCE ACADEMY

NEW FAMILY WELCOME PIZZA DINNER

RESERVATION FORM

The New Family Pizza Dinner will be held on Friday, September 15, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the FSA Cafeteria. This event is open to all new families at FSA. You do not need to do the cooking. Please bring a dessert to share and come meet other new families at FSA. There will be food and fun as well as a chance to hear from Mr. Ozdemir as he tells us about many wonderful things at FSA. If you are new to FSA I look forward to meeting you at this event.

Please fill out the bottom part of this form and send back to school with your child by September 11, so we can guarantee that we have enough food for all.

-PVO

*** Student, please bring this form to your homeroom teacher ***

Student's Name: _____

_____ Our family will join the New Family's Pizza Dinner
Number of people to join: _____ (including student)

_____ Will bring a desert to share
Name of the desert: _____

_____ I am able to help with set up

_____ I will be able to help with clean up

PVO News

The Labor Day holiday is over and now it is back to work for the PVO. Budget planning is going on and our final budget should be ready for the PVO meeting on Monday. Everyone is welcome to join the **PVO board on Monday, September 11, 2006** for our monthly meeting. We will begin at 8:45 a.m. following morning announcements.

Membership Drive Striving for 100% Membership

Our membership drive continuing and we are well on our way to meeting our goal of 100% membership. Membership dues are collected each year to form our budget for the many different programs and events we sponsor through out the school year. A big Thank you to all those who have already joined the PVO. If you have not had to chance to join us yet please take the time to download the membership form located on the PVO link on the FSA website. Have your student return the form with your dues to their homeroom teacher. We look forward to reaching our membership goal with everyone's help.

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear orders were due on Tuesday, September 5, 2006. If you missed this opportunity to order your Spirit Wear there will be another chance in the beginning of next semester. Thank you to Rita Beckler for overseeing our Spirit Wear sales. Permission slips for the Student Directory were also due on Tuesday. Thank you to Gay Koenig for organizing our Student Directory.

Environmental Education Committee

Did you know that the PVO has an Environmental Education Committee? This committee has been hard at work recently planning for many exciting events this year. The Environmental Education Committee works with Mr. Akgul and Mrs. Hicks and the Environmental Club through out the school year. By providing environmental awareness activities such as the Clean Air Patrol, Rivers Alive and Earth Week celebrations to our students FSA has qualified as an Evergreen School for the past 2 years. This is one of the many ways that PVO membership funds support our students and teachers. If you are interested in helping with this committee please contact Sharon Butler, 770-777-4689, LandDsmom@aol.com, Victoria Potts, 770-664-1020, vpotts@mindspring.com, or Mr. Akgul at aakgul@fultonscience.org.

New Family Pizza Dinner is Next Friday

September 15, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. the place to be is the FSA Cafeteria for the New Family Pizza Dinner. Make sure to use the RSVP form in this newsletter to reserve your place for this event. PVO will supply the food and drinks. Please bring a dessert to share. Mr. Ozdemir will be there to tell us more about our school too. Please mark you calendar for this fun event.