



PTA News

October 2007

JOIN THE PTA TODAY

One hundred twenty-nine parents and teachers have joined the PTA to date. We had 168 members by this time next year.

Advantages of joining the PTA include:

1) showing your child you care about his/her school; 2) supporting the clubs and field trips funded by the PTA; 3) having a say in decisions affecting your child.

Cost? \$10 for one member, \$15 for dual membership. Make check payable to Renfroe PTA and drop off or mail to the school (220 W. College, Decatur, GA 30030).

Back-To-School Picnic and Concert

We said – rain or shine for the Back-to-School Picnic and the Renfroe community believed us! The picnic turned out great with plenty of food for all and most importantly, folks were able to have time to be with old friends and meet new ones!

A special thanks to Claire Newbury and Julie Harris for being great partners in coordinating the picnic and thank you to all volunteers who helped make the evening happen - Birgit Neuhaus, Bonnie Craft, Charmette Jackson, Connie Raines, Dennis Richardson, Diane Loupe, Enid Steinbart, Joanne Malis, Joann Mathis, Karen Gurley, Linda Herbers, Lisa Turner, Lynn Adams and daughter, Marimeko Eili, Nancy Downs, Sue Westfall, Tom & Julie Barefoot, Vicki & Bill Ainslie – and to everyone else who stepped in to help.

Also, a thanks to our Principal Bruce Roaden for being there for whatever we needed and to Renfroe's custodial staff, especially Gary Ragland and Henry Williams for supporting us in making the picnic happen smoothly.

Terri Kruzan – Community Events Committee Chair

Team Parents Still Needed

We are still in need of Team Parents for 6th Grade Blue Team (Ms. Parker) and 8th Grade Gold Team (Mr. Skillman). Team parenting is fun and you get to know your child's teacher better, you also get to meet other parents. If you would like to be a team parent, but don't think that you would have time to do it alone, consider being part of a co-team. If you would like more information or just want to volunteer, please contact Bernadette Seals, PTA Team Parent Coordinator, at southseals@bellsouth.net or 404-377-8907.

Thanks to all of the parents who volunteered to be Team Parents. The present list of team parents includes: 6th Grade Gold - Laura Fehrs (Mr. McMahon); 7th Grade Blue - Gynedrya Duran (Ms. Daniel); 7th Grade Gold - Sophia Allen (Ms. Stroud); and 8th Grade Blue - Kiona Gross (Mr. Zimbaro)

Dance Fever at RMS

Parents, be sure to send your middle schooler to the fall reward dance! They have worked hard, now it's time for some fun! The dance will be held on Friday, Oct. 26th, in the school cafeteria from 6:30 to 8:30. A DJ spins all the favorites, snacks are free and drinks are 50 cents. The admission price is \$2.00. This event is sponsored by the wonderful Renfroe PTA and volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, drink sales and as chaperones. Anyone interested in helping can email Jennie St. John at jenniestjohn@bellsouth.net.

Yard Sale to Buy DHS Band Uniforms

Plan to donate and plan to shop on Saturday, October 13th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the upper parking lot of Decatur High (the one on Howard). If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them that morning--we will provide you with a form to use for tax deduction purposes. Baked goods and hot and cold drinks will sold too! Come support the DHS band!!

Renfroe Clubs Update

Photography Club

The following are meeting dates and activities for the remainder of 2007 for Photography Club:

***Please note: members meet in the media center but sometimes will leave campus to take photos.*

Saturday, September 29: Field trip to Piedmont Park to hang work for the MyAtlanta Event

Wednesday, October 10: 3:45 - 4:45 pm, meeting in the media center

Tuesday, October 30: 3:45 - 4:45 pm, meeting in the media center

Tuesday, November 6: 3:45 - 4:45 pm, meeting in the media center

Contact Kim Boswell for further information

Literary Club

Literary Club should be starting up in October.

Contact Ben Skillman or Kiernan Cantergiani for more details!

Art Club

Valerie Gilbert is getting ready for the creative types at Renfroe to descend upon her room! Art club begins Oct. 2 for 6th grade (arts and crafts), and will meet each Tuesday. 7th grade (mural painting) art club begins Oct. 3 and will meet each Wednesday. 8th grade (drawing) art club will meet each Friday and begins Oct. 5. Clubs will meet from 4-5 PM. Ms. Gilbert welcomes help from any parents who have the time to volunteer during club hours, or can contribute supplies to the art room.

Yearbook

Yearbook has started meeting on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Eric Tumperi for further information at edtumperi@yahoo.com

Academic Bowl

Ms. Cindy Tarrant is the faculty sponsor for Academic Bowl. This activity is exciting, informative and great fun! Look for more information soon about meeting dates!

Drama Club

The drama club has started meeting on Tuesdays from 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. Chris Zimbaro and Kiernan Cantergiani are the faculty sponsors. Club members are discussing options for productions, leaning towards one-act plays. It's not too late to join, but it will be soon!

Culture Club

The mission of the Culture Club is to enlighten the minds and broaden the views of Renfroe Middle School students about the cultures of others. Students in the Culture Club will have the opportunity to participate in activities in the Atlanta area, ranging from dining out at ethnic restaurants to participating in cultural events.

Renfroe's Extreme School Makeover Season 2

October 27; 9:00 am to noon! You don't want to miss it!!!

RAIN OR SHINE! ('cause we will be inside and/or outside!) The Grounds Committee will be refurbishing the courtyard pond and surrounding areas as well as spreading mulch to protect the trees. So bring your garden gloves, garden rakes, pitchforks, shovels, wheelbarrows and pruning shears to work outside that day. Interior Improvement folks will be giving the teacher's lounge a much-needed makeover. More info on what that means – painting? Furniture?... After a meeting with the teachers. Stay posted! and Save the date! For more information contact: Joanne Lyman 404-377-7864 (interior) or Lexie Parker 404-378-7649

The club meets every Thursday from 3:45 until 4:45 p.m. Outings will take place outside of school hours. Currently the Culture Club is learning about Thailand. Contact Inez Cox, faculty sponsor, for further information.

Community Service Club

The Community Service Club is meeting on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Haqiqa Bolling or Robyn Tibbetts for further information.

Stem Cell Club

If you've ever wondered how or why something works...If you like puzzles...If you like building things (either in the real world or a virtual world)...If you'd like to expand your knowledge, spark your imagination and impress your friends and family with really cool stuff...

Have we got a club for you! S.T.E.M.C.E.L.L. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics Club to Encourage the Love of Learning).

S.T.E.M.C.E.L.L., unlike other clubs that are usually focused on a particular activity, is focused on a particular philosophy, namely: learning interesting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics just for the fun of it. In particular, that means we will be doing very cool stuff (at our first meeting we will be serving Diet Coke and Mentos....), going on awesome field trips, meeting inspiring people, and all the while, having a great time. The club may include LEGO robotics, Math competitions, and/or Science Projects. These areas in particular, can all be developed into college scholarships.

As a new club, S.T.E.M.C.E.L.L. is still taking shape and getting organized. We will have our first meeting on Wednesday September 26th at 4:00 at Renfroe. This will primarily be an organizational meeting, so if you can't make it, please contact Lew Lefton (404-385-0052, llefton@math.gatech.edu) and we'll keep you in the loop for future events!

Need more information about clubs? Want to volunteer? Contact Beth Gartman at bpgartman@comcast.net