



Happy Holidays!



December 2007

Decatur Bulldog Athletic Booster Club

RUN WITH THE DOGS

Frostbite 5k 2 0 0 8 – SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2008

A chilly run through the City of Decatur with Decatur Bulldog supporters

One-mile fun run/walk begins at 9:00 am and 5k run begins at 9:30 am, rain or shine. Registration will take place adjacent to the Decatur High School gym beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Decatur High School, Renfro Middle School, Glenwood Academy and City of Decatur elementary school students, parents, alumni, friends, neighbors and runners of all levels are invited to participate.

All proceeds will be used by the Decatur Bulldog Athletic Booster Club to help fund the sports programs at Decatur High School and Renfro Middle School.

The races will begin and end in front of the gym at Decatur High School on North McDonough Street in Decatur. Parking is available behind the stadium off Commerce Drive and in the upper parking lot off Howard Avenue.

5K AGE GROUPS 14 & under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 & over 60

AWARDS to overall 1st & 2nd place male and female runners, Masters 1st & 2nd place male and female runners and top three male and female finishers in each category. Awards will be given to the first three finishers in the fun run. All participants will receive a 100% cotton long-sleeved T-shirt.

COURSE

The 5K race will begin and end on North McDonough Street in front of Decatur High School and will run through City of Decatur residential areas. The course will be well marked and supervised by volunteers and the City of Decatur Police Department. Water stations will be positioned along the course and splits will be given at mile points. Refreshments will be available at the finish.

ENTRY FEE

Individuals: \$20 if received by 12/29 City of Decatur students and teachers: \$15 if received by 12/29; \$23 late or day of race \$18 if late or day of race

Contact: Ed Williams 404-327-7728 or roadraceservices@comcast.net register online at www.active.com

Clubs Update

The Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics Club to Encourage the Love of Learning (STEMCELL) has met once so far, where we created geysers of Diet Coke and Mentos on the basketball court that were over 13 feet high! We are ramping up with some great activities for the coming months.

First off, we are looking for kids ages 10-12 to participate in a research project at Georgia Tech. The kids will take a field trip to play a prototype digital tabletop game. The game looks like a board

game played on a large horizontal digital display. Players use physical objects and collaborative interaction to achieve a common goal. For example, placing an object somewhere might cause a 3D building to appear on the screen. Think of SimCity, but with physical objects. The researchers will observe and interview the kids. We may end up with several small groups doing this during the two weeks after Thanksgiving, but most likely it will take place over the weekend of December 1 and 2.

Secondly, we have received a donation of the official Lego Robotics kit, competition table, and challenge mat for the 2004 First Lego League

competition. We will use this older but realistic competition environment to get familiar with programming Lego Mindstorms and learning some cool robotics. It is too late to field a team for this year's competition, but we plan to visit some of the local qualifiers (Fernbank, January 12) and get some good preparation to field a team for next year. We will begin this adventure at our next meeting which is currently scheduled after school on Wednesday December 12. Parents and kids are both welcome!

If you are interested in either of these, or any future "geek" activities, please volunteer and join STEMCELL! For further information contact Lew Lefton, 404-377-5631, llefton@math.gatech.edu

The Photography Club has been meeting throughout the Fall. The Boswell Gallery will have an opening for RMS Photography Club students this spring. Their work will be on display through April 26th. Look for further information about upcoming Photography Club meetings after the holidays! Ms. Boswell would welcome any snack donations for the photography club.

Geography Bee began to have meetings this month. Please contact Mary Elizabeth Kelly for further information regarding meeting dates and times.

Culture Club is enjoyably exploring other cultures. During the month of November we have been studying Portugal. We are planning to tour the Louvre: Old Western Civilization at the High Museum. We are also going to a Portuguese restaurant in Dunwoody. What enthusiasm! The students are talking about some fund raisers to help offset costs of the club.

Sixth Grade Gold Team: Read This!

On Monday, December 3, we have an important responsibility--Sixth Grade Gold Team parents and kids are hosting the refreshments at the RMS Teachers Monthly Meeting! It's our turn to bring refreshments for the ~85 teachers who stay after school for their monthly meeting. As your designated Team Parent (i.e. the only one who volunteered!), I really need your help. Please email (fehrrsmagnes@comcast.net) or call me (404-378-8044) or give Ethan Magnes a note to let me know if you can bring:

- * Chips, pretzels, or nuts
- * Fruit, e.g. grapes, apples, bananas, pineapple
- * Vegetables like carrot or celery sticks +/- dip
- * Cookies or brownies
- * Cheese and crackers
- * Any other tasty finger foods or snacks
- * Small paper plates

Please bring contributions to the teacher's lounge next to the library on Monday, December 3, before school is out. If items need refrigeration, please label and put in lounge refrigerator, or bring right before school's out, or bring to my house the night before. Thanks for helping our first team responsibility go well!

- Laura Fehrs (aka Ethan Magnes's Mom)

**Gold Team=Donovan, Flowers, Harvey, McMahan*