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PTA News

September 2007

Welcome (or welcome back) to Renfroe Middle School! This newsletter, which will be mailed home monthly, will update you on events happening at your child's school. We are excited about great things happening at Renfroe! We want you to know all about them, so...

Read the stuff that comes home in the mail.

Listen to Calling Post messages on your phone. Here's how it works: when a Renfroe-related event is coming up, someone from the PTA will record a brief message, which will be delivered to your home phone.

Visit the RMS web site often:

www.renfroe.cityschoolsofdecatur.com.

Sign up to receive emails from the PTA -- it's easy. Just go to the web site, click on the Quick Links tab, then select "Stay Informed." You will be prompted to fill out a form that signs you up for the email list. The general list is called RMS News & Events.

A great new feature that you can access online is a new systemwide calendar. You can access it by going to the RMS home page (see web address above) and then, in the "On the Calendar" section, click on "more calendar events." This calendar allows you to see EVERY event going on at all schools, Central Office, School Board, and the Decatur Education Foundation. However, you can also select "all schools" or just "Renfroe." It's terrific if you have kids in more than one school.

Renfroe Gala and Auction
Friday, February 22
7-11 pm
The Solarium

Questions?

Becky Ahmann, 404-373-3939, beckyahmann@comcast.net
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Back to School Picnic and Concert

August 30 from 6 – 8 PM

The Renfroe PTA invites you to attend its Back-to-School Picnic and socialize with the Renfroe community of students, parents/guardians, teachers and staff. Avery, Decatur High School's own rock'n'roll band will be playing again for everyone's listening enjoyment. This will be a potluck event, so we are asking everyone to bring their blankets, lawn chairs and food to share. Look at the Picnic flyer in this mailing for recommended food to share depending upon your child's grade and team. We are asking for volunteers as well.

Contact and Questions: Terri Kruzan,
404.378.4930, terri@cultureconsult.com

Blue and Gold Team Parents Needed

Are you interested in getting to know the teachers and other parents on your child's team? Are you a person that would like to volunteer at Renfroe, but don't know how to go about getting started? If any of this fits you, then you are definitely who we are looking for to be grade level team parents. The PTA is looking for six (6) individuals to serve as team parents for the Blue and Gold Teams on each grade level (one parent for each team on each level). These individuals would attend monthly team meetings with the teachers and assist in coordinating activities for their team. You would be the parent that all other parents would want to know. If any of this interests you, please contact Bernadette Seals, PTA Team Parent Coordinator, at southseals@bellsouth.net or 404-377-8907 after 6 pm and on weekends.

Clubs and Activities at Renfroe

Welcome back to Renfroe! My name is Beth Gartman, and this year, I will be the clubs coordinator at Renfroe. In this position, I will assist the faculty members who run clubs by providing publicity about clubs, finding parent volunteers to help them and getting the word out to students about the variety of clubs we offer at Renfroe. Extra-curricular clubs and activities are a great way to give students the opportunity to develop social skills, competency, creativity and responsibility. All students at Renfroe Middle School are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular clubs and activities!

We will offer the following clubs and activities this year at Renfroe:

- Drama Club
- Photography Club
- Beta Club
- Debate Club
- Step Team/Dance Club
- Art Club
- Culture Club
- Outdoors Club
- Yearbook

- Literary Magazine
- Student Government Association
- Jazz Ensemble (open to all current band students)

- Math Counts
- Spelling Bee
- Geography Bee

Renfroe students have also expressed a keen interest in having the following clubs and activities, but we need faculty and parent assistance to get these off the ground:

- Chorus Club
- Academic Bowl
- Chess Club

PLEASE let me know if you are willing to volunteer with any of the clubs listed above. All of the faculty club chairs will need parental assistance in one way or another! Club meeting times and dates will vary. You will receive additional information about start dates/times with detailed descriptions of each club or activity in the upcoming weeks. Questions? Want to help? Call Beth Gartman at (404) 370-1405 or email at BPGartman@comcast.net

Renfroe's Extreme School Makeover Season 2

The Interior Improvement and Grounds Committee's would like to say a BIG HELLO AND WELCOME to all the new families in our school as well as to all you fabulous 'old faces'. In October, we are planning another Saturday workday and we wanted to give you a heads up on our plans. The Grounds Committee will be refurbishing the courtyard pond and surrounding areas as well as spreading mulch to protect the trees. Interior Improvement folks will be giving the teacher's lounge a much-needed makeover.

Teachers: put on your thinking caps and let us know what you need! Last year's event had over 40 people turn out and we are hoping for a repeat performance. We'll have more information on dates and times for our Season 2 Workday in the next PTA Newsletter. But in the meantime if you have questions or want to sign up, please call!

Interior: Joanne Lyman 404-377-7864
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