

# Message from the Mill



News from Puckett's Mill Elementary January 27, 2012

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SCI/TECH Night

Sci/TECH 2012 is February 2<sup>nd</sup>! This exciting night begins at **6:00pm in the cafeteria** with the amazing science magician, Arthur Atsma. Specialists from the fields of archeology, paleontology, neurology and more will be on site to show students how technology and science come together. In fact, we are expecting over twenty scientists from the greater Atlanta area to visit our school that night for hands on workshops and investigations.

It is important to arrive at Sci/TECH in a timely manner so your child can choose the 2 events he/she would like to see and then each child will receive one mystery ticket. This ticket will reveal where he/she should report for yet another exciting endeavor. Each session is 25-30 minutes long and the evening will conclude at 8:00pm.

Parental supervision is required at each workshop. Your child will receive a homework pass good *for that night only* by attending this special event. Check out the Sci/TECH brochure that specifically describes each workshop so your family can be prepared at <http://puckettsmill.org/home.html>. See you there!

### Care Team Skate Night

Tuesday, February 7th - 6:30 - 8:30 at Skate Country in Buford. Come and enjoy skating with your family and friends! The cost is \$4.00 and this includes the skate rental. The class that has the highest number of skaters will get a trophy to keep in their classroom! All the money that the school makes from skate night will be contributed to our PMES Care Team.

### Parent Workshop

Our school counselors will be sharing information about 1-2-3 Magic, an easy-to-use technique for managing difficult behavior in children. Parents will have an opportunity to view Dr. Thomas W. Phelan's video and learn effective strategies for providing consistent discipline at home.

Wednesday, February 8th Time: 10:00-11:00

### Relay Movie Night

The PMES Relay for Life team would like to announce our next movie night on February 10th from 5:30pm-9:00pm. We will be showing Kung Fu Panda 2.

We're on the Web!  
[www.puckettsmill.org](http://www.puckettsmill.org)

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### Relay Movie Night, continued

Cost: \$15/child (additional siblings \$10/each). Limited to current PMES students. Pizza and drink included. Additional snacks available for \$1/ea. Checks payable to PMES. We hope to see you there!

### Kristina Jackson, Principal Intern

You may be wondering who the new member of our administrative team is. We are so fortunate to have Kristina Jackson with us through the end of the school year as she completes her Principal Residency as a participant of the GCPS Aspiring Principal Academy. Currently an Assistant Principal at Arcado Elementary, Ms. Jackson has taught special education, was a reading specialist, and a Title 1 Program Specialist at the county level. We are thrilled that she is now a member of our Puckett's Mill family for the remainder of the school year!

### Carnival 2012

Go ahead and mark your calendars for this year's Puckett's Mill PTA Carnival! It is on Friday, March 2nd. Yes, FRIDAY! And we know it will be a fun and exciting time for all. Sparky's Spectacular Carnival is a family-favorite event where visitors may find Sparky playing a round of games or bidding on a basket of goodies. Other activities will include inflatables, Relay for Life Cake Walk, hair and face painting, food from area restaurants, crafts, and vendor booths. Check our PMES website and emails for more information as the date draws near.





# February 2012

Wednesday, 2/1

Chess Club, 3:00 and 4:05 pm

Thursday, 2/2

Chorus, 7:00 am

Student Council, 7:30 am

SCI/TECH Night

Monday, 2/6

Art Club, 7:00 am

21st Century Learning Club, 3:15 pm

Tuesday, 2/7

Care Team Skate Night, 6:30-8:30 pm

Wednesday, 2/8

Parent Workshop, 10-11 am

Chess Club, 3:00 and 4:05 pm

Thursday, 2/9

Chorus, 7:00 am

Robotics Club, 3:00 pm

Student Book Club, 3:15 pm

Friday, 2/10

PTA Board Mtg, 10:00 am

Relay for Life Movie Night, 5:30-9:00

Monday, 2/13

Art Club, 7:00 am

Service Club, 3:15

Jr Beta Club, 3:15

Wednesday, 2/15

Chess Club, 3:00 and 4:05 pm

Thursday, 2/16

Chorus, 7:00 am

Environmental Club, 7:00 am

Robotics Club, 3:00 pm

Friday, 2/17

Student/Teacher Holiday,

Snow Make Up Day #1

Monday, 2/20

Student/Teacher Holiday

Wednesday, 2/22

Chess Club, 3:00 and 4:05 pm

Thursday, 2/23

Chorus, 7:00 am

Robotics Club, 3:00 pm

Mon & Tues, 2/27-2/28

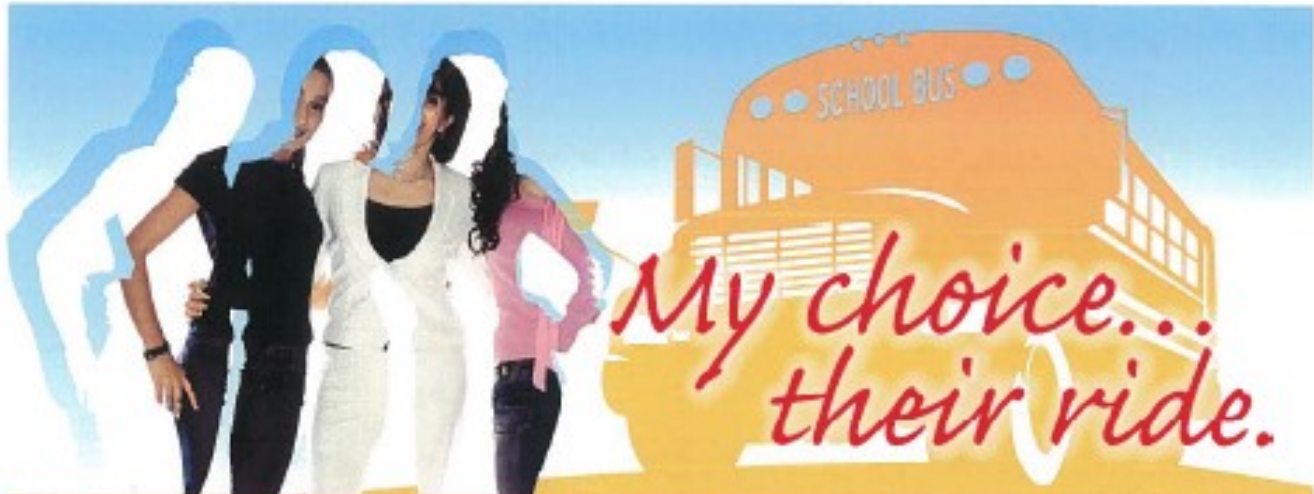
Early Release Days, 12:15

Monday, 2/27

Art Club, 7:00 am

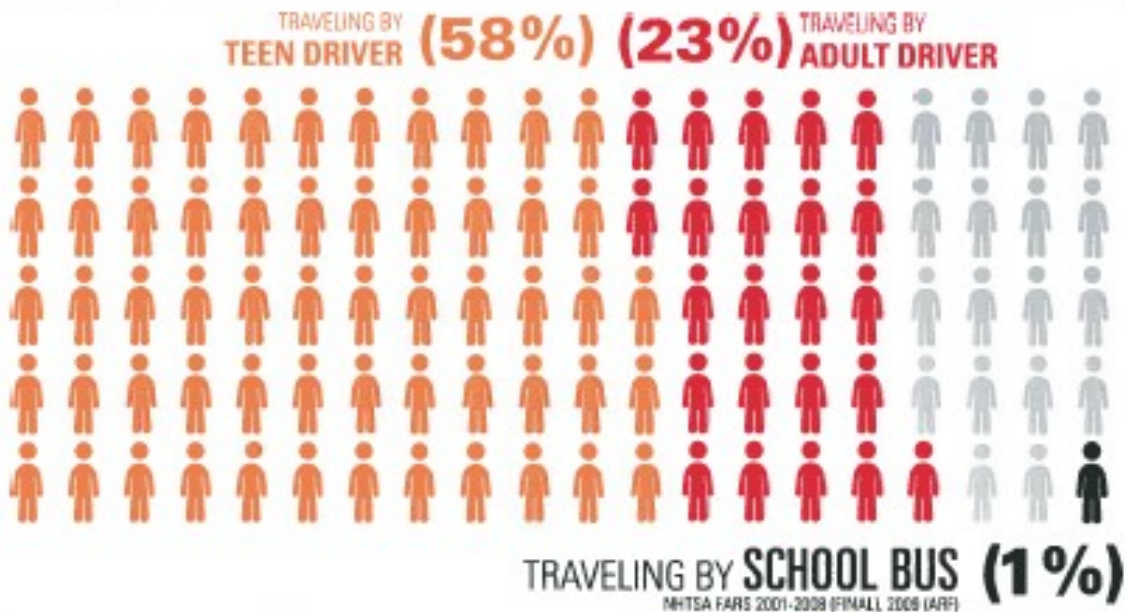
Wednesday, 2/29

School Store, 7:45-8:10



**FACT:** School buses are the safest mode of transportation for getting children back and forth to school.  
SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**STUDENT FATALITIES** ANNUAL AVERAGE DURING NORMAL SCHOOL TRAVEL HOURS



Students are about 50 times more likely to arrive at school alive if they take the bus than if they drive themselves or ride with friends. But did you also know that your child is much safer riding the bus than being driven by you? Add in the environmental and financial benefits, and it's hard to find a reason to send your kids to school any other way. Find out what you don't know about school bus ridership. Learn the facts and play it safe. Visit [schoolbusfacts.com](http://schoolbusfacts.com) for more information.

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**PLAY IT SAFE**  
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## 2012 Eastern Metro Atlanta Team Regional

- Where:** Creekland Middle School; 170 Russell Road, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043
- When:** Saturday, February 4, 2012
- Open to:** All students in grades K-8 attending school in Gwinnett or Dekalb Counties
- Sections:** Primary (K-3), Elementary (K-5), and Middle School (6-8)
- Format:** Five round, unrated, individually paired Swiss System tournament with a time control of 30 minutes per player, or 30 minutes per player with a five second time delay.
- Rounds:** 10am – 11:30am – 1pm – 2:30pm – 4pm. Awards ceremony ASAP after round 5.
- Byes:** Maximum two zero point byes allowed. Please specify when registering.
- Registration:** Must pre-register and pre-pay. **Late or on-site registrations are not accepted.**  
Register on-line entries at <http://www.georgiachess.org/emar2012reg.php>.  
Make check payable to: GCA. Mail to: GCA, PO Box 2584, Suwanee, GA 30024.  
Entries must be received by us by Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Online registration closes midnight Thursday, February 2, 2012.
- Entry Fee:** \$25 per student.
- Awards:** Participation awards to all players. Trophies to all school teams with plus scores. The top 1/4 (rounded off) of all Primary and Elementary teams and top 1/2 (rounded down) of all Middle School teams are automatically qualified for the State Team Finals. Teams not automatically qualifying may still receive an at-large invitation.
- Note:** We will post a list of registrations by 8:30am. These will show the players, sections, ratings, teams, and requested byes. We intend to begin pairing round one *promptly* at 9:30am. **It is your responsibility to arrive early enough to have any first round issues submitted before we begin pairing round one.**
- Info:** Email at: [emar@georgiachess.org](mailto:emar@georgiachess.org) or [anoktes@gmail.com](mailto:anoktes@gmail.com).  
Call the GCA hotline at 678 / 453-6640 and ask for Coordinators Ande Noktes or Matt Chappell.  
Please state which regional you are referencing in voicemails.

## Breakfast-SY12-Spring-All

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken sausage biscuit	Daybreak Pizza	Mini Chicken Biscuit	Sunrise Stick	Chicken Biscuit
Crunch mania	Waffles	Frudels	Cinnamon Roll	Crunch mania
Juice-	Juice-	Juice-	Juice-	Juice
Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal	Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal	Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal	Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal	Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal
Yogurt-Combo	Yogurt-	Yogurt-	Yogurt-	Yogurt-
Milk-Combo	Milk-	Milk-	Milk-	Milk-

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Sausage Biscuit	Southern Pizza Bagel	Mini Chicken Biscuit	Ultimate Sandwich	Chicken Biscuit
Crunch mania	Cinnamon toast	Nutrigrain bars	Muffins	Crunch Mania
Juice-	Juice-	Juice-	Juice-	Juice
Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal	Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal	Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal	Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal	Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal
Yogurt-Combo	Yogurt-	Yogurt-	Yogurt-	Yogurt-
Milk-Combo	Milk-	Milk-	Milk-	Milk-

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Chicken Sausage Biscuit	English Muffin Sandwich	Mini Chicken Sandwich	Sunrise stick	Chicken Biscuit
Crunch Mania	Pancakes	Ultimate Breakfast Round	Waffles	Crunch mania
Juice-	Juice-	Juice-	Juice-	Juice
Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal	Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal	Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal	Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal	Fruit-Fresh-Seasonal
Yogurt-Combo	Yogurt-	Yogurt-	Yogurt-	Yogurt-
Milk-Combo	Milk-	Milk-	Milk-	Milk-