

MESSAGE FROM THE MILL

A Moment with Michelle...

Parent conferences begin next week! This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your child's teacher to talk together about your child's school performance. We appreciate knowing how much you value his or her education.

While you are in the building, please take the time to stop by the Gold Lab on the main hall to complete a Parent Perception Survey online. The information we receive lets us know how we can get better in serving your children and helps the county rank our school against all others in the county. We can't wait to hear from you.

Please notice the attachment in the News You Can Use section. Attached is the registration form for the Parent Portal that I wrote about in the fall Academically Speaking newsletter. This communication tool will "go live" in January. To have access to your child's information, you will need to complete the registration form and submit it you're your child's classroom teacher. You will need to complete a form for each of your children. Once teachers have verified that the enrolling parent has submitted the form, we will begin entering the data so we will be ready in January!

Happy Learning,
Michelle

CALENDAR UPDATES

- **Monday - Friday, November 9-20** - Toy Drive
- **Tuesday, November 10** - Care Team Skate Night, 6:30-8:30 @ Skate Country n Buford
- **Wednesday -Thursday, November 11-12** - Early Release, 12:15 Parent Conferences as scheduled
- **Wednesday, November 11** - Chess Club
- **Thursday, November 12** - Red Cross Blood Drive
- **Friday, November 13** - PTA Board Meeting
- **Saturday, November 14** - America Recycles Day
- **Tuesday, November 17** - Principal for a Day, Beatty McCaleb Visits Puckett's Mill

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

News You Can Use

EARLY RELEASE LUNCHES

On Wednesday and Thursday, you child will be eating lunch in his/her classroom due to Early Release at 12:15. Due to many allergies in our building, we are asking that you do not send peanut butter in lunches brought from home due to a risk of a reaction by an allergic child. Those students that do have peanut products will eat in the cafeteria. Thank you for your understanding.

HOLIDAY HELP

The **Holiday Help Center** is a joint effort between the Dacula and Mill Creek communities. Its purpose is to provide **limited holiday assistance** with gifts and clothing to community families in need. Please contact school counselors Ginna Smith and Heather Heigl if you would like more information. Completed applications are due by December 1st.

PUCKETT'S MILL HOLIDAY TOY & COAT DRIVE

We will be collecting **new toys** and **gently worn coats** during November. This will be an excellent opportunity to teach your child the joy of giving to others. All toys and coats need to be brought to the school lobby by November 25th. The toys will be donated to the Dacula Community Holiday Fund; the coats will be donated to families in need in our community.

If you would like to sponsor a family, please call the Dacula Holiday Fund at 770-355-6377.

If you need assistance providing toys for your children during the holiday season, an application can be obtained by calling one of your school counselors: Heather Heigl (Grades K,2,4), Ginna Smith (Grades 1,3,5) at 678-765-5110.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

November 15 is America Recycles Day. Please take the time to bring your newspapers to school for recycling. Please put all recycling in the recycling bin behind the school. Gifts and prizes will also be given out on Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Recycling Bank of Gwinnett, located at 4300 Satellite Blvd. in Duluth. This event will be hosted by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful. For more information about recycling please take a look at <http://americarecyclesday.org> or our Puckett's Mill website <http://sites.google.com/site/pmesgreenteam/>

BOOSTERTHON

Our Fun Run was a blast! I thank you for your support through donations or your time. Puckett's Mill is a wonderful place for children because of you!

PARENT PORTAL REGISTRATION FORM

Please copy, complete, and return this registration form to your child's teacher during conferences next week.

[ATTACHMENT](#)

More News You can Use

NEW FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS COMING SOON

Kim Walton, Puckett's Mill PTA President, will be posting a Thanksgiving FAQ sheet with some of the most frequently asked questions over the last few weeks. Please look for it on the PTA page next week.

YEARBOOK NEWS

The final day to purchase yearbooks will be December 18th! Don't miss out on this awesome keepsake for your child. Order forms for those who have yet to order a yearbook will be in your child's Friday Folder. If you do not wish to purchase a yearbook, please indicate such on the form and return it to your child's teacher. Unlike in year's past, we will not have a large number of yearbooks available for sale at the end of the year.

SMILE 5TH GRADERS

You're having your picture taken! On Tuesday, November 10th we will be taking our 5th Grade Class Picture. Please have your child wear his/her 5th Grade Class t-shirt and jeans to school on Tuesday. If your child did not purchase a class t-shirt, please wear a t-shirt of the same color as their class shirt. If you wish to purchase a copy of the 5th Grade Class Picture, order forms were sent home in last week's Friday Folder. The cost is \$16.00.

CLUB PICTURES

All Club and Reflection participant pictures will also be taken Tuesday, November 10th. If your club has a special t-shirt, please wear it on Tuesday.

LUNCH GUESTS

Parents and other guests are encouraged to come eat lunch with their children at any time. Due to space limitations, students are able to select one additional student to sit with them. Please meet your child's class in the cafeteria hallway. After lunch, please allow your children to return with their class to their room to continue their learning.

CAR RIDERS

All parents delivering and picking up children must use the side driveway for the safety of our children. The front drive is strictly reserved for buses. Each car in the car rider line **must** have a car rider number. Cars arriving without decals will be asked to show proof of identification (driver's license) and may be asked to park and report to the office. Drivers may not park and walk students across the line of traffic or pass other cars in the car rider line.

If your child is normally a bus rider and must be brought to school, you need to use the car rider lane between 7:45 and 8:15.

Puckett's Mill Headphone Order Form

Our students use headphones for learning activities in the computer labs, as well as in the classroom. We would like for each student at Puckett's Mill to have his or her own headphones to prevent the spreading of germs or head lice. We offer headphones and a plastic storage bag for \$5.00.

If you choose to purchase your own set, please send them in unopened and save the receipt so that we can check to make sure they are compatible with our computers. You must also provide a Ziploc bag with the child's name printed on it.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Derek Schroll, LSTC, at Derek_Schroll@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

Please print

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

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Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Name of Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only

Teacher received money and filled out on RMC form and then placed this form in Derek Schroll's box.

Date completed: _____

Headphones delivered on: _____