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Explore The World... Right Here at Kincaid!

You and your student are cordially invited to join other Kincaid students and families for a fantastic, fun, and FREE tour of the world!

Be A World Explorer with The World Explorers' Club!

Have you ever thought about traveling the world? What would you see? Who would you meet? And what delectable treats would you taste? Then come join the World Explorers' Club sponsored by Kincaid PTA!



The World Explorers' Club will take you on a journey around the world where you will experience the cultures of Chile, Haiti, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Russia, and South Korea without even leaving Kincaid! At each club meeting we will cover geography, language, unique customs, folktales, and national celebrations just to name a few topics. Students will also be able to taste food from each of these countries to give you a sense of the exotic flavors.

Are you interested? Then join us. A flyer was sent home this week, and we can only accept the first 75 travelers. If you have any questions, please contact Alene Lee at LyonLee@comcast.net or 770-514-8572 or Stephanie Holden at Stephanie@holdenmg.com or 770-321-2306.

Hope to see you on our adventure around the world!

Share Your Heritage - and Learn About Mine - at the 3rd Annual Heritage Night!

Kincaid's 3rd Annual Heritage Night Celebration is just around the corner! This year's event will be held on Thursday, February 3rd, starting at 6:30pm in the gym.

During past years' Heritage Night events, we have been "wowed" by amazing performances by our Kincaid students and families, have sampled delicious foods from all around the world, and have learned many new things about other countries and regions of the world through displays, pictures, clothing and artifacts. Your family won't want to miss this fun celebration!

Participation fliers should have come home in the past few weeks. Even if you haven't returned yours, it's not too late to participate. You can still sign up to perform, prepare food, or put together a display (or all three!). Simply return your participation form to school with your student as soon as possible, or contact Donna McKay at Diversity@KincaidPTA.org or at 770-565-8772.

From the PTA Co-Presidents

Dear Kincaid Families, Teachers and Staff,

Happy New Year! We are half way through the school year – and we're just warming up! We've had an amazing year so far at Kincaid!

Our students took the CogAt & ITBS tests. We celebrated our school pride in the East Cobber Parade, and had a GREAT time with Boosterthon. We participated in GA PTA's Advocacy Conference at the Capitol and the 9th District PTA Fall Conference, conducted Hearing & Vision screenings here at school, and helped students learn the value of money with Student Banking. We cleaned up and beautified the school at Hands on Atlanta Day, participated in and celebrated arts in education through the National PTA Reflections program, earned over \$1000 in cash and products for our school through Box Tops & Soup Labels, earned over \$600 in books for our Media Center at the Book Fair, and finished up two of the four grading periods. We recognized our bus drivers & crossing guard, supported Relay for Life, got fit together at Family Fitness Night during Healthy Choices Week, and asked our students to write about real life Heroes. All this while teaching, learning, parenting, and working. It's truly been an amazing year so far at Kincaid!

These activities can only happen with the focused efforts of our committed volunteers – and the consistent support of our teachers, staff, and administrators. Are you interested in being a part of the great PTA leadership at Kincaid? Contact Dawn Bornstein, Nominating Committee Chair, at Nominations@KincaidPTA.org or 770/579-6973. We offer a special thank you to Cheryl Mauldin, Dawn Bornstein, Lori Bartik, Melody McDonald Jennifer Starker, Amy Cooney and April Wood, all of whom stepped up to serve on our Nominating Committee this year; these are the folks charged with identifying candidates for our PTA's 2011-2012 officers.

As we begin the 115th year of PTA, we want to refocus on the mission of PTA, which is to be:

- A powerful voice for all children,
- A relevant resource for families and communities, and
- A strong advocate for the education and well being of every child.

At Kincaid, we implement this mission by renewing our commitment to respect and include every family and staff member, through collaboration, with integrity and accountability.

We are thankful to work with you to do good things for students every day at Kincaid.

Susan & Kim

Susan McCullough & Kim McMasters
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Le gustaría leer este artículo en español. Por favor, contáctenos en President@KincaidPTA.org.

The Kincaid Lost and Found was completely cleaned out prior to winter break and all the items have been donated to charity. There were 100 items consisting of mostly outer garments (such as sweaters, sweatshirts, and jackets) as well as lunch boxes, water bottles, pants, and a watch, to name a few. All of the sweaters, sweatshirts and jackets were donated to SafePath (a child advocacy organization) and The Cobb Center for Family Resources to benefit children in need of warmer clothing this winter. The balance of the items were donated to Goodwill. A special thanks goes to Natalie D., Mandy M., and Anna V. who have put in countless hours to maintain the Lost and Found this semester as part of their efforts to earn their Bronze Service Award with the Girl Scouts.

With the cold weather continuing and no signs of spring in sight, please make sure you are labeling all of your child's items. We are certainly thrilled to help organizations in need, but we hate to see such nice items get misplaced and then donated because they did not have names inside. All the items that had names inside were returned. The next donation of the Lost and Found items will take place prior to Spring Break on March 31, 2011.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach Curi Ahrens, Community Outreach Coordinator, at Outreach@KincaidPTA.org.

From the Desk of the Principal...Cheryl Mauldin

Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back for an energized second semester. We are all ready for your children to return and anxious to see their accomplishments this year. It is hard to believe that CRCT is right around the corner, but we know your children will be prepared to show what they have learned.

One way to help your child in Math is to review the math facts that each grade level first through fifth are working on for the "Mega Mind Challenge". The students will take a timed test each 3 week period till the middle of March. The students that pass the timed test receive a rubber armband to show their accomplishment. After the first test we had 72% of the students pass. Way to go Cougars! A great website to help students work on basic facts to become Kincaid Math Megaminds is www.ArcademicSkillBuilders.com.

The way to help your child in Reading is to make sure they read each night. Then ask them to answer questions to help with reading comprehension. Find time to either read to your child or have them read out loud to you. This shows them how much value you put on reading.

Kincaid won the bronze award from the state department for the progress we have made in student achievement. We had 20% of our students exceed standards on the CRCT and 95% or more meet and exceed standards on the CRCT.

So you see all the hard work by the teachers and the parents has been paying off! Thank you for your influence, encouragement and teamwork.

A reminder from the Front Office... Students are dismissed at 2:20 p.m. each afternoon. Any student who is not picked up in the car line by the time the ASP bell rings at 2:35 p.m. will be put in the Afterschool Program at a cost of \$7 plus a \$10 registration fee if they have not already registered for the program. Please make sure you arrive in time to pick up your child before the bell rings.

PTA: Who and Why?

Did you know that National PTA was originally organized as the National Congress of Mothers in 1897 and was the dream of Marietta, Georgia native Alice McLellan Birney? She was extremely sensitive to the needs of the less fortunate and aspired to build a better world for children. On February 17, we will celebrate 114 years of PTA!

Today, Georgia PTA serves as a link between the national organization and membership within the state. Our PTA is linked to the Georgia PTA and National PTA; when you joined Kincaid PTA, you joined Georgia and National PTAs, forming a nationwide network of members working on behalf of all children and youth. Because of its connections to the state and National PTAs, Kincaid PTA is a valuable resource to its school community with (1) access to programs benefitting children, youth, and their families, and (2) the recognition and size to influence the formulation of laws, policies, and practices—education or legislative.

PTA Day at the Capitol - March 2, 2011

This annual event is held when the state legislature is in session. PTA Day at the Capitol provides PTA leaders, members and supporters an opportunity to become more familiar with the legislative process and to actively speak with legislators about education and children's issues. Develop and put your advocacy skills to work under the Gold Dome and over lunch with your state legislators. Bring a van full of PTA members – all wearing red – and let your voice for children be seen and heard. Look for more information to come home soon. Interested in attending? Contact Carmen Roglan, Legislative Committee chair, at Legislation@KincaidPTA.org or visit www.GeorgiaPTA.org for more information.

Kincaid PTA Needs YOU! As per our bylaws, Kincaid PTA elected a Nominating Committee at the December 2010 General Membership meeting. This committee, composed of five members and two alternates, is charged with identifying candidates to fill the 2011-2012 officer positions for our PTA. If you are interested in serving as an officer next year and would like more information, please contact Dawn Bornstein, Nominating Committee Chair, at Nominations@KincaidPTA.org or 770/579-6973.

Kincaid Foundation



Happy New Year. As we start the New Year, the Kincaid Elementary Foundation welcomes 2011 with renewed enthusiasm for our purpose and goals. Last December, the Foundation announced the purchase of 10 ELMO document cameras for our school. The ELMOs have been ordered and will soon be in classrooms. The Foundation's goal is to purchase 5 additional ELMOs and to build reserves to help fund writing and science instructional labs.

The Foundation plans to achieve these goals through on-going fundraising efforts like the chicken biscuit sales, after-school clubs, Georgia Natural Gas True Blue Schools®, and corporate donations. In addition, the Foundation is planning a **Pancake Breakfast** fundraiser to be held on **February 12, from 7:30AM to 11:30AM**. Families can enjoy a warm pancake breakfast with friends then bid on exciting items at the silent auction for a chance to win *principal for a day, news crew for a day, reserved parking, birthday marquee, class baskets, and much more*. You can also support our local small businesses and vendors by shopping the vendor booths for unique gifts.

That's not all. The Foundation will also launch a commemorative brick fundraiser at the Pancake Breakfast. Kincaid students, teachers, alumni and supporters can have their legacy preserved on a brick that will be placed in a pathway in front of the school. Engraved bricks purchased by February 18 will receive a special introductory price.

The Foundation recognizes that we have big goals to fulfill under some tough economic times. But through much hard work and generous support from our families and community, we know that these goals are attainable. To learn more about how you can support the Foundation, check out our Website at www.KincaidFoundation.org or email Alene Lee at President@KincaidFoundation.org.

Save the Date: February 12, 2011, 7:30 -11:30 AM **Foundation Pancake Breakfast, Vendor & Auction Fundraiser**

The Foundation will be hosting a fundraiser that is open to the community on Saturday, February 12, 2011, from 7:30 – 11:30 AM. Come enjoy breakfast with the Kincaid community then peruse the vendor and auction area for a wonderful way to support the Foundation and our local small businesses. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help to fund writing and science instructional labs at Kincaid.

Are you a local business owner?
Would you like to purchase a vendor booth or
donate to the silent auction at the Pancake Breakfast?



Please contact Michele Rhyne at michelerhyne@comcast.net for more information

Free Six Flags Ticket -- For Reading! The Six Flags *Read to Success* program is back! Just record 360 minutes of leisure reading time between January 5 and February 16 to earn a FREE ticket to Six Flags Over Georgia. All forms are due back to school by February 18! Reading logs have been sent home this week. Contact Liz Wood with questions at LizWood4@GMail.com or at 770.575.1360.

Important School Information

It's time to SHINE...Sunshine Math is again underway!

This voluntary 10-week PTA program is designed to supplement the math curriculum for all students in grades K-5. At-home completion of weekly worksheets will encourage problem solving and independent thinking skills. New this year -- in conjunction with the administrative staff, we are enhancing the Sunshine Math program to help support Kincaid's math goals by allotting classroom time for teachers to review the solution process with students. This allows ALL students to benefit from the Sunshine Math program, including those who chose not to complete the independent work at home.

Please encourage participation from your student. *Each week* that a child turns in a worksheet, he or she will be rewarded with a 5-cent credit toward a School Store voucher AND have his or her name entered on a raffle ticket. At the end of the program in April, there will be a live drawing on the Morning News and a fun and exciting prize awarded per grade. Students who have 100% participation by turning in all 10 worksheets will be entered into a separate Grand Prize raffle drawing. **This year the Grand Prize is a new iPod Shuffle and a \$50 iTunes gift card!** Also, the class with the most students who participate 100% will receive a MOVIE PARTY!

So put on your thinking caps and warm up this Winter with a little SUNSHINE MATH!!

Calling all Kincaid Cougars! We have TONS of newly designed 2010-2012 official school T-shirts!! Show your school spirit and place your orders for quick delivery before they run out! Check out all the new designs and print out an order form at www.KincaidPTA.org.

And.....we are officially looking for the NEW Kincaid Cougar Pride Spirit Committee Chairperson for the 2011-2013 school years. Send in your nominations!!! This person will have the honor of designing new spirit wear and be able to utilize his or her creative ideas and inspirations to uplift and energize the student body. Support your Kincaid PTA and join the team!!! Let's do it!! Contact Elise Carter at Pride@KincaidPTA.org. Go Kincaid Cougars!!!!!!

Don't forget to start or continue collecting **Box Tops & Campbell Soup Labels**. The collection drive is less than 1 month away and the grade with the highest counts wins a pajama party at school! Last fall the drive resulted in \$1,200 in items to support our school to include a new shredder, flash drives for teachers and coffee urn.

If you need a reminder of which products have Box Tops, please check out this link <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Brands.aspx> Did you also know on the BoxTops Website you can print monthly coupons for things you probably already buy? Check it out here <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Coupons.aspx>

There are more than just Campbell Soup Labels that earn Kincaid FREE stuff for our school. Lots of things that our kids love to eat can help earn FREE stuff for our school. So remember these products while you are shopping, Prego Spaghetti Sauce, Pepperidge Farm products like Goldfish Crackers, Croutons, Frozen Garlic Bread & 3-Layer Cakes, Spaghettios, Swanson Broths, and V8 Splash & V8 V-Fusion Juice. Then don't forget to clip the UPC codes and save the caps to the V8 drinks. For a complete list of products check out <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/earn/participating-products.aspx>

5th Grade Ads For Sale Honor your 5th grade student with an ad in the 2010-2011 yearbook! For only \$10 you can have your own personal message to your child, along with a sports photo, baby picture, or other non-copyrighted photo of your child, printed in the yearbook. Order forms were sent home earlier this week and the last day to order is January 28th. Contact Irene Cataldo at Irene@Cataldo.us or Amanda Farmery at TheFarmerys@yahoo.com with questions.

Artist in the Park

The students are preparing their art work for Kincaid's Artist in the Park on Saturday, March 5th from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. at Kincaid. We are looking forward to our first ever art show held in conjunction with Artome. Each student will have their work matted, framed and exhibited by class for this special event. Our cafeteria will be transformed into an art gallery! Framed art work will be available for purchase at a cost of \$25 per picture. All proceeds will benefit our Kincaid Cougars Relay for Life team. More details will be sent home soon.

A New Year Tip from the Environmental Education Committee...

Are you looking for some ways to save during 2011?? Turn off your engine! Idling costs you money! A popular misconception is that idling your car uses less gas than turning it off and restarting. The truth is, if you are going to be sitting more than 30 seconds, it is more fuel efficient to turn your engine off. Idling also causes more wear and tear on engine parts.

Please support Kincaid's No-Idling Zone and turn your car off while waiting to pick up your child(ren). Then we can all breathe easier. To learn more about air pollution, its effects and what you can do, visit CleanAirCampaign.org.

Save the Dates from Environmental Education...

- March 17th Walk to School Day! Remember to wear your green for St. Patrick's Day AND to support a "cleaner/greener" planet!
- WoW (Walk on Wednesdays) Spring Session -March 23-May11.

PTA Reflections "Together We Can" - ECCC Results

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the council level for Reflections. Their entries will move on to the state level for judging. Winners and their families are invited to the ECCC reception on Tuesday, January 25th at 6:30pm at Simpson Middle School.

5th Grade

Brinkley D - Dance
Trevor L - Literature
Marissa B - Special Literature
Bethany V - Special Literature
Taylor S - Special Literature
Foster D - Special Literature
Talia F - Special Literature
Briti N - Music
Bayley C - Photography
Tristan H.B - Photography

2nd Grade

Evie B—Music
Samantha B—Photography
Rachel R—Photography
Sebastian B—Special Visual Arts
Nicholas B—Special Visual Arts
Lexi K—Special Visual Arts

1st Grade

CJ. B—Photography
Kate L—Visual Arts

4th Grade

Makenzie R - Special Literature
Ricardo P - Special Literature
Austin H - Special Literature
Dana S - Special Literature
Carlyn B - Music
Maggie K - Photography

Thank You for Honoring Our Heroes!

Thank you to all students who sent in their essays for the Honoring Our Heroes Essay contest! Invitations will be sent to all participants and their families inviting them to a brunch on January 28th, 8:30-9:30 a.m. in appreciation of their involvement in this PTA sponsored program.

Mark your calendar for **Kincaid's Annual Blood Drive** on Tuesday, February 8th from 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm in the school gym. As always, blood is greatly needed and your donation makes a difference. Look for a flier to come home with your child soon. We will be scheduling appointment times to donate. Our goal is just 25 pints, but we have the staff and time to collect up to 40 pints! If you have questions contact Lynne Milford at (770) 977-3915 or <mailto:LynneMilford@Comcast.net>.

Get Your Yearbook Before Time Runs Out! The deadline to order is January 26th. Think you might have ordered already? Visit our website at www.KincaidPTA.org to view a list of yearbooks that have been purchased to date. Yearbooks are \$25.00 each and can be purchased with cash or checks made payable to Kincaid PTA. If you have questions, contact Tammy McAninch at Yearbook@KincaidPTA.org

What Does Your Student Know About The Internet? Facebook? Cyberbullying? Come get the facts about how to protect your student at the Family Education Night on Thursday, March 3rd, at 6:30pm. Mark your calendar and look for a flyer to come home soon.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24 100th Day of School Character Ed Lunch World Explorers'	25 Student Banking Kincaid Night@Domino's	26 Last day to order Yearbooks	27	28 Heroes Essay Participant Brunch	29
30	31 World Explorers' Club	1 Student Banking Kincaid Night@Chick-fil-A	2 Groundhog Day Full Day of School	3 PTA Board Of Directors' Mtg. 9:30 am Heritage Night 6:30 pm. School Store Chinese New Year	4 Relay for Life Biscuit Sales	5
6	7 World Explorers' Club	8 Blood Drive 2:30-6:30 pm Student Banking Relay for Life Lolligrams for Sale Kincaid Night@ Stevi B's	9	10	11 Campbell's Labels & Box Tops for Education Due	12
13	14 Lolligram Delivery Valentine Dance Valentine's Day	15 Student Banking	16 Teacher Luncheon	17 PTA Founder's Day	18 Kincaid Foundation Biscuit Sales Ident-A-Kid Cougar Pride	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Winter Break Feb. 21-25 No School						
Don't Forget: Read Across America is March 1-4						

PTA Business Sponsors

If you own a business and are interested in becoming a Kincaid Elementary PTA Business Sponsor, please contact Amie Fann for further information at Membership@KincaidPTA.com.



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Character Ed Winners – Compassion

Isabella B., Reagan B., Emma H., Ella K., Ryan E., Angelica P., Hannah J., Bethany G., Garrett H., Carlos S., Jayna M., Hannah H., Ally M., Rachel R., Asa D., Cora A., Joey B., Sydney P., Jonah H., Jacob T., Cole H., Krista R., Ian G., Carlyn B., Kaci P., Erica W., Phillip K., Cesaire T., Lily M., Elena V., Wyatt C., Lia A., Sophie F., Alek R., Allan A., Nicholas B.

CLINIC NEEDS

- * Standard sized sandwich bags
- * Dental Floss
- * Safety Pins
- * Ace Wraps - various sizes of which could be found in local pharmacies/Target/Walmart



Kincaid Elementary School Vision Statement:
Growing in character takes us to the top,
hard work keeps us there.

