



# Kincaid Cat Tracks

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## **BOOSTERTHON FUN RUN & ROLL IS COMING!!!!**

Are you getting excited about the Boosterthon Fun Run & Roll?? Our students are!!

The Boosterthon Fun Run & Roll is Kincaid PTA's main FUNdraiser of the year and the students have a lot of FUN doing it. It is interactive, community-based, and promotes three specific values: fitness, education, and character. Students are challenged to get pledges for the laps they will be running or rolling on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The high-energy Boosterthon pep rally is on September 27<sup>th</sup> and every student will bring home the information needed for obtaining pledges. The great thing about Boosterthon is that EVERY student participates—regardless of financial giving. ALL students receive a Boosterthon T-shirt and ALL students will run or roll with their classes. Remember that you can start talking to potential pledgers over the Fall Break!

We invite families, relatives, neighbors, and friends to come and CHEER for our students at the Boosterthon Fun Run & Roll on October 1<sup>st</sup>, so mark it on your calendars now. The students love to see everyone cheering them on as they run and roll. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Alison Plomaritis or Cathy Batterton at [Boosterthon@KincaidPTA.org](mailto:Boosterthon@KincaidPTA.org).

## **HELP OUR STUDENTS SHINE – WITH FREE TICKETS TO THE STARS!!!**

Kincaid PTA is *shooting* to make our students *shine* this year! We want to have 100% membership before the end of September and **WE NEED YOU!!** In an effort to reach our goal of 100% membership, the Membership Committee has planned a couple of exciting campaigns!

Back by popular demand, we are launching our classroom competition campaign. In keeping with our *SHINING STARS* theme, each student in the class with the highest percentage of PTA memberships will receive a ticket for **FREE** admission to the Tellus Science Museum, which features an incredible ride through the *STARS* with their digital planetarium! And if that's not enough, the first and second place classes will receive free ice cream parties!!

We have worked hard this year to offer innovative and different ways for our families to become members and be *STARS*. If you are interested in joining PTA, pick up a form from the PTA bulletin board near the dining commons while you are at the school, print one from the PTA website ([www.KincaidPTA.org](http://www.KincaidPTA.org)), or contact Amie Fann at (678) 560-6456 or [Membership@KincaidPTA.org](mailto:Membership@KincaidPTA.org). We look forward to reaching new HEIGHTS for our membership this year!! Remember: Kincaid PTA Members are *STARS!!!*

**The 2010-2011 Reflections theme is Together We Can...  
For more information, read page 5.**

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## From the PTA Co-Presidents

Dear Kincaid Students, Families, Teachers, Staff, and Community,

Time does fly when you are having fun! We are barely into the second month of school and have co-hosted Meet & Greet with the Kincaid Foundation, welcomed new friends and old at the Welcome Back Picnic, answered questions at the New Family Get-Togethers, approved our 2010-2011 budget at the first General Membership meeting, hosted two room representative orientations, and celebrated our first Character Education winners. And we are just getting started!!

If you haven't joined PTA yet, please do so. We need you – and our students need you! You can download a membership form at [www.KincaidPTA.org](http://www.KincaidPTA.org), pick one up from the PTA bulletin board in the cafeteria, or contact our Membership Chair, Amie Fann, at [Membership@KincaidPTA.org](mailto:Membership@KincaidPTA.org) or at 678/560-6456.

Our PTA has so many wonderful activities planned for this year. And it takes YOU to make it happen! If you see an event you want to volunteer for, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Jennifer Hughes, at [VC@KincaidPTA.org](mailto:VC@KincaidPTA.org) and at 770/578-0894. Don't forget: After you volunteer three hours this year, turn in a Three for Me form to be entered in a special drawing!

To make these wonderful activities happen, we need FUNding. This year, our main fundraiser will be the popular Boosterthon Fun Run & Roll. Mark your calendar for the Run & Roll on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Join us that morning to cheer on our students as they give it their all for a great cause. We appreciate your support as we work to plan beneficial programs for Kincaid students and families.

Finally, we would like to thank Tellus Science Museum for their generous donation of tickets for every member of the winning class in our PTA Membership Classroom Contest! You can find more information about Tellus by visiting [www.TellusMuseum.org](http://www.TellusMuseum.org) or by calling 770/606-5700. The world-class museum is only 26 miles north up I-75 and is well worth the visit.

Thank you for working with us this year to help our students shine,

*Susan & Kim*

Susan McCullough & Kim McMasters  
2010-2011 Co-Presidents, Kincaid PTA



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### VOTE: Because It's Important!

An election is the formal process for choosing our public officials. Voting in any type of election, from local elections to Presidential primaries, provides an important way to voice *your* opinions regarding elected leaders and overall policies; voting also helps you *decide your own future* by electing a person who might reflect your own views. Do research on the candidates you are voting on, their voting records, how they stand on issues important to you, what their plans are for the future. An informed voter is a powerful voter!

This year, on November 10, Georgians will elect a new governor. To participate in any election on November 10, you must be registered to vote by October 4. On Election Day, polls will be open from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm.

To learn more about the election process and how to register to vote, visit [www.sos.Georgia.gov/ElectionConnection/](http://www.sos.Georgia.gov/ElectionConnection/). Visit the Georgia PTA website to stay informed about the legislative issues that will impact your student's education at [www.GeorgiaPTA.org/Issues-Capitol-Watch.html](http://www.GeorgiaPTA.org/Issues-Capitol-Watch.html).

Questions? Contact Carmen Roglan, Legislation & Advocacy Chair, at [Legislation@KincaidPTA.org](mailto:Legislation@KincaidPTA.org).

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## From the Desk of the Principal...Cheryl Mauldin

Welcome to a new school year at Kincaid Elementary. It was great to see so many of you at Open House. We hope that covering the curriculum and class expectations early in the year will help make the transition to a new grade level much easier. If you were not able to attend please check the teacher blogs (located at [www.cobbk12.org/Kincaid](http://www.cobbk12.org/Kincaid)); click on staff blogs), or be sure to email your student's teacher (usually first name.last name @cobbk12.org). You can request a meeting with teachers, counselors, or administrators at any point during the school year.

Our learning is off and running! The excitement is visible throughout the campus as students, teachers, and families are getting to know each other. I would like to share Kincaid's school goals for the 2010-11 school year. They are as follows:

- Students will communicate through varied forms of written expression at or above the expected grade level.
- Students will demonstrate proficiency in Math at or above the expected grade level.

Lastly, throughout the year, your child's teacher and I will be making a specific effort to stay in touch with you. You will be informed of your child's progress and of school activities. Look for papers coming home in his/her class folder, teacher blogs, monthly Cat Tracks newsletter, and weekly Keynotes. Each and every student and parent/guardian is a special part of our school community. Your communication with the school and your support for our programs is very important to us. If you have not joined PTA we would appreciate 100% participation from our parents. We are proud to announce that we have already attained the Oak Tree award for 100% participation from our staff.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, counselors or me whenever you have a question, a concern, or need information.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Mauldin

Principal, Kincaid Elementary

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### Counselors' Corner...

We are so excited to begin another great year at Kincaid! The counseling office has two new additions. We welcome Ms. Linda Cutts, who will be working with the 3rd & 4th grade students. Mrs. Kotarba will be working with the kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, & 5th grade students. Additionally, Ms. Fields joins us as an intern from Mercer University. Ms. Fields will be working with Mrs. Kotarba until December.

The counselors began classroom lessons on August 16th. This grading period, we are working on our personal and social skills. The kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students will be learning the "I Care Rules" that will help them to make and keep friends, become better listeners, and develop responsibility. The 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students will begin the "Steps to Respect" bullying prevention program.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Kotarba at [Lori.Kotarba@Cobbk12.org](mailto:Lori.Kotarba@Cobbk12.org), Ms. Cutts at [Linda.Cutts@CobbK12.org](mailto:Linda.Cutts@CobbK12.org) or call (770) 578-7238 if you would like to discuss your student or the counseling and guidance program.

*Lori Kotarba*

Professional School Counselor

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## Kincaid Foundation



School has been in session for a month, and our students are working hard, doing the right thing and learning something new everyday.

The Kincaid Elementary Foundation has also been working hard to raise funds to provide critical resources for our school. Since the start of our Family Investment Campaign, 20% of Kincaid families have donated to the Foundation. In addition, our first Chick-fil-A biscuit sale was a big success with a record-breaking 270 biscuits sold.

This is a fantastic start. **Because of your generous support, the Foundation has been able to purchase the much-needed language arts supplements for each grade level at Kincaid.** In just one month, we have raised enough money to help enhance the education of every Kincaid student.

We need to keep this momentum going because there is a lot more to accomplish this year. The remaining Foundation goals are to provide teacher supply money, purchase document cameras (ELMOs) and build our capital reserve to support a writing lab and a science lab.

If you haven't already done so, please consider investing in your child's future by investing in the Foundation. Make a 100% tax-deductible donation to the Foundation.

Check out our Website at [www.KincaidFoundation.org](http://www.KincaidFoundation.org) to learn more about how you can support the Foundation.

## Relay For Life...

As we start another year we wanted to explain a little about our team and the events that will be a part of our fundraising efforts this school year. Relay for Life is The American Cancer Society's signature event. It offers everyone in the community and the world an opportunity to participate by celebrating, remembering and fighting back against cancer. The Cobb Relay for Life is made up of teams from schools, governments, businesses and individuals who want to make a difference. Our Kincaid Cougars team continues to support the cause with fundraising events throughout the school year. On the calendar you will see Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, Lolligrams, Penny War, and of course the famous sticker contest to gain preferential seating at the kick ball game between the staff and the 5th grade students. An addition this year is the Author in the Park/Silent Auction. This is an exciting program that will highlight the students' art work, writing, and musical talents. Look for more information to come home as we get closer to the March date. The Kincaid Staff donates their time and effort to make these events successful. They are optional and we appreciate everyone's support. All proceeds from these events go to The American Cancer Society. Our Kincaid Cougars Team is once again a top 10 team and we look forward to another successful year! If you have Questions, contact Sue Ambrose at [Susan.Ambrose@Cobbk12.org](mailto:Susan.Ambrose@Cobbk12.org).

**Cougar Pride!** Kincaid's school year is in full gear so now is the time for YOU to get all YOUR gear Kincaid Cougar style! Fall is just around the corner so be sure to place your orders for the ever-so-soft-and-cozy NEW Kincaid Cougars Hoodie Sweatshirt and we have a newly designed Kincaid Cougars Ballcap! Show off your personal style and support your school and Kincaid PTA!

For the latest styles and designs visit [www.KincaidPTA.org](http://www.KincaidPTA.org) and feel free to contact Elise Carter at [Pride@KincaidPTA.org](mailto:Pride@KincaidPTA.org) with any questions or concerns or if you want to show your spirit and join the Cougar Pride Team!!!

We Love Kincaid Elementary!!!

Go KINCAID COUGARS!!!

## Important School Information

### What is Reflections?

The Reflections program, which is sponsored by the National PTA, has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to explore their artistic talents. This program is open to **all** Kincaid students. Children can enter in any and all of the following categories: Dance Choreography, Film/Video Production, Literature, Photography, Musical Composition, and Visual Arts.

The Reflections theme for 2010-2011 is **"Together We Can..."**. Packets will be sent home soon. Please read the instructions carefully and make sure that you have attached the entry form to the back of your child's artwork. All entries are due by the end of the day on Friday, October 1st. There will be a box in the media center labeled "Reflections Entries". **NO LATE ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED!**

Various volunteers that are active in our community judge the entries. All participants and their parents/caregivers are invited to a reception honoring participation on Thursday, October 21st. Winners from each category will be announced during the reception. All of the children's artwork will be on display for everyone to enjoy

This program is a great way for your children to stretch their imaginations and for you to encourage their creative talents. Thank you for taking the time to support the children and Kincaid. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by everyone! If you have any questions, contact Michele Rhyne at [Reflections@KincaidPTA.org](mailto:Reflections@KincaidPTA.org).

**Hearing and Vision Screening** – All 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be screened for Hearing and Vision on Monday and Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents/guardians, please remember, students who wear glasses should be wearing their glasses on the screening days. We still need a few volunteers to help usher students through the screening stations. If you can help, contact Angel Stokes at [stokesca@bellsouth.net](mailto:stokesca@bellsouth.net).

### News from the Clean Air Campaign...

#### No Idling –Young Lungs at Work!

Did you know???

- Georgia has a higher than average rate of childhood asthma: 11% compared to 5-7% nationally.
- Asthma is the most common chronic illness in children and the cause of most school absences.
- Children's asthma symptoms increase from exposure to car exhaust.
- Children breathe, on average, 50% more air per pound of body weight than adults.
- Children are closer to the ground and therefore, closer to the tailpipes.

Please continue to support Kincaid's No Idling Campaign. Turn off those engines when waiting in the morning and afternoon carpool lines. We appreciate your dedication to the health of our students. Together we can really make a big difference.

#### **WOW-Walk on Wednesdays Program!**

Yes, it's time to lace up those sneakers and walk to school! Our Kincaid Walk on Wednesdays Program will be up and running on Wed., Sept., 8, 2010. This fall session will last 8 weeks. Those interested in participating should contact Lisa Kelley to register as a participating walker.

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**Cafeteria News...**Celebrate Fruits & Vegetables! They come in terrific colors and flavors, and have vitamins and minerals that we need to stay healthy and strong. Choose nutrient rich green broccoli, orange sweet potatoes, black beans, yellow bananas, and red tomatoes.

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

## Health & Wellness

### LOOKING FOR FAST, HEALTHY RECIPES AND EASY TIPS?

**The PTA Health and Wellness Committee is here to help....**We've all heard the dire statistics about childhood obesity and we all want our children to live a long and healthy life. Many diseases can be prevented by regular exercise and a healthy diet. That doesn't mean eating carrots and lettuce every day. The Health and Wellness Committee wants to make it easier for you to prepare quick and healthy meals during the week and offer suggestions that will help get the whole family moving. We know it's difficult to juggle a job, homework, after school activities all while trying to plan healthy meals for a family because we're trying to do it too! Our aim is to be realistic and we'd love to hear from you! If you have a healthy, delicious recipe that really helps you get dinner on the table in a flash, send it to us. Look for the recipes, ideas and tips in weekly Keynotes and monthly Cat Tracks. Here's to a healthy school year! If you have questions or would like to submit an idea please contact Jennifer Modi, Health and Wellness Committee Chair, at [Health@KincaidPTA.org](mailto:Health@KincaidPTA.org)

What's Happening at Kincaid

### Hispanic Heritage Month...Did you know...?

Beginning September 15 through October 15, America recognizes the contributions, culture, and heritage of Hispanic Americans and celebrates the historic independence of many Hispanic countries. September 15 is the anniversary of independence for five Hispanic countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico achieved independence on September 16 while Chile gained independence on September 18. On October 12. "El Dia de la Raza", "The Day of the Race", is celebrated throughout most of Mexico and Latin America. The day celebrates the many nationalities that are present in the history of Mexico, Central America, and South America. These nationalities include Native Americans such as the Mayas, Aztecs and Incas; and European nationalities such as Spanish, Portuguese, and French.

Today, the Hispanic or Latino population in the U.S. is estimated to be 35 million people, and is the fastest growing minority group in the country. As a result many of this country's products and services are offered in Spanish as well as English.

From sports to government to entertainment and science, Hispanic Americans have played important roles in America's history, its values, and culture. They include baseball star Sammy Sosa, singer and actress Jennifer Lopez, actor Jimmy Smits, former Surgeon General Antonia Novello, and astronaut Ellen Ochoa.

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated with community festivals, government gatherings, and educational activities. Many schools celebrate the month by learning about contributions of Hispanic Americans both past and present. You can learn more by asking your Hispanic friends, teachers, and adults questions; by checking Hispanic websites or books on Hispanic culture; or just by realizing that the ability of minority cultures to thrive in America is one of this country's biggest strengths!



Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 11th for the East Cobber Parade!! Show your Cougar Pride by cheering for our very own Kincaid Chorus. Also in the parade is our Principal, Cheryl Mauldin, Assistant Principal, Felicia Angelle, Teacher of the Year, Gail Viars and Support Staff of the Year, Carol Bass and Lynda Gordon! Join other Kincaid families while watching the parade across from the Colonial Bank at the corner of Johnson Ferry and Little Willeo and don't forget to wear your Cougar Pride! We hope to see everyone there and be sure to watch for Ms. Mauldin and Ms. Angelle, as they will be tossing out some treats to the kids!

Help clean up the Kincaid Elementary School campus! Hands on Atlanta day will be Saturday, October 2 from 9 AM to 1 PM, so bring your favorite garden and yard work tools and pitch in with our corporate sponsors to make the campus beautiful. Contact Dawn Bornstein at [DawnBornstein@Springmail.com](mailto:DawnBornstein@Springmail.com) for more details.



## SEPTEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 First School Store	3 Relay For Life Biscuit Sales	4
5	6 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	7 Student Banking Kincaid Night @Chick-fil-A	8 Rosh Hashanah begins	9	10	11 East Cobber Parade
12 Grandparents' Day	13 Hearing & Vision Test 1st & 4th only	14 Hearing & Vision Test 1st & 4th only Student Banking Kincaid Night@Stevi B's	15 GA PTA Advocacy Conf. Relay for Life Penny Wars Hispanic Heritage Month begins	16	17 Kincaid Foundation Biscuit Sales Cougar Pride Day Yom Kippur	18
19	<b>Fall Break—NO SCHOOL!</b>					25
	20	21 Kincaid Night @Rita's		23 Autumn begins	24	
26	27 Boosterthon Student/Teacher pep rallies	28 Character Ed Lunch Kincaid Night@Domino's	29 CogAT testing—1st & 3rd grades only	30		
<b>Coming Up Next Month: Oct. 1—Boosterthon Fun Run &amp; Roll      Oct. 2—Hands on Atlanta Day</b>						

## 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](mailto:Membership@KincaidPTA.com).



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## Character Ed Winners —Respect

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