



Kincaid Cat Tracks

Kincaid Elementary PTA
www.KincaidPTA.org

Volume 17 Issue 3
November 2011

PTA Officers

Co-Presidents

Melody McDonald

770-977-2458

President@KincaidPTA.org

Kelly Mellen

770-977-2878

President@KincaidPTA.org

Vice Presidents

Suzanne McGhee

Education Enrichment

770-971-2740

VPeducation@Kincaidpta.org

Krista Brown

Family Involvement

770-579-1578

VPInvolvement@KincaidPTA.org

Laurie Rashidi-Yazd

Kincaid Relations

770-321-7876

VPKincaid@KincaidPTA.org

Dawn Bornstein

Finance

770-579-6793

VPFinance@KincaidPTA.org

Secretary

Valerie Harris

678-560-1276

Secretary@KincaidPTA.org

Treasurer

Cindy Smoak

770-321-8587

Treasurer@KincaidPTA.org

Parliamentarian

Terri Stanley

770-509-9266

Parliamentarian@KincaidPTA.org

GET READY FOR HEALTHY CHOICES WEEK

NOVEMBER 7-11

Monday (11/7)-We're WILD about WATER! Encourage your student to wear their wildest Kincaid Cougar Pride spirit wear.

Tuesday (11/8)-Election Day, Enjoy your Day off! Get MOVING and Go out and PLAY!

Wednesday (11/9) Put a LID on Junk Food! Your student may wear their favorite hat to show a commitment to limit junk food and making healthier choices. Bring in canned goods and non-perishable food items for the Community Outreach Thanks for Giving Food Drive. The collection barrel will be located in the cafeteria.

Thursday (11/10)-Be a Good Sport! Encourage your student to be active in sports by wearing their favorite team jersey, t-shirt, uniform or favorite activity's shirt.

Friday (11/11)-United We Stand for a Healthy Land. Friday is Veteran's Day, so don't forget to wear your red, white and blue.

JOIN US FOR FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT!

Also join us on Thursday (11/10) for Family Fitness Night from 5:30-8:00 pm. Come be healthy together with the Kincaid Community. Join us for a family favorite with a variety of ways to stay fit. There will be demonstrations by Marietta Martial Arts, Zumba with Omega, and more. We will also have the Sprayberry Jackets Lacrosse Team on hand to showcase their fitness skills. Learn about quick and healthy meals from Whole Foods and more. The best part is that this event is FREE and is a great family night at Kincaid. Also, join us for dinner before you get moving! Pre-ordered meals will be available from Quiznos for \$4.75. Flyers with order forms were sent home this week. Forms must be turned in, along with payment, by Wed., Nov. 9. Please make checks payable to Kincaid PTA. *Just a reminder, this is NOT a drop-off event.* A special thanks to all of our Healthy Choice Week participants for volunteering their time, services and products to make this event a success.

From the PTA Co-Presidents



As we head into November, we are reminded to have an attitude of thankfulness. As co-presidents of Kincaid PTA, we have a great deal to be thankful for and we wanted to take a few moments to express our gratitude. We are thankful for...

▲ **Kincaid Elementary.** We feel so fortunate that our students get to attend this wonderful school. Our school is rich in diversity, inclusion and overall excellence. Kincaid is also a welcoming environment for families with volunteer opportunities for all. We could not ask for a better learning community for our students.

▲ **Kincaid's Administration, teachers and school staff.** At Kincaid, we have the cream of the crop when it comes to those that work with our students each day. From the front office, into the classrooms and all across our school, our students are taught and cared for by an amazing group of people and we are thankful for each and every one of them.

▲ **PTA's officers, committee chairs and volunteers.** We have an award-winning PTA that works hard to provide advocacy and quality programming for all Kincaid students. None of this would come together without the support of our fantastic volunteers.

▲ **Each and every student at Kincaid Elementary.** We have a truly awesome group of students at Kincaid. It is just incredible to walk through the halls and see the sense of community that students build among themselves at school. We see acceptance, leadership, friendship and teamwork from our students every day. They are the reason we all do what we do for our school and we are very thankful for each Kincaid student.

We hope you will all have a wonderful November that is filled with thankfulness and happiness.

Melody McDonald and Kelly Mellen

2011-2012 Kincaid PTA Co-Presidents

President@kincaidpta.org

THE VOLUNTEER CORNER-FIND WHERE YOU FIT INTO THE PUZZLE

What a great year so far at Kincaid! So many students, so many families – and so many great opportunities to get involved and volunteer.

We have a place for you! We are currently looking for help with these activities.

Upcoming one-time events

Wednesday, November 16 Kindergarten & 5th grade Thanksgiving Luncheon – Volunteers needed to serve food, tea, & ice; 9:50am-1:30pm

Leadership opportunities: Welcome Committee Chair, Pancake Breakfast/Silent Auction Chair.

Need more information or ready to volunteer? Contact Susan McCullough, Volunteer Coordinator, at VC@KincaidPTA.org, Volunteer@KincaidFoundation.org, or at 770/429-0797. Thank you for your time!

Don't forget to download the Three for Me form from www.KincaidPTA.org/Forms after you've volunteered just 3 hours; return it to school and you could be the next winner!

From the Desk of Principal...Cheryl Mauldin

From the Principal...Cheryl Mauldin

November is here and Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. We have so much to be thankful for here at Kincaid. I would like to share some of the things that I am thankful for.

- A big thank you to all the parents that attended their parent/teacher conferences. The parent support that you provide helps in so many ways and makes Kincaid one of the best schools in Cobb County.
- I am thankful for getting to know and work with Pamela Bone, a paraprofessional in one of our Special Education units. She has moved on to be a teacher at Blackwell Elementary and we wish her the best.
- I am thankful for the students who eagerly come to school to learn as much as possible each day.
- I am thankful for a beautiful school that survived summer and fall construction.
- I am thankful for teachers and staff who give many hours of their day to provide students with the instruction and guidance needed to help students succeed.

I hope you find time to spend with family and friends during the Thanksgiving season.

Cheryl Mauldin



HOLIDAY GIVING TREE

Dear Kincaid Families,

We will soon be putting up our annual Giving Tree in the lobby of Kincaid Elementary. **If you are a family in need of assistance during this time of year and would like to request help, please contact a school counselor by email lori.kotarba@cobbk12.org or linda.cutts@cobbk12.org or by phone (770) 578-7238. If you are requesting assistance, please contact one of the above by NOVEMBER 11th. All requests will be kept confidential.**

We know that the holidays will soon be upon us with our personal time filled with shopping and family activities. During this season of joy we hope there will be time for some true sharing for other families in our community who are in need of a little extra help at this time of the year. The counselors will be decorating a tree of holiday ornaments with wishes on them for families in need. The ornament has a wish request that has been specified for a family who has requested assistance. The tree will be located in the front lobby. If you (or your child, with your permission) would like to select an ornament and purchase the item, please stop by the school and take an ornament off of the tree. We do REQUEST that you **return the item wrapped with the ornament attached to the outside and place the item under the tree.** Each ornament is coded for privacy and identification so that we know where the gift will be sharing the holiday. All wrapped items with the ornament attached must be returned to school by **Friday, December 9th** so that they can be delivered before the winter break.

Kincaid Foundation News



The Foundation started the new school year with goals that would enrich the education of our students. These goals include installing hardware and acquiring supplies for the new Kincaid science lab, providing funds to help teachers furnish their classroom, purchasing 3 additional ELMO document cameras, and establishing a teacher grant program for special classroom projects. In addition, it is the Foundation's goal to continue to build our capital reserve to pay for a full-time science teacher, provide classroom technology and fund a writing lab. These short-term and long-term goals help to drive the fundraising efforts for the Foundation.

Last month the Cobb County School District provided a budget update that included a \$72.2 million budget shortfall in its forecast of the 2013 fiscal year. Such budgetary shortfalls continue to reinforce the need to support our schools at the grassroots level so we may shield our students from these devastating cuts. You can help by supporting the Kincaid Foundation. The Foundation's fundraising efforts directly benefit the students at Kincaid. Here is how we are raising money for our school. Family Investment - 100% tax-deductible donation to the Foundation, Corporate Donation - Business sponsorship, Corporate Matching - Employee matching programs, Kincaid Fun Run, 3k and Festival - Joint fundraiser with the P.E. Department, Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction, After School Clubs - 10% of proceeds from Brainy Builders, Chinese Brush Painting, Club Scientific, Kid Chess, Marietta Martial Arts, and Spanish are donated to the Foundation, Chick-fil-a Biscuit Sales, Engraved Bricks, Georgia Natural Gas True Blue School Program

Help support our school. Support the Kincaid Foundation. Visit our website at www.kincaidfoundation.org for more information on Foundation goals and fundraising. While you're visiting our website, sign up to receive email updates. You can also follow us at [Facebook.com/kincaidfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/kincaidfoundation) and [Twitter.com/supportkincaid](https://twitter.com/supportkincaid).

The Kincaid Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving the students at Kincaid Elementary. Visit www.kincaidfoundation.org or email Alene Lee at kincaidfoundtion.org to learn more about how you can support the Foundation.

RELAY FOR LIFE'S PENNY WARS IS COMING TO KINCAID, NOV. 28-30TH

Penny Wars is a fun and worthwhile competition between homerooms. The object of the competition is to get as many points (pennies) as possible during the 3 day contest. The money raised during the Penny Wars will be donated to Kincaid's Challenge for Cobb Relay for Life in support of The American Cancer Society.

Each homeroom or class will have a one gallon plastic milk container with the name of the classroom teacher(s) on it, the containers will be placed on the floor in the dining commons, organized by grade or POD each morning of the 3 day event from 7:15 to 7:50. Students at Kincaid will put their pennies in **their** class's milk container as they arrive to school. **One point is received for every penny in the container.** Students are **encouraged** to put their other coins and paper money into the containers of **OTHER** classes. Each silver coin or bill reduces the number of points from that class's container (e.g. a nickel reduces the points by five, a dime by ten, a dollar by 100 etc). Containers are judged daily. The monetary amount of silver coins and bills are deducted from the number of pennies for the day. The class in the lead will be announced daily via the morning news to encourage friendly competition. The winning class after the 3 day count will receive a special treat!!

START COUNTING YOUR PENNIES AND GOOD LUCK!

Important School Information



Legislative & Advocacy Update: Special Committee on Education Funding

Did you know that a special state committee on education funding is charged with evaluating the best methodologies for short- and long-term public education funding? In compliance with legislation passed last year, this Committee has been meeting since July and has formed four subcommittees to address the following areas:

- 1) Foundation funding – textbooks and technology
- 2) Support services – such as school nurses
- 3) State and local partnership & equity – capital outlay to fund capital projects
- 4) Title 20 Reforms – laws governing education

The Committee made some short-term recommendations by the end of September. One recommendation ties school nurse funding and related school clinic supplies to a ratio based on the number of students being served. Another recommendation calls for repealing Georgia's 65% rule, which requires 65% of all funds to be used on direct classroom instruction. There are many problems with the 65% formula, including the definition of what specifically constitutes direct classroom instruction; additionally, there is no proven correlation between spending 65% and classroom productivity. (Georgia was the only state to adopt this initiative, over PTA objections, several years ago.) These matters, among others, are ready for legislative consideration in January.

Committee deliberations continue. Under current consideration is funding for textbooks and technology. As many parents and teachers know, the current formula grossly underfunds textbooks and has *no funding* for technology. Discussion has centered on increasing funding overall and allowing flexibility to use the funds for either textbooks or technology. No official recommendation has been voted on yet.

Thank you to Anne Davidson of Sope Creek ES PTA & Karen Hallacy of GA PTA for this article. Additional details on the recommendations can be found on the News page of Capitol Watch www.ciclt.net/GAPTA.

Do you have questions about Legislation & Advocacy? Contact Carmen Roglan at Legislation@KincaidPTA.org or at 770/509-0558. Si tiene cualquier pregunta puede ponerse en contacto con Carmen Roglan, presidenta del Comité Legislativo, en Legislation@KincaidPTA.org.



[Here is Damian showing off the resource library. He'll be telling his parents to check out the resource library when he gets home.](#)

Parent-Teacher Resource Library

"We have a what?"

This is usually the answer I get when I ask parents (and teachers) if they know we have a parent-teacher resource library. This library includes books, DVDs, and video tapes on various subjects (most notably: Exceptional Children!). These resources are here to check out for any parent or teacher who would like to learn more about a plethora of topics: Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Gifted Education, At-Risk Children, as well as general Family and Parenting information. Please take a moment to peruse the library and check something out to take home. *The resource*

library is located on the shelves facing the Kincaid mail room. If you are a parent, you can check items out from the library under your child's name or if you are a teacher you can check them out under your own name. If you have any questions, would like to make a book donation or have suggestions for the parent-teacher resource library please contact **Tim Villegas at specsv@kincaidpta.org**.

October Character Ed Students—Responsibility



Lily R., Maggie M.,
Vaughn K., Megan P.,
Lizzie K., Mitchell P.,
Addison K., Sophia P.,
Jayden L., Sara G.,
Emily S., Ella K., Cyn-
thia R., Kathryn Anne
C., Peyton B., Ella W.,
Keegan R., Zachary B.,
Riya G., Hannah H.,
Kaitlyn K., Laura S.,
Katrina W., Jeanine W.,
Mark L., Jenna H.,
Arsema G., Leah A.,
Garrett R., Hannah H.,
Amanda B., Lindsey O.,
Elizabeth S., Jamaree
H., Julia C.

What's Happening at Kincaid

Congratulations to all 2011-2012 Reflections Winners

Families, teachers and administration attended the annual Reflections Reception on Thurs., Oct. 20th. A special thanks to all the volunteers, staff and administration that help make this event such a success. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Reflections Rockstar Awards: Michael S., 2nd, Jenna H., 4th, for the most entries, sisters Katie C., K, and Carter C., 3rd, for the most categories.

Kindergarten Literature: 1st Pl., Katie C. and Lily R.

Kindergarten Photography: Hon. Mention, Ella C. and Matthew S., 1st place Kylam D and Lily R. Kindergarten Visual Arts: Hon. Mention, Katie C.

1st Grade Visual Arts: Hon. Mention, Noah S., 1st Pl., Samuel O. and Olivia B.

2nd Grade Photography: 1st Pl., CJ B. and Michael S.

2nd Grade Visual Arts: Hon. Mention, Matthew H., 1st Pl., Lara A. and Keaton K.

3rd Grade Literature: Hon. Mention, Jagger B., 1st Pl., Rachel R. and Carter C.

3rd Grade Music: 1st Pl., Brendan K.

3rd Grade Photography: Hon. Mention, Audrey B., 1st Pl. Madison R. and Samantha B.

3rd Grade Visual Arts: Hon. Mention, Julia H., and Tomas O., 1st Pl., Brenden K. and Eryn Mc.

4th Grade Literature: 1st Pl., Andrew M.

4th Grade Photography: Hon. Mention, Sophia D., 1st Pl., Jenna H.

4th Grade Special Visual Arts: 1st Pl., Bryant B., Jacayla C., Zoe F., Tea H., Carson K, and Bryce R.

4th Grade Visual Arts: Hon. Mention, Nicole H., 1st Pl., Jenna H.

5th Grade Music: 1st Pl., Andrew R.

5th Grade Photography: Hon. Mention, Andrew R., Erica W., and Kayla W., 1st Pl.. Alex T.

5th Grade Visual Arts: Hon. Mention, Conor H., 1st Pl., Kaci P.

5th Grade Special Literature and Visual Arts: 1st Pl., Christian D., Ricardo P., Mackenzie R., and Dana S.



WoW! Walk on Wednesdays!

Kincaid had 69 walkers for our International Walk to School Day on October 5th! Rain did not keep our students from doing their part to GO GREEN! 37 of those walkers were "new" walkers for the first time this year! And we had participation from all grades! We are only half-way through our Walk on Wednesday program, so join in now and walk (or ride your bike) to school on upcoming Wednesdays, November 9th, 16th and 30th! A special THANK YOU to our Kincaid parent volunteers who are helping with this program!

Math Megaminds

The next Megaminds test is December 9th! Help your student by setting some time aside every day to review the basic facts with your child. Just 10 minutes with flashcards will make a difference in your child's math facts. You can also have your child visit myskillstutor.com. Check with your child's teacher for password information if your child has not rec'd his/hers yet. Make sure to visit the Wall of Megaminds outside the cafeteria as well. The following facts will be on the next quiz:

1st Grade – Addition/Subtraction 0-12

2nd Grade – Addition/Subtraction 0 – 9

3rd Grade – Multiplication 0-6

4th Grade – Multiplication 0-12

5th Grade – Addition/Subtraction 0-18

Good Luck to all of our Megaminds!

Character Education

November's character trait is...**Citizenship**—*respectful devotion or allegiance to one's country and/or school*. Democracy, patriotism, and service to others are some of the traits that make our nation great. Kincaid students can demonstrate good citizenship by showing these traits at school as well. By taking part in student government, participating in school activities, being respectful of others, and helping fellow classmates, students can express their allegiance to Kincaid Elementary as well as to our country.



\$\$ Adding Up the Savings through Student Banking \$\$

Congratulations to Jackson S., our winner of the Spooky Savers Drawing. Our next contest, starting in November, will be done nationally through SchoolSavings.com and will award three students \$5 each to go directly into their savings accounts. The drawings will be held each week from Nov. 14th – Dec. 12th from students making deposits for that week. At the end of the contest period, one lucky person will win the grand prize of a \$50 Amazon gift certificate. Each deposit made counts as one entry in the grand prize drawing. We are happy to see so many new students saving through the Student Banking Program this year. We have close to fifty bankers and always welcome more. For information on joining contact **Cathy Summers at Student-Banking@KincaidPTA.org**.

PTA Business Sponsors

If you own a business and are interested in becoming a Kincaid Elementary PTA Business Sponsor, please contact Laurie Rashidi-Yazd for further information at VPKincaid@KincaidPTA.com.



Accounting Solutions Group, LLC
Serving Metro Atlanta Nonprofits
Christina L. Paloski, CPA
President/Owner
770-312-4231

Providing nonprofit financial check ups, outsourced financial services, and accounting



Sam El Fakih
president



ATLANTA HI
painting & wall covering

(770) 331-5998 Cell
(770) 529-3582 Office
(770) 517-6075 Fax
atlantahipainting@hotmail.com


194 Hawkins Stone Road NW
Kennesaw, GA 30144
www.atlantahipainting.com



Friends & Family CHIROPRACTIC

2500 Sandy Plains Rd. Marietta, GA 30066
770-485-0322

Kamran Agharahimi ~ Owner



Yogolycious
FROZEN YOGURT

2100 Roswell Road Suite 200E
Marietta, GA 30062 - 0809
Phone 770-509-2345



Faheem Alam Owner

1860 Sandy Plains Rd., Suite 301
Marietta, GA 30066, USA



greenmellen
a fresh take on media

GreenMellen specializes in a simple, straightforward approach to social media management and website design.
www.greenmellenmedia.com



Property Masters

Mitch Reams 770-972-5533
mitch.reames@propertymasters.com

November 2011

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 Student Banking Kincaid night @Chick-fil-A American Indian Heritage Month	2	3 PTA BOD Meeting 6:30 PM School Store	4 Relay for Life Biscuit Sales 2nd Grade BioBus	5 Kincaid Fun Run Plus 3K run and Festival 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends (move clocks back one hour)	7	8 Election Day No School Kincaid night at Stevie B's	9	10 Family Fitness Night 5:30–8:00 p.m.	11 Honoring our Heroes Essay Contest Kick-off Veterans Day Program Veterans Day	12
Healthy Choices Week						
13	14 Character Ed Lunch	15 Student Banking Kincaid night @ Texas Roadhouse America Recycles Day	16 Kincaid Foundation BOD Meeting 7:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Lunch (K & Fifth Grades only)	17	18 Kincaid Foundation Biscuit Sales 1st grade Thanksgiving Program 3rd Grade Multiplication Challenge Cougar Pride Day	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
Thanksgiving holidays—No School this week						
27	28	29 School Council Meeting—7:30 a.m.	30 Chorus Winter Program			
Relay for Life Penny Wars						
		Student Banking				



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

