



# Kincaid Cat Tracks

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## Book Fair is Almost here! Reading is Out of this World!

**Please Note: New Book Fair Dates:** The Kincaid PTA will host a Scholastic Book Fair October 24-28, the same week as Conference Week. Everyone is invited to attend the Book Fair, featuring specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, adult books and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers. Also, Scholastic has introduced an Online Book Fair along with the in-school book fair. Now family members and friends who cannot attend the book fair can participate online. The books will be delivered to the school and sent home with your child. We are very excited about this addition from Scholastic! Please visit Book Fair Homepage for more information at: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/kincaidelementary>.

**Preview Days October 19-21:** All students will be given the opportunity to preview the selection of books and complete their own Wish List during Oct. 19-21. Watch for a flyer from Scholastic and other information regarding the book fair, coming home with your child soon.

**Open for Business! October 24-28 (Conference Week):** Shop the Book Fair immediately before and after school Oct. 24-28. We are also open Friday, Oct. 21 for Donuts w/ Dad. Hours will be extended until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24 and Thursday, Oct. 27. Be sure to check our Book Fair Homepage for a preview of the books that will be available and up-to-date hours of operation.

**Out of this World Picnic Lunch:** Watch for a special invitation to have lunch with your child on Tuesday, Oct. 25 for all grades. Join us for a special picnic on the school grounds. Come early or stay late to shop during special VIP shopping hours. Please note that classes will be using the Early-Release lunch schedule. We hope you'll join us for this special family event!

**One for Books:** We will be collecting donations again this year for the One for Books program. All of the money collected goes directly to purchasing more books for our school. Scholastic will match monetary donations raised with a donation of up to one million books to three nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping kids and families in need. They include: Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., Kids In Need Foundation and Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Students who donate will have a chance to have their name displayed on our donations wall.

**Classroom Wish List:** Help build classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish Lists. Be sure to review the teachers' wish lists, which will be sent home with the students and also posted at the Book Fair.

**Want to Help?** Contact Co-Chairs Ellen Honeycutt and Jenny Starker at:

[BookFair@KincaidPTA.org](mailto:BookFair@KincaidPTA.org) or visit the Book Fair Homepage at

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/kincaidelementary> for more information

All volunteers will receive a 10% discount on their purchases!

BOOK FAIR DATES AND TIMES	MON., OCT. 24	TUE., OCT. 25	WED., OCT. 26	THURS., OCT. 27	FRI., OCT. 28
7:15-7:45 AM	7:15-7:45 AM	7:15-7:45 AM	7:15-7:45 AM	7:15-7:45 AM	7:15-10:00 AM
Come shop during Donuts w/Dad	12:30-4:00 PM	Picnic Lunch 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Grades K-5 w/ shopping	12:30 - 2:30 PM	12:30 - 4:00 PM	

## From the PTA Co-Presidents



So much has happened over the past month, it's hard to believe that it is October already. On behalf of the entire PTA BOD and Executive Committee, thank you for supporting FundRunners. We are so grateful to be part of a school with such fantastic support from families, staff and administration. Thank you to all the students and families who contacted everyone they knew to get pledges and for turning all of your donations in on time. We couldn't have done it without you. A very special thank you to our teachers for keeping the students excited about getting pledges, for working with the crazy FundRunners team, for keeping everyone organized on Fund Run Day and for diligently marking the students' t-shirts lap after lap. Also, to all of our volunteers who assisted in Fundrunners, from escorting, to handing out water, to cheering the students on, to counting all of that money, thank you for all you do for our PTA and for our school.

If you have not had the opportunity to join PTA yet this fall, please consider doing so today. Our goal is to have 100% membership, which means that there is one person representing each child at our school. For just \$5.00, you can be a part of the largest child advocacy organization in the nation. Rest assured that your children are being well represented at the state and national levels. When 300,000 voices, just in Georgia alone, are raised, our political leaders listen. Every member counts, so join today. Please visit [www.kincaidpta.org](http://www.kincaidpta.org) for more information or contact Heather Voeltner at [membership@kincaidpta.org](mailto:membership@kincaidpta.org).

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### **THE VOLUNTEER CORNER...FIND WHERE YOU FIT INTO THE PUZZLE!**

Volunteering has its rewards – and YOU could be a winner! National PTA's Three for Me program wants you to promise to volunteer at least **3** hours this year. Beginning September 30<sup>th</sup>, one to two lucky volunteers will win a prize! To participate, download a Three for Me Pledge Form at [www.KincaidPTA.org/Forms](http://www.KincaidPTA.org/Forms), volunteer three or more hours, and return your completed form to school. You could be this month's winner! And your student also wins by seeing your commitment to his or her education.

#### **Volunteer needs in October**

- **Family Ed/Curriculum Night!** Volunteers needed to help distribute meals on Oct 13 at 5:15.
- **Book Fair!** Volunteers needed for Preview Week Oct 19-21 and Sale Week Oct 24-28.
- **Walk on Wednesdays!** Volunteers needed Nov 2, Nov 9, & Nov 16, 7:15-7:55am.
- **Box Tops & Labels for Education!** Volunteers are needed to count labels after the collection date on Oct 14.
- **Reflections Reception!** Volunteers are needed to help set up, prepare food, and clean up for the Reflections participants and their families on the evening of Oct 20.
- **Kincaid Elementary Fun Run!** This family-favorite event will take place on Saturday, Nov 5. Volunteers are needed to set up on the evening of Nov 4, and for the races and festival on Nov 5.

**Leadership Opportunities...** We're looking for a few good folks to make these programs successful at Kincaid: Kincaid Relations, Environmental Education, Welcome Committee, Clean Air Campaign, Cougar Pride, Family Fun Nights, Foundation Pancake Breakfast, and Foundation Silent Auction.

To volunteer or to get more information, contact Susan McCullough, Volunteer Coordinator, at [VC@KincaidPTA.org](mailto:VC@KincaidPTA.org), [Volunteer@KincaidFoundation.org](mailto:Volunteer@KincaidFoundation.org), or at 770/429-0797.

## From the Desk of Assistant Principal...Felicia Angelle

Dear Kincaid Families,

It's hard to believe it is already October and the students are more than half way through the first nine weeks. We have had a productive and exciting beginning to our school year. I want to express that teachers and administrators recognize the important contributions parents make toward a child's success in school. It is evident - success at school begins at home. Parents are the most important element in a child's schooling. Parents model both a silent and spoken language in front of their children daily. One of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of children. The close partnership between home and school is one of the noteworthy strengths at Kincaid Elementary School. Kincaid has a strong tradition of supportive parents. Throughout the year parents have the opportunity to develop that partnership in a wide variety of ways. Parents join the PTA, volunteer in the classroom/school, assist at the Fund Run, attend School Council meetings, read to their child, work on math facts with their child, and help in many other ways. It is important to your child that you are involved in some way at school. It's a way to let your child know you believe his or her school is a priority in your lives. With this in mind, when teachers and administration reviewed last year's data and school survey completed by parents, we wrote our SSP (School Strategic Plan) with the information acquired. The SSP sets the instructional and professional development goals for the upcoming school year. Kincaid has chosen two student performance goals for the students and one school performance goal.

### **Student Performance Goals:**

- Kincaid will increase the percentage of students demonstrating proficiency in math computation.
- All Kincaid students will meet or exceed standards in writing.

### **School Performance Goal:**

- Kincaid will increase opportunities for families to participate in their child's education as volunteers, in school activities, and parent classes.

As the nine weeks come to a close, it is the perfect time for parents and teachers to continue this partnership and come together for a conference to discuss your child's progress with these goals as well as the standards for their grade. You and your child's teacher can devise a plan to ensure that your child has a successful school year. Conference Week is October 24-28 and teachers will send home a letter to schedule your conference soon. Students will be released at 12:20 this entire week.

By working together to model high expectations, we are sure to have a wonderful school year.

Your partner in learning,

Felicia M. Angelle, Ed.S.

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## Heroes Essay Contest

Heroes Essays Kickoff...November 11th, Veterans Day, will be our kickoff for this year's essay contest, in which your child will be able to honor someone in his/her life that has truly made a difference to your child or others in their family/community. Now is a great time to have your child start to think about who he or she would like to honor, brainstorming the best way to put their thoughts into an appreciative essay that can be submitted in this special contest. This can be a great family project as well, and a photograph of your child with his/her hero will also be submitted with the essay. What a great opportunity to honor someone who may not even know what a difference they are making! Essays will be due January 11th. Please contact Catherine Batterton at [cbatterton@gmail.com](mailto:cbatterton@gmail.com) or Christine Farlow at [cc2851@bellsouth.net](mailto:cc2851@bellsouth.net) with any questions.

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## Kincaid Foundation News



### Kincaid Fun Run, 3K, and Fall Festival

You laced up your running shoes and ran to raise money for Kincaid PTA with the FundRunners. Now continue your training for the annual **Kincaid Fun Run and 3K on Saturday, November 5, at 8 a.m.**

Mr. Furr and the P.E. Department have partnered with the Kincaid Foundation to make this event bigger than ever. The Fun Run will feature a one-mile run for Kincaid students and a 3K road race for parents, teachers, alumni, and community members. Spread the word and bring a friend. Running is always more fun with a partner.

After the run, join us for a festival starting at 9 a.m. It will include a D.J., inflatables, carnival games, Zumba, a teacher dunk tank, glitter tattoos, a video game truck, a hamster ball, food, a local vendor fair, and so much more. Race registration and festival wristband sales will begin October 5. For more information visit [www.kincaidfoundation.org](http://www.kincaidfoundation.org) and click "Events."

The Kincaid Fun Run is a fundraiser for Kincaid's P.E. Department and the Foundation. Get fit, get moving, and support our school.

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

## Kincaid Announcements

### Legislation and Advocacy



**Find out more about what's going on at Kincaid, in Post 5, and with Cobb County Schools!**

- **Sign up for Kincaid PTA E-Messages by visiting [www.KincaidPTA.org](http://www.KincaidPTA.org) or emailing [President@KincaidPTA.org](mailto:President@KincaidPTA.org).**
- **Send an email to David Banks, our Post 5 Board of Education Member, to sign up for his Grapevine e-messages at [DBanks.BoardMember@CobbK12.org](mailto:DBanks.BoardMember@CobbK12.org).**
- **Visit [www.CobbK12.org](http://www.CobbK12.org) to sign up for e-mail updates from the school district.**

### Summer Reading Results

PTA's compliments go out to the fifty-seven Summer Readers who won tokens to the school store this year; many surpassing their personal reading goals! All together we read more than 1100 hours (that's over 68,000 minutes!) Special recognition to Kincaid's top Summer Reader this year Rose J who read 7360 minutes! Thanks to Once Again Books on Sandy Plains and Shallowford road for donating to the winning reader. But most importantly thank you to all the wonderful participants, kindergarten through fifth grade, and their parents who continued to read over the summer:

*Rose J., Lauren L., Haley H., Amanda B., Emily H., Conor H., Brendan K., Ben E., Madison B., Lauren T., Sharesh L., Julia A., Jeanine W., Sophie H., Manuel R., Andrew R., Julia H., Max E., Nicole C., Caleb G., Claire D., Michael S., Josh S., Rylee D., Ellia K., Matthew S., Keaton K., Ella W., Noah W., Daniella M., Samar E., Camille F., Breanne W., Mikias W., Joe S., Matthew S., Riley S., Maddie P., Will L., Jake M., Lily H., Casey V., Daniel H., Alex B., Sophia P., Lily B., Rachel R., Monica M., Meghan B., Emily S., Jayden L., Yash N., Arianna B., Aidan K., Audrey B., Tomas O., Samuel O.*

## Important School Information

### Square One Art

Getting "Squared Away"!... Kincaid students are excited about creating their "masterpieces" for this year's Square One Art fundraiser. Your child's art work will be mailed to Square One October 3rd, with order forms coming home by the following week. Please stop by Kincaid's front lobby to view a sampling of some of the fantastic ways your child's art can be transferred onto a treasured keepsake for your family, especially with the holidays quickly approaching- GREAT GIFT IDEAS! Please contact Catherine Batterton at [cbatterton@gmail.com](mailto:cbatterton@gmail.com) or Christine Farlow at [cc2851@bellsouth.net](mailto:cc2851@bellsouth.net) with any questions.

### Box Top /Soup Label Collection

Don't forget to start or continue collecting Box Tops & Campbell Soup Labels. The collection drive is **OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>** and the grade with the highest count wins a pajama party at school! Last year the drive resulted in approximately \$2,000 in items to support our school to include a new shredder for the Kindergarten department, flash drives for teachers and items to support school-related meetings. Please make sure to trim your labels and if you have multiple students, mark all of their names and grades so they will each get credit.

### Math Megaminds

The Students took their first Math Megaminds test Friday, Sept. 30th. Now, they are gearing up for their next big challenge. Help your student by setting some time aside every day to review the basic facts with your child. On Fridays the students will be taking Mega-minute tests to get them ready for their next assessment on Oct 28. Each grade level will be tested on the following skills for this session.

1st grade – Subtraction 0-10

2nd grade – Subtraction 0-18

3rd grade – Subtractin 0-18

4th grade – Division 0-6

5th grade - Division 0-12

### Last Call for Discounted Yearbooks!!!

**YEARBOOK, YEARBOOK, YEARBOOK... Order your yearbooks NOW to SAVE.**

The special Low price of \$18 expires on 10/28/11 then the price will increase to \$25. Order forms went home last week or you can go to [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) and search in "Find My Schools Store" for Kincaid Elementary. For more information, contact Tammy McAninch at [yearbook@kincaidpta.org](mailto:yearbook@kincaidpta.org).

### Annual Halloween Costume Drive

With Halloween right around the corner, it is time for the Community Outreach Annual Halloween Costume Drive! We will be collecting new and gently used costumes or makings of costumes (hats, masks, etc) October 3rd-21st. Clean out those closets and help families in need to have a fun and festive holiday! Donations will be given to The Cobb Center for Family Resources. If you have any questions or want to get involved with Kincaid's Community Outreach, please feel free to contact Curi Ahrens at [outreach@kincaidpta.org](mailto:outreach@kincaidpta.org) or 770-420-3002.

## Curriculum and Family Education Night

What's new in math this year? Come learn more as we "target the question" and "mix in math at Curriculum and Family Ed Night, hosted by the Kincaid PTA and Kincaid staff. Join us Thursday, October 13th at 6 pm to meet with your child's teacher to learn about the new ways your child is learning about math. The Kincaid PTA is also taking orders for Subway meals for families to enjoy before the math fun begins. Flyers went home last week and Subway orders AND money must be turned in by Monday, October 10th. Please send your order form with cash or check in an envelope marked, "PTA Curriculum Night." You can pick up your meals beginning at 5:15 pm that evening. Questions? Please contact Keryn Merino at [familyengagement@kincaidpta.org](mailto:familyengagement@kincaidpta.org). Students are welcome, but childcare for young children will not be available.

## Reflections Reception

Reflections 2011-2012 "Diversity Means..."

Congratulations to all the Kincaid students who entered the annual PTA Reflections contest! Students and their families are invited to attend an evening reception honoring our Kincaid artists. The reception will be held on Thursday, October 20th at 6pm in the cafeteria. Entries will be on display starting at 6pm and the reception will start at 6:30pm. Please contact Michele Rhyne at [reflections@kincaidpta.org](mailto:reflections@kincaidpta.org) with any questions.

## Doughnuts with Dad

Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> is our annual Doughnuts with Dad event sponsored by the Kincaid Cougar's Relay for Life team. Doors open at 7:15. Order forms will be sent home with students the first week in October and are due back to school by October 19<sup>th</sup>. An added bonus this year will be the opportunity for students and their special visitor to shop for books at the Book Fair. So plan to join us for doughnuts and juice and a trip to the Book Fair.

## Character Education

October's character trait is...**Responsibility**—*taking care of one's self and others; to carry out a duty or task carefully and thoroughly*. Having a positive attitude and being accountable for your decisions and actions are a great way to portray this trait. You can contribute to a positive school environment by taking pride in Kincaid, being pleasant and dependable, and doing what is right. At school and at home, responsibility is the key to success!



Students working in the garden at Hands on Atlanta

Kincaid Chorus getting ready to Rock the East Cobber Parade



### September Character Ed Students—Integrity



John K., Joshua L.,Graham W., Foster C., Connor W., Hayden K., Kamryn W., Bailey R., Julia L., Samara A., Aiden H., Jessy A., Casey H., Garrett H., Breanne W., Eric P., Piper R., Kaiya C., Kade H., Cate W., Brendan K., Julia A., Jacob L., Matthew M., Pablo P., Julia H., Shane B., Elizabeth P., Emily H., Claire D., Nya L., Gaberiel M., Essa Madhi., Maya C.

### August Character Ed Students —Respect



Ruby M., Riley W., Adi B., Jady V., Ava M., Tony O., Jeevan J., Norma M., Isabella L, Carlos G., Maggie K., Kathleen S., Jane Y., Aida N., Mary S., Anna P., Audrey B., Joey B., Scott C., Maggie D., Cora A., Kathryn K., Kate S., Caitlin G., Justin J., Nicole B., Joseph P., Wyatt R., Calvin R., Guy P., Vanessa K., Alek R., Aljandra A., Nicholas S.

## PTA Business Sponsors

If you own a business and are interested in becoming a Kincaid Elementary PTA Business Sponsor, please contact John Vogt for further information at [VPKincaid@KincaidPTA.com](mailto:VPKincaid@KincaidPTA.com).




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9	10 Columbus Day	11 Kincaid night @ Stevie B's	12	13 Curriculum & Family Education Night:5:30-8:00 P	14 End of 9 wks Campbell Label and Box Tops Due	15
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**Kincaid Elementary School Vision Statement:**  
 Growing in character takes us to the top,

