

HOPEWELL MUSTANGS

PTA NEWS

Wow! 10 More School Days!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL MOTHERS!

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PTA Presidents Note

Happy Friday,

Congratulations to Ms. Torkelson's class for turning in the most PTA surveys. They are the winners of a donut and juice party sponsored by the PTA. We would like to thank all the families that have turned in surveys but we still need to hear from the rest of you. Please take a few moments to complete the survey and send it back to school with your child. It is important to get your feedback to help us shape future programs and communication efforts.

This newsletter is filled with lots of information including the 2008-2009 School Calendar. Please read carefully. Lastly, do not forget to RSVP for the volunteer breakfast on May 15. The details are provided below.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Hopewell Mustang Moms! Enjoy your day!

Laura Baron and Michelle Olsen
PTA Co-Presidents

From Principal Thompson

Dear Parents:

The teachers enjoyed many treats and a catered lunch this week as the PTA honored our teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week. A special thank you to Michelle Bryan for coordinating the Teacher Appreciation activities this week and to the PTA lead by co-presidents Laura Baron and Michelle Olsen for their continued support.

Teachers and staff hosted rising 6th graders this week during school tours. In the evenings, parents were welcomed with informative meetings to answer frequently asked questions about entering middle school and attending Hopewell Middle School. More than 300 parents attended.

Fulton County Schools Superintendent Cindy Loe would like your feedback. Click on the link below to access a brief survey that will be sent directly to Dr. Loe.

Rising 9th grade students will now have the opportunity to enroll in a virtual course this summer. They will be permitted to accomplish the required "general health" and "personal fitness" requirements prior to officially beginning their freshman year. Effective this summer any rising freshman desiring to do so may, through the GA Virtual School or other approved, appropriately accredited resources, take either or both of these course. A registration link is provided on Hopewell's web page.

Tentative 2008-2009 class placements were sent home this week with the students. Please review, sign and return the forms to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible so that we may continue the planning process for the 2008-2009 school year.

We are nearing the finish line with only two weeks left of school. This is a positive and fun time for students.

Happy Mother's Day Moms!

Bill Thompson, Principal
Hopewell Middle School

Superintendent Loe wants your feedback

Dear Parents and Community Members,

I want to thank you for the warm welcome that I have received during my first month in Fulton. As I visit schools and meet with staff, parents and community leaders, I

continue to be impressed with your commitment to our students. It is obvious to me that you truly do believe in the Fulton motto, "Where Students Come First."

As we plan the future of Fulton County Schools, I need your help. As I have gone out to community meetings, I have asked three simple questions:

- **What does the Fulton County School System do best?**
- **What concerns, if any, do you have about Fulton County Schools?**
- **If you could make one improvement, what would you do?**

I am now asking the same three questions of you. Please take just a few moments between now and May 15 to complete the brief online survey. All responses are anonymous.

[:: Click here to take the survey ::](#)

Thank you for taking the time to help determine the future direction of Fulton County Schools.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cindy Loe, Superintendent
Fulton County Schools



Community Outreach

It is time for spring cleaning at Hopewell! The Students Supporting Others organization is collecting toiletries and cleaning supplies to donate to North Fulton Community Charities. Please send supplies with your students during the week of May 12 - May 16. Below are some suggestions from the NFCC website;

Toiletries: shampoo, hand soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Paper Products: toilet paper, paper towels, baby diapers, feminine supplies.

Cleaning supplies: powder laundry detergent and dish detergent.



Alpharetta High School Cross Country Team Ice Cream & Info Meeting

Alpharetta High School Cross Country Team invites any 8th grade girl or boy who will be attending Alpharetta this fall, and their parents, to attend an "Ice Cream & Info" meeting on Wednesday, May 14 in the Alpharetta High cafeteria from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Meet the coaches and team members, get information on summer running schedules, as well as join the booster club and receive your team tee shirt, watch and shoe bag. Cross Country is a fun sport where you can make great friends and be part of a high school sport before you even walk into high school on the first day. No experience necessary. Questions? Call Colleen Jones at 770-442-3242. *Info at:* <http://alpharetta.fast5k.com>



Crabapple Junior Cotillion Fall 2008

The Crabapple Junior Cotillion mailed invitations to the rising Seventh graders on May 1. If you do not receive your invitation, please send an email to Laine Vaught at cv@bellsouth.net.



2008-2009 PTA Board Positions

If you are interested in serving the school or getting more involved with the PTA, please contact PTA co-presidents, Laura Baron at lbaron507@hotmail.com or Michelle Olsen at olsenjmal@bellsouth.net.

The following positions are still available:

- 4th VP of Programs
- Grants and Other Income
- 8th Grade Activities Chairman
- Hospitality Chairman
- Walking Club Chairman

International Dinner Chairman
Scoliosis Screening Chairman

2008-2009 LSAC

Anyone interested in joining the board of the Local School Advisory Council (LSAC), please contact Tina D'Aversa at tinadaversa@bellsouth.net. The LSAC meets one Wednesday per month at 5:00 pm to discuss school matters. This is a board position and requires a nomination and vote of the school parents. The vote will take place in August for the 2008-2009 school year.

School Events + News + Congratulations

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Congratulations 8th Grade Students

We wish you the best as you go to High School!

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Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

May 15, 8:30 - 10:00 am

Hopewell Middle School Cafeteria

We sometimes take for granted
in the rush of all we do,
and forget to say a special thanks
To volunteers like you!
So we send this note to tell you
how much all you do means,
your gifts of time and of yourself
are special ones indeed.

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If you volunteered your time in any capacity to any event or activity at Hopewell Middle School, join us for our first annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast.

Please RSVP to lbaron507@hotmail.com with Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in the subject line. Or cut out the form below and send it to school. Please respond by May 12. We look forward to seeing you.

Volunteer Breakfast RSVP

I, *(name)* _____ will attend Hopewell Middle School's Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast.



ATTENTION REFLECTIONS PARTICIPANTS

If you submitted a Reflections entry, please stop by the main office to pick it up. Thank you for participating!

Start planning for your entry next year. The 2008-2009 Theme will be **Beauty is....**



Coming to Alpharetta High School next year? WELCOME!!

First, please visit the PTSA's website at <http://www.ahsptsa.org/>, where you can begin to learn about our team, how to join, and whom to call with questions or comments. Second, we hope there are parents who would like to be involved in AHS PTSA but aren't sure of your options -- and we have some! For the 2008 - 2009 school year, we have some interesting positions open: Vice President of Special Programs, Recording Secretary, Directory Chair, Parents Assisting Teachers Chair, College and Career Center Chair, and Evening Education (formerly Luncheon Lectures) Chair. For more on each of these positions, check out the PTSA Handbook at <http://www.ahsptsa.org/2007-2008Handbook.pdf>. If you would like to learn more or you're interested in joining the team, please contact us at admin@ahsptsa.org.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or comments, and thank you for your help!

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2008-2009 School Calendar

First Semester

Aug. 4-8	Preplanning
Aug. 11	First Day of School
Sept. 1	Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 17	Early Release Day* (students dismissed early)
Oct. 10	Teacher Workday (students off)
Oct. 15	Early Release Day (students dismissed early)
Nov. 4	Election Day (schools closed)
Nov. 19	Early Release Day (students dismissed early)
Nov. 26-28	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 19	End of First Semester
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	Winter Holidays
Jan. 5	Teacher Workday (students off)

Second Semester

Jan. 6	First Day of Second Semester
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Feb. 16	Presidents Day Holiday (schools closed)
Feb. 25	Early Release Day (students dismissed early)
March 13	Teacher Workday (students off)
March 25	Early Release Day (students dismissed early)
April 6-10	Spring Break
May 22	Last Day of School
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday
May 26-27	Postplanning

*On Early Release Days, students attend for half a day. The remaining portion of the day is used for professional development, which allows staff to participate in schoolwide training. This calendar feature is used by many local and national school systems.



Summer Camps

Northview High School Volleyball Camp

July 14-18, 2008 9-1

Home of 2005-2007 AAAAA State Champions

Visit [www. for registration information](http://www.northviewvolleyball.com)
www.northviewvolleyball.com

AUDITION FOR AND BE CAST IN TV STAGE AND FILM PROJECTS!!!

Broadway Bound Summer Camp presented by the Metropolitan Theatre Conservatory offering professional training in Theatre, Film, and TV for one week only at Hopewell Middle School. Many of our teens get cast throughout the summer in film, tv, and stage productions.

Registration now open for BROADWAY BOUND™ Summer Performing Arts

Camp! Professional Theatre & Film Training and Performance opportunities with the Broadway Bound tm camp for ages 4-17. Pre-professional & Professional training in Stage and Film/T.V. for Pre-K through 12th grade. Train with professionals from L.A., New York, and London. T.V. Casting opportunities. Weekly performances in costume and on-stage. Camp under the direction of Film Producer & Stage director Kendrick Phillips.

To register or for more information, please call 770-394-1461 or

visit www.metropolitanconservatory.com



Visit www.hopewellmustangs.net for the complete 2007-2008 calendar and updates

EVENTS

**April 29 to May 16 7:00 am
Walking Club**

**May 12-16
Community Outreach
Toiletries and Cleaning Supplies Collection**

**May 12
PTA Board Meeting 11:00 am
Sage Restaurant**

**May 13
Katie Reeves Meeting 9:30**

**May 15
Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 8:30 am**

**May 16
8th Grade Picnic**

**May 19
Spring Band Concert**

**May 22
8th Grade Party**

**May 23
Last Day of School**

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**Principal
Bill Thompson**

**Assistant Principals
Cynthia Cook
Sarah Ann Biegelsen
Joey Robinson**

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"Tell me, I'll forget. Show me, I may remember. But involve me, and I'll understand."

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