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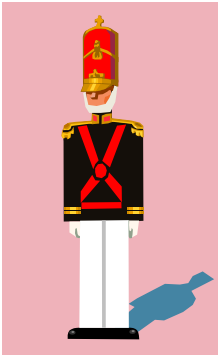
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Morris Brandon will be dismissed for the winter holiday on Tuesday, December 20th. The Morris Brandon PTA wishes you and yours a wonderful and safe holiday season! See you on January 4th.



Roots and Shoots Annual Toy Drive for Joey's Toy Box!



Roots and Shoots would like to challenge every student to set aside one of the new toys they receive during the holidays to donate to Joey's Toy Box. Joey's Toy Box is an organization that was started by a young cancer patient here in Atlanta named Joey Doolittle. His organization provides toys for kids who are going through treatment for cancer at local hospitals. Toys must be new and something that would be easy to play with in the hospital. Please encourage your children to select one of their new toys to donate! (Parents should not be going out to buy any toys for this toy drive!) There will be bins at both campuses during the month of January to collect the toys. Log on to www.joeystoybox.net to learn more.

Questions? Contact Lina Ellis at linaellis@bellsouth.net or Tina Hallmark at tina.hallmark@yahoo.com.

Science Night Out

Mark your calendar for this special science evening at North Atlanta High School for 3rd – 6th graders hosted by the NAHS Robotics Team Warbotz. The event, which will be held tonight (December 16th) from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., will be packed with hands-on, science related activities for this age group. For registration instructions and cost, please link to event details below.

Science Night Out - News Release

You're Invited to an exciting evening of fun!

All City of Atlanta residents are invited by the Office of Atlanta City Councilman H. Lamar Willis (Post 3, At-Large) to a **Winter Wonderland Soiree in the Atlanta City Hall Atrium (55 Trinity Avenue)**. This family event will include food, games, prizes and music, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2011. Parking will be available for \$4.00. Questions? Contact Kelli Jackson at 404-330-6041.

BEE in the Spirit!



Just a few days left to purchase your **Morris Brandon Custom Tree Ornament** for just \$10 from the following fabulous retailers: The School Store, Mary Plumer's desk, and Emily Jordan (404.421.8668).

Urgent Reminder – Deadline Today

"Please remember that today (**12/16/11**) is the deadline for submitting your feedback on the APS Demographic / Capacity Study Options. Please click [HERE](#) for more information."



BEE Green Tip of the Week

Cancel all those unwanted catalogue subscriptions! It only takes a few minutes to call the retailer. 60 catalogues = 1 tree.

Who would want old, worn out sneakers...500 of them!

The BEE Green Committee, of course!

Sponsored by the BEE Green Committee in partnership with Nike, drop off your used athletic shoes at **Morris Brandon's 2nd Annual Athletic Shoe Recycling Drive** taking place during the entire month of January. Look for collection bins at both campuses. Please adhere to a few simple guidelines:

- Running shoes, tennis shoes and/or sneakers are accepted (no cleats).
- Any brand of shoes are accepted.
- Shoes containing metal are not accepted.
- Dress shoes, sandals and flip flops are not accepted.

Collected shoes will go to a Nike recycling facility in Memphis where they will be separated into categories depending on sole type and then sent through grinders to be eventually incorporated into a variety of sports surfaces. For more about this process, visit www.nikeuseashoe.com. Questions regarding the event? Contact Kim Cumbie (kimcumbie@msn.com) or Robin Hackney (robin.hackney@alumni.duke.edu).

BEE Fund Update:

Even though 2011 is coming to an end...there is always still time to BEElieve in Brandon! Here is an update on this year's Bee Fund campaign...

- ◆ The Donor Party is set for Thursday, March 15 at the home of Elizabeth and Andy Ausband. Those of you that donated \$500 or more by September 12 will be included in this fun event! Save the date and invitations will follow in the New Year.

- ◆ Donors of \$500 or more by September 12 were also entered to win our "Four Seasons" raffle package. This year's lucky winners are Stacey and Ryan Buckley! Congratulations and hope you enjoy a great night on the town!
- ◆ Make time to donate TODAY! 100% participation is our goal and we are only at 61% family participation. Our Brandon teachers and staff are at 80%! Let's show our teachers that we all BEElieve in Brandon!!! You can donate online at www.morrisbrandon.com or you can fill out your pledge card and place it in the Bee box at either campus. If you'd like to get your tax deduction for 2011, you must submit payment before the end of the year. Tax letters will be sent out in mid January.

Questions? Please contact Anne Green astonegreen@bellsouth.net or Jennifer Rogers at jendealrogers@hotmail.com.

Parents – below is the schedule for remaining Class Holiday Performances!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2011

8:15AM MC GYMNASIUM

Ms. White's class
Mr. Smith's class
Ms. Steigerwalts' class
Ms. Philippe's class
Ms. Hawver's class
Ms. Visel's class
Ms. Salinas' class
Mr. Metzger's class
Ms. Hydrick's class
Ms. Lane's class
Ms. Waters' class
All of 5th Grade

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2011

9:45AM MC GYMNASIUM

Ms. E. Dennis' class
Ms. Daniels' class
Ms. Ingram's class
Ms. Charnitski's class
Ms. Byrd's class
Ms. Shaughnessy's class
Ms. Hoekstra's class
Ms. N. Dennis' class
Ms. Kemp's class
Mr. Freeman's class
Ms. Dimas' class
Ms. Friedrich's class
All of 5th Grade

Need to get something in The BEE?

Please email BEE articles to Melanie Faser at faserm@bellsouth.net. The BEE is published each Friday. The deadline for submitting material is the immediately preceding Friday by 5:00 p.m. Please note that this is the final eBee distributed in 2011.



<u>Upcoming Key Dates:</u>	LOC	Date	Start Time
Science Night Out – North Atlanta High School	OC	December 16 th	6:00 p.m.
Winter Break Begins	N/A	December 21 st	N/A
School Resumes	N/A	January 4 th	N/A
Spirit Event – Johnny’s Pizza	OC	January 5 th	5:00 p.m.
Spirit Event – Café at Pharr (Chattahoochee)	OC	January 6 th	11:00 a.m.
Spirit Event – Willy’s (Howell Mill)	OC	January 10 th	5:00 p.m.
NO SCHOOL – MLK Holiday	N/A	January 16 th	N/A
Sutton Tour	OC	January 18 th	9:00 a.m.
Spirit Event – Menchies (W. Paces)	OC	January 18 th	2:30 p.m.
Spirit Event – Jersey Mike’s (Howell Mill)	OC	January 21 st	11:00 a.m.
Spirit Event – Verde Taqueria (Collier Rd.)	OC	January 23 rd	5:00 p.m.
Spirit Event - Chick-Fil-A (Howell Mill, W. Paces) Pajama Theme	OC	January 26 th	5:00 p.m.

OC = Off Campus

MC = Main Campus

PC = Primary Center

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