

THE BEE

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Take Note:

Save the Date - The APS Community Meeting for our SRT to discuss the second round of demographic options will be Wednesday, February 1st at 6:30 pm at North Atlanta High School.

Community Enrichment Program – Part III:

This year, the Morris Brandon PTA has established a Community Enrichment Program committee to organize a speaker series with the goal of helping educate our parent population on parenting topics relevant to elementary school age children. Part III of the Series will be a **Lunch n’ Learn event on January 31st in the Main Campus Media Center, 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.** The discussion will focus on how and what cognitive skills help our children achieve success in the classroom and in life. Bring your lunch and join us. Reservations are not required. Drinks will be provided. Please contact Missy Schuessler (mcschuessler@gmail.com) if you can lend a hand at this program or any in the future.

From your PTA Co-Presidents Elect:

Would you like to “Bee” involved in your 2012-2013 PTA?

Jan. 23rd	E-blast sent with “Willingness to Chair” forms attached
Feb. 7th	Nominating committee slate voted on at General PTA meeting
Feb. 21st	Willingness to Chair forms due in the Bee Boxes at MC and PC
Feb. 27 – 29	Nominating committee meets and slates PTA chair positions
March 14th	2012-2013 slate of officers voted on at PTA Meeting
April TBD	E-blast sent with “Willingness to Serve” forms
May TBD	Willingness to Serve responses distributed to all PTA Chairs

For more information on the goals and responsibilities of a particular committee, please visit <http://www.morrisbrandon.com/PTA/volunteer.aspx> or contact Charlotte Goldfarb at cgoldfarb@bellsouth.net or Leanne French at lfrench2001@yahoo.com.

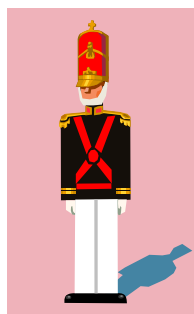
Free Mulch

Gunnison Tree Service has agreed to deliver free wood chips to anyone interested when they're in your neighborhood. Pine Tree mulch is great for paths and other areas where you don't want grass or weeds to grow. It's also excellent for use under rhododendrons and azaleas (and other acid-loving plants). In general, mulching with wood chips conserves soil moisture, moderates soil temperature and reduces weeds. If you're interested in receiving free wood chips, please email your name and address to Robin.Hackney@alumni.duke.edu by Friday, January 20th.

Brandon Dads & Daughters - Get ready to boogie!

Please mark your calendars for the inaugural "**Brandon Father / Daughter Dance**," on Wednesday, February 15th (6:00 pm) at the Primary Center for all students, Grades K-5. More information about this fun new event will follow shortly. We are looking for volunteers (moms) to help plan this event. If you are interested, please email Margaret (magswarren@mindspring.com) or Hyde (hydedesloge@me.com).

Roots and Shoots - Joey's Toy Box



Back in December, Roots and Shoots challenged every student to set aside one of their new toys received during the holidays to donate to Joey's Toy Box. Joey's Toy Box, founded by a young cancer patient here in Atlanta named Joey Doolittle, provides toys for kids who are undergoing cancer treatment at local hospitals. Toys must be new and should be the type that would be easy to use in a hospital setting. During the month of January, please have your student deliver his or her toy to collection bins located at the school (both campuses). Log on to www.joeytoybox.net for more information. Questions? Contact Lina Ellis (linaellis@bellsouth.net) or Tina Hallmark (tina.hallmark@yahoo.com).

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).

Spirit Events:

Here's a message from our friends at Chick-fil-A on their upcoming spirit event:

"Congratulations to Ms. Dennis' 4th grade class for winning the December Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Cow for their classroom! Be sure to come to come to our next Chick-fil-A night on 1/26 from 5-7 at both locations - Howell Mill Road and Northside Parkway. We'll be hosting PAJAMA NIGHT, so IF you want to put on your pajamas early you'll still fit in at Chick-fil-A! In fact, the cow will be in pajamas too! But no worries - if your schedule has you putting on your PJs later in the evening, that is no problem - we still want you to come by and eat chicken with us!"

We are pleased to welcome **Verde Taqueria as our newest Spirit Event host!** Verde Taqueria is a fun, family-friendly, full-service taqueria serving tacos, quesadillas, and salads with a unique and inventive twist. Fried calamari taco anyone? Head over to Brandon's first spirit event with Verde Taqueria, located at 1193 Collier Road, on **Monday (1/23/11) from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

As always, invite your friends and family to join you at these spirit events by supporting a Brandon Business Partner as they support us by donating a portion of the event proceeds directly to the PTA! And if you can't make either of these, be sure to check out the Key Date Calendar below for more School Spirit Events during the month of January.

Need to get something in the eBEE?

Please email eBEE 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 the eBee will not be published on Friday, March 9th and Friday, April 6th.

<u>Upcoming Key Dates:</u>	LOC	Date	Start Time
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 Night	OC	January 26 th	5:00 p.m.
Community Enrichment Series – Lunch n’ learn “Cognitive Skills”	MC	January 31 st	11:30 a.m.
APS Community Meeting – NAHS	OC	February 1 st	6:30 p.m.
Spirit Event – Johnny’s Pizza	OC	February 2 nd	5:00 p.m.
Spirit Event – Café at Pharr (Chattahoochee)	OC	February 3 rd	11:00 a.m.
General PTA Meeting	PC	February 7 th	7:00 p.m.
Spirit Event – Menchies (W. Paces)	OC	February 8 th	2:30 p.m.
Spirit Event – Jersey Mike’s (Howell Mill)	OC	February 11 th	11:00 a.m.
Spirit Event – Willy’s (Howell Mill, W. Paces)	OC	February 14 th	5:00 p.m.
Inaugural Father/Daughter Dance	PC	February 15 th	6:00 p.m.
NO SCHOOL – February Break	N/A	February 17 th	N/A
NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day	N/A	February 20 th	N/A
Picture Day – Main Campus	MC	February 21 st	N/A
Picture Day – Primary Center	PC	February 22 nd	N/A
Spirit Event - Chick-Fil-A (Howell Mill, W. Paces)	OC	February 23 rd	5:00 p.m.
Jump Rope for Heart	BOTH	February 23 rd	N/A
Spirit Event – Baskin Robbins (Peachtree Battle)	OC	February 24 th	3:00 p.m.
Jump Rope for Heart	BOTH	February 24 th	N/A
Spirit Event – Broken Egg Café (Peachtree Battle)	OC	February 28 th	7:00 a.m.

Brandon Business Partners generously support us.

Brandon families, please support them!

**The Coca-Cola Company, Peachtree Battle Shopping Center, *Landscaping by Yardera, Nellya Fencers, *Beacham & Company Realtors (Cia Cummings, Matt Linginfelter), Big Frog Custom T-Shirts, Café At Pharr, *Chick-fil-A (Howell Mill Road), Jersey Mike's, Johnny's Pizza, Menchie's, Mighty Jumps, One Stop Printing & Signs, Publix, *S&S Rug Cleaners, Swoozie's, The Gym at Peachtree Presbyterian Church, *West Stride, Willy's Mexicana Grill, *1-800- GOT JUNK?*