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Welcome Back to School!



New Beginnings from Marcia Mayo's Perspective:

“A new year: my sixty-second. Each January, most of us evaluate where we are and where we’ve been. For me, I’ve been many places and done many things, but a place I’ll always hold tight in my memory and close to my heart is Morris Brandon. I’d been perfectly happy and had felt quite lucky to have taught second grade at the Main Campus for five years when Karen Evans asked me to step in as Interim Program Administrator at the Primary Center this past July. Those first few weeks on the job were tough as I missed having my own gaggle of seven-year-olds, who, for better or worse, “belonged to me” for the year. But as the weeks passed and the children and I got to know each other, I felt more at home and better suited to the task I’d been asked to do. One of my favorite early fall memories was a little boy bypassing Ms. Evans to say that he had a question only Dr. Mayo could answer. And that question asked, at my desk, by a tow-headed future purveyor of all things commerce, with his UGA billfold wide open, was, “What is the day that they have the thing that you have to pay money for?” As soon as I realized he was referring to the Anticipated All Week Every Thursday School Store, I felt I could respond appropriately in a manner suitable to my station at school and in life.”

And so, as I now look forward each school morning of this New Year to my absolute favorite part of my day, greeting the little ones as they arrive, I'm once again feeling lucky since my sixty-third year will be spent with the bright and shiny children who live and learn at our Primary Center. Some appear at our door wet-combed and enthusiastic; others bed-headed and half asleep. One recently emerged from his bus with an open book in his hand, the same book that most likely shared his slumber the night before and his breakfast an hour earlier. It's those funny little beings, so full of potential and talent and individual viewpoints, who make my day and my year, and, ultimately, will, in memory, add greatly to the sum of my life. And for that, I am truly grateful."

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).

6th Grade is closer than we think...wondering what's next?

If you're interested in learning more about Sutton Middle School, you can take a guided tour of the campus and have the opportunity to participate in a group interview with Audrey Sofianos on **Wednesday, January 18th**. Please call Jennifer Miller at 404-802-5600 to make your required reservation. Tours, which begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Sutton Media Center, will also be offered on February 8th, March 7th, April 11th, May 9th and June 6th. For questions on these or other Sutton events, contact Meg Culp at megbculp@yahoo.com. You can also log on to <http://www.suttonmiddleschool.org/home/sourcesignup.htm> to receive e-updates through the Sutton Source. This is a great way to learn about all the activities your student can participate in at Sutton Middle School.

Spirit Events:

Parents – this one's just for you! Grab a friend/spouse/co-worker and don't miss the **Café at Pharr** Spirit Lunch **today (1/6/12)** at their Chattahoochee Avenue location from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Then head over to **Willy's (Howell Mill, W. Paces)** on Tuesday night **(1/10/12)** from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. so your kids can enjoy a fun Spirit Event with all their Brandon friends. Invite your friends and family to join you at these 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.



BEE Green Tip of the Week

Using a glass of water for rinsing when brushing your teeth can save up to 9,000 liters of water each year. Encourage your children to temper their use of the tap while brushing!

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**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?*

<u>Upcoming Key Dates:</u>	LOC	Date	Start Time
Spirit Event – Café at Pharr (Chattahoochee)	OC	January 6th	11:00 a.m.
Spirit Event – Willy’s (Howell Mill, W. Paces)	OC	January 10th	5:00 p.m.
NO SCHOOL – MLK Holiday	N/A	January 16th	N/A
Sutton Tour	OC	January 18 th	9:00 a.m.
Spirit Event – Menchies (W. Paces)	OC	January 18th	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 23rd	5:00 p.m.
Spirit Event - Chick-Fil-A (Howell Mill, W. Paces) Pajama Night!	OC	January 26th	5:00 p.m.
Spirit Event – Johnny’s Pizza	OC	February 2nd	5:00 p.m.
Spirit Event – Café at Pharr (Chattahoochee)	OC	February 3 rd	11:00 a.m.
General PTA Meeting	PC	February 7th	7:00 p.m.
Spirit Event – Menchies (W. Paces)	OC	February 8th	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.
NO SCHOOL – February Break	N/A	February 17 th	N/A
NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day	N/A	February 20th	N/A
Spirit Event - Chick-Fil-A (Howell Mill, W. Paces)	OC	February 23rd	5:00 p.m.
Jump Rope for Heart	BOTH	February 23rd	N/A
Spirit Event – Baskin Robbins (Peachtree Battle)	OC	February 24th	3:00 p.m.
Jump Rope for Heart	BOTH	February 24th	N/A
Spirit Event – Broken Egg Café (Peachtree Battle)	OC	February 28th	7:00 a.m.

OC = Off Campus
MC = Main Campus
PC = Primary Center