

Panther News



January 2010

A Note from the Principal

Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the time with family and friends. The Administrative Team wants to thank all of you for your generosity, kind thoughts, and food given to us before the break. Once again I was reminded of how special our Peachtree family is and how lucky I feel to be a part of it.

With the New Year comes a reminder that we are in the second half of the school year. Time passes very quickly between now and the end of the year. We will be very busy in the next few months completing academics, preparing for the SAT, and preparing for end-of-the-year activities.

Please make sure your children are dressed warmly, are rested and ready for the rigors of the superior education they are offered at Peachtree Academy Private School! God Bless!
Ms. Russell

Congratulations to the December Panthers' of the Month!

Aysia Broersma, Savannah Chauduri,
Jordan Coleman, Zani Dembure, Fiona Hern,
Grayson Hopkins, Kennedy Johnson,
Weston Kephart, Tyler Moore,
Charolette Parker, Meredith Parker,
Marlie Ross, Andrea Tuck, Tyler Moore,
Jack Twardos, Samantha Van Ness

These students will be honored during the Honor Roll Assembly January 13 at 8:30am

Student Enrollment Fair, January 12th, 2010

Please join us for our first Student Enrollment fair for the New Year. Come enjoy a presentation with our newest technological advancement: The Promethean Board! Bring a friend who enrolls and is accepted, and receive a \$100 tuition credit!

Calendar of Events

- 1/5 Students return to school
- 1/7 Report Cards Issued,
CHAMPS program 8:15-9:15 (6th grade)
- 1/12 Private Pre-K Field Trip to Imagine It!
Parent Advisory Board meeting 5pm
Student Enrollment Fair 6pm
- 1/13 Honor Roll Assembly and Panther of the month recognition at 8:30
- 1/14 4-H (5th)
CHAMPS class(6th)
- 1/18 MLK Holiday, No School for students
- 1/19 Extra-curricular activities begin
- 1/21 Champs class (6th)
- 1/26 PTO meeting
- 1/28 Third grade field trip to Blue Willow
CHAMPS class (6th)
- 1/29 Fourth grade field trip to Capitol
- 2/1 Private school enrollment deadline

Enrollment Deadline, February 1st

Please note that enrollment for the 2010-2011 school-year is due. To ensure your child's spot and avoid escalated fees, please see Jenna in the front office.

Additional Middle School Educational Opportunities

In addition to many of the educational experiences we offer here at Peachtree, our middle school program includes some additional educational experiences taught by outside organizations.

In the fifth grade, students participate in a year-long Georgia 4-H program which teaches them the importance of public speaking, while providing them the leadership opportunities of a club. In the sixth grade, students participate in a 14 week drug awareness program, called Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods Promoting Safety (CHAMPS), taught by the Rockdale County Sheriff's Department. Lastly, all seventh and eighth grade students will have the opportunity to page at the capitol during the Senate and House of Representatives in-session months.

Peachtree Academy is constantly looking to provide new educational and leadership opportunities for our students.



Peachtree Academy wins FIRST place at Covington Christmas Parade

The Importance of Reading

It is a well-known fact that before televisions and computers, reading was a primary leisure activity. People would spend hours reading books and travel to lands far away-in their minds. Over time people have lost their skill and passion to read. There are many other exciting and thrilling options available, aside from books. And that is a shame because reading offers a productive approach to improving vocabulary and word power. It has been observed that students who love reading have comparatively higher IQs. They are more creative and do better in school and college. It is recommended that parents stress the importance of reading to their children in the early years. Reading significantly helps in developing vocabulary, and reading aloud helps to build a strong emotional bond between parents and children.

Reading is an activity that involves great levels of concentration, adds to conversational skills, and enhances knowledge acquired. The habit of reading also helps readers to decipher new words and phrases that they come across in everyday conversations. The habit can become a **healthy addiction**. It helps students to stay in-touch with our past and makes us sensitive to global issues.

It is advisable for students to indulge in at least half an hour of reading a day. We have added a book list to the website by grade level and we hope you will encourage your child to read!

New Lunch Option!

New to Peachtree Academy lunch is a delicious salad bar. The salad bar offers a healthy variety to our nutritionally rich lunch. Salad bar will be offered daily and can be purchased for \$2.00 a plate or \$1.00 a bowl.