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DODGEN DATELINE

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PTSA Co-Presidents

Summer 2011

From the PTSA Co-Presidents:

Working Together

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at Dodgen Middle School. We look forward to a year of Working Together and a year filled with many programs and events for our Dodgen students, parents, faculty and staff.

With our theme of Working Together this school year, we hope that you will give us some of your time, talents and energy to make our Dodgen community a great one. The excellence and success we have at Dodgen comes from our administration, faculty, staff, students, parents, families and community working together for the better.

Dodgen PTSA needs you to work with us in a number of ways. You can support us simply by purchasing PTSA memberships. At the middle school level PTA becomes PTSA. The "S" stands for "student" because students may purchase a membership for themselves. Your membership not only supports us in our local school. It supports Georgia PTA and National PTA. We also ask that you support us financially with your donation to Dodgen PTSA. This donation is tax deductible and is asked of you once each year. It is our only method of fundraising to support our programs and events for the current school year. Our operating budget for the year is based on your donations alone.

Dodgen PTSA also needs you to work with us as a volunteer. Volunteer opportunities are available at school or at home. They are onetime events or ongoing activities. They require minutes, hours or weeks. They fit a variety of schedules. We ask you to take a look in this newsletter or on the website www.dodgenptsa.org and see which volunteer opportunity fits you. We cannot do it without you! Please do not wait. The middle school years go by so quickly.

We invite you to sign up for the Dodgen emessage and visit our website www.dodgenptsa.org. We are committed to working throughout the year to keep you informed and up to date on everything Dodgen.

We look forward to seeing you on Panther Day, August 12th. We hope you are enjoying your summer and look forward to the start of another great year at Dodgen!

Thank You,
Marge Cavitt & Clairevon Nixon
Dodgen PTSA Co-Presidents

From The Principal . . .

Summer Greetings!

I hope this Dateline finds your family enjoying your summer break and getting ready to get back in the swing of school. It is hard to believe that in just a few weeks the 2011-2012 school year will be underway. Our custodial staff has been working diligently to prepare the building for students and staff.

Our theater has undergone an entire makeover, we have new basketball standards, bathroom upgrades, and new handicap access and additional outdoor classroom space for our pond.

Before summer vacation is over, I hope that you will visit Dodgen's website if you haven't already. There are important dates listed as well as a complete listing of possibilities for summer reading and a reading contract students need to complete.

I am looking forward to the upcoming school year, and I am excited about seeing you all on Panther Day, Friday, August 12, 2011. Enjoy the remaining days of your break!

For kids,

Robin



CONGRATULATIONS

To Lisa Boardman for being chosen as Dodgen School Professional of the Year!

PTSA ORDER FORM 2011-2012

Please return your form to the PTSA box in the front office or mail to Dodgen. Orders received by **August 1st** will be ready to pick up on Panther Day. Order forms are available in the Dodgen front office and at Panther Day

We appreciate your support of Dodgen PTSA. Please contact co-president@dodgenptsa.org if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you in August!

Did you know?

The Social Work Department also has a database with over 1000 community resources to help assist families, faculty and staff to search for various areas of support? Please feel free to check it out and see how wonderful and supportive our community is - we have so much right in our backyard! The website is www.cobbk12.org/familyresources.

Disney Invites the Dodgen Band to Perform

Congratulations to our current 7th grade Band! A recording of their spring concert was recently submitted as an audition tape and the group was invited to present a public performance on the Waterside Stage at Downtown Disney! The students will spend three days in parks as part of this public performance trip. Our Band students will be serving as musical ambassadors representing Dodgen Middle School, the city of Marietta, and Cobb County as they perform for thousands of visitors from around the world. This event will add to an already exciting 8th grade year for these band students. Congratulations!

Your PTSA Needs You!

We have several Committee Chair openings. Please consider signing up to chair one of the following committees:



- **Arts in Education: Reflections**
- **Community Outreach: Specific Events**
- **Exceptional Children**
- **Hospitality**
- **Legislation**
- **Media Center**
- **Parent Involvement/Family Engagement**
- **Dodgen Gives Back Day**
- **Staff Appreciation**
- **Student Recognition**

Descriptions of these positions are on our website (www.DodgenPTSA.org). If you are interested you can email the co-presidents, Marge Cavitt or Clairevon Nixon, at co-president@dodgenpts.org.

But wait! You don't have to be a Chairperson! We also need volunteers for ALL of our committees. Please check out all the committees and descriptions on the website and let us know if there's one (or several) you'd like to help out with. If so, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Rani Quirk, at volunteercoordinator@dodgenpts.org. There will also be forms available at Panther Day for you to fill out and return if you decide to help.

We look forward to seeing you in August!

Summer Reading Lists Are Now Online!

Please go to www.cobbk12/dodgen, click Media Center, parent student resources.

PANTHER DAY 2011/2012 Friday, August 12

6th Grade: 9:45 am—11 am

7th Grade: 11:45am—12:45 pm

8th Grade: 2:30 pm—3:30 pm



Pope Jr. Baseball will have tryouts for the 2011-2012 season on Mon 8/1 & Tues 8/2 @ 5:30-8:00pm. Rising 7th & 8th graders in the Pope school district should register online at www.PopeJrGreyhounds.com at the Try-outs page. A select number of out of district players will be considered for the team.

Alan NeSmith, founder and President of the North Georgia Feeder Baseball League (www.NorthGeorgiaFBL.com), will be returning as the Head Coach after leading the charter 2011 team to a winning season and the FBL championship game, finishing 2nd place in the league.

For more information please visit our website, call 678 -340-3353, or email Jr.Greyhounds@gmail.com.

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2011-2012 School Supply Lists

6TH GRADE

Four 1 ½ inch 3-ring binders (4 different colors if possible)
 Loose leaf notebook paper with wide lines
 2 pkgs. 5 tab dividers
 4 boxes of #2 pencils
 Handheld pencil sharpener
 Blue or black ballpoint pens
 Flash drive (minimum of 2 GB)
 1 pkg. colored markers
 1 pkg. colored pencils
 Red and green pens
 Pencil pouch
 Ruler, Metric and English
 1 pocket folder with brads
 4 book covers
 2 pkgs. of 3x5 index cards-lined

For AC classes, 1 ultrafine black sharpie
 For AC classes, 1 fine tip black sharpie
 For Math, 1 full-size poster board

7th GRADE

Binders no larger than 2 inches otherwise they jam the lockers (Suggest at least 2-3 binders, each will hold more than 1 subject)
 2 Composition notebooks (marble covered type-pages sewn in)
 Loose leaf notebook paper
 2 boxes of #2 pencils (not mechanical)
 Several Blue or Black ball point pens
 Several Red or Green ball point pens
 Several packages of dividers
 Ultra fine black sharpie
 colored pencils
 Handheld pencil sharpener (holds shavings)
 Highlighters
 White board markers
 2 large glue sticks
 1 pack of color markers
 Graph paper
 Safety compass
 Flash drive

8TH GRADE

1 pkg. blue or black ball point pens
 1 pkg. green or red ball point pens
 1 box #2 pencils (not mechanical)
 1 pkg. colored pencils
 1 pkg. colored markers
 2 pkgs. graph paper-3 square per square inch
 4 pkgs. 5 tab subject dividers
 4 pkgs. Loose leaf notebook paper
 1 2-inch 3 ring binder
 1 1-inch 3 ring binder
 3 pkgs of 3x5 index cards lined
 1 ruler
 4 dry erase markers
 1 black/white composition notebooks
 Book Covers
 Hand held pencil sharpener
 Pencil erasers

Other helpful items:

Tissue boxes, hand sanitizers, 3 hole punch for notebooks, paper towels, punch size paper cups (little), and clay for science teachers

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1 box of tissues, pump hand sanitizer, bandaids

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1 box of tissues
 pump hand sanitizer

Nominations for Dodgen School Council

The Dodgen School Council is accepting nominations to fill two open positions -- a parent representative and a business parent representative. To serve as a parent representative, a parent/guardian must have one or more children enrolled in Dodgen. To serve as a business parent representative, a parent/guardian must have one or more children enrolled in Dodgen and also be a business person. Council membership involves participation in regular meetings, a two-year term, and the willingness to be an active representative of the Dodgen community.

The A-Plus Education Reform Act established school councils in all Georgia schools. A council involves at least seven members---two parent/guardians, two business parent representatives, two certified staff members, and the principal. This group is intended to provide advice and recommendations to the school principal and when appropriate, to the local board of education. The council can study issues including but not limited to the:

- Curriculum and instructional program
- School achievement profile and accountability
- Home-school communication procedures
- Extracurricular activities
- Budget priorities, including plans for capital improvement

If you are interested in serving as a parent or business parent representative or you would like to nominate a representative for the Dodgen School Council for the 2011 and 2012 school years, please stop by the Dodgen front office or contact Suzanne Lynch at Suzanne.Lynch@comcast.net for a nomination form. Nominations will be accepted until August 22.

Dodgen Career Day at Cobb EMC



Dodgen students pose with Cindy Cannon of Growth Management Group

On Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 12 students from Dodgen Middle School visited Cobb EMC headquarters in Marietta for Career Day. Cobb EMC is currently in their 20th year hosting Career Day for elementary students, but this marks the first year of the program for middle-schoolers.

Dodgen students were greeted by **Cobb EMC Director RJ Patel** and then given an opportunity for networking as they introduced themselves to employees, including the employee they would job-shadow for the day. With their note-taking journals and itinerary, the students and employees went to work!

During this time, students also underwent mock-interviews with special guest **Cindy Cannon from Growth Management Group** as well as **Cobb EMC Human Resources Administrator, Carrie Green**. They were asked to describe themselves, their strengths and weaknesses, their passions and their plans for the future. Afterward, the interviewer reviewed responses with the student, offering suggestions for future interviews.

At the conclusion of the shadowing and interview processes, the group met parents and school administrators in the Cobb EMC Community Room for lunch. **Dodgen Principal Robin Lattizori, Assistant Principal Phil Wilkes** and **6th Grade Language Arts teacher Kelly Carswell** were all in attendance.

Cindy Cannon then spoke to the group, challenging students to set goals and pursue their passions in the working world. Cindy also offered interviewing tips, including the best responses, proper attire, appropriate body language and how to display confidence.

Cobb EMC Director Kay Anderson provided concluding remarks and thanked students for their participation.

Before returning to school, students were awarded door prizes and presented with Career Day certificates and goodie bags. Prizes included two Amazon Kindles, flash drives, gift cards and more!

As a Partner in Education, Cobb EMC was thrilled to host Dodgen students for the first annual middle school Career Day.

Dates to Remember

August 12 Panther Day

August 15 First Day of School

August 23 PTSA General Meeting/6th Grade Open House, 6:30 p.m.

August 25 PTSA General Meeting/7th & 8th Open House, 6:30 p.m.

August 26 Dodgen Dateline Deadline

August 31 New Parent Tea, 9:30 a.m.

September 9 Coffee Talk, 9:30 a.m.

Websites and Emails

Dodgen Middle School
www.cobbk12.org/dodgen

Dodgen PTSA
www.dodgenptsa.org

Cobb County Schools
www.cobb.k12.ga.us/

Georgia PTA
www.georgiapta.org

National PTA
www.pta.org

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