



# DODGEN DATELINE

Dodgen Middle School PTSA  
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Principal

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PTSA Co-Presidents

September 2010

## Dodgen's Partners In Education



Kroger @ Shallowford,  
Dawn Hawkins



Piedmont Commons



Johnston & Doris Orthodontics



The UPS Store @ Merchants  
Festival, David Goodwill



everychild.one voice.

## From the PTSA Co-Presidents:

### Engage, Enrich, Empower!

On behalf of the Dodgen PTSA, we would like to welcome all of our new families and our returning families to the start of another exciting year at Dodgen Middle School. It was great to see and meet many of you at Panther Day and at the Open House nights in August. The PTSA has been busy planning and preparing for programs and events that will engage our students, parents, and teachers; enrich their lives; and empower all to become lifelong learners and educated citizens of our society. If you have not joined the Dodgen PTSA yet, we encourage your family to join and be a voice for all children. Not only will you be a part of our local PTSA, but you will also be a part of the state and national PTA.

We also want to thank all of you have made a donation to the Dodgen PTSA. If you have not yet made your donation, we ask that you consider making a one-time, tax deductible donation to our PTSA. The Dodgen PTSA does no fundraisers; we will never ask you and your child to sell anything. The wonderful programs and events sponsored by the PTSA are made possible through the generosity of your donations. If you would like to, please enclose your donation in an envelope and drop it in the white PTSA mailbox outside the front office.

As always, communication is very important to the Dodgen PTSA. On that note, welcome to our very first online [Dateline](#)! We hope that you like this new way to receive the newsletter. Dodgen PTSA is always looking for ways to improve ease of access to information, not to mention saving money on postage and copying! We urge everyone to subscribe to our e-message system. In addition to receiving your link to the online [Dateline](#), you will also receive weekly e-news, reminders for PTSA and school programs and events, community information, and news from our feeder schools including Pope High School and Walton High School. To subscribe, please visit the Dodgen PTSA website and click on the "E-News" link.

Along with Panther Day and the Open House nights, we hope that some of you were able to attend the New Parent Tea and the program on Abstinence. Some of the programs we have coming up are the East Cobber Parade, Coffee Talk with the administration, and the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Dances. Please see the "Dates to Remember" in this issue to see what's happening in the near future.

We are excited about working with all of you this year. We know the start of the school year is a busy time for everyone. If you can make some time to volunteer, we would love to have you! You can volunteer by going to [dodgenptsa.org](http://dodgenptsa.org) and selecting your area(s) of interest on the "Volunteer" page.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that Dodgen Middle School PTSA was awarded Second Place for the State of Georgia for Outstanding Local Unit. This year's PTSA Board will work to continue this award-winning tradition. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding volunteering or the programs and events of the PTSA.

Jacqui Willey & Marge Cavitt  
PTSA Co-Presidents

## From The Principal . . .



Dear Dodgen Families,

Welcome back to school! We have had a very smooth beginning to the 2010-2011 school year, and our students are comfortably back in the swing of things. As we begin the 2010-2011 school year, I want to invite you to be involved in your student's life here at Dodgen. Our PTSA has many committees and events in which you can volunteer. This year, the school administration has added four "Coffee Talks," designed to give us an opportunity to get to know you and for you to get to know us.

As you know, Dodgen has a history of high achievement and numerous accolades. Last year we were named a Georgia School of Excellence, and most recently our media program, under the leadership of Sue Klodnicki, our media specialist, was named a 2010 Exemplary Library Media Program. Ms. Klodnicki and Dodgen were recently recognized by Brad Bryant, Georgia's State Superintendent, and the State Board of Education. What an honor for both Ms. Klodnicki and Dodgen...way to go!

Our academic achievements, extra-curricular opportunities, and community outreach are just a few of the areas in which we excel each and every year. I'm looking forward to another successful year at Dodgen Middle School as we strive to continue our academic excellence. Thank you for your support in all that we do.

For kids,

*Robin Lattizori*



## Parent to Parent

Dodgen PTSA will host a program called "Parent to Parent" by The Passage Group this Fall (dates to be announced). It is a prevention program that empowers parents to raise healthy, responsible kids in our increasingly toxic culture. Parent to Parent was created by Bill Oliver, a former Walton parent, after his daughter got involved in drugs, and has reached over 3 million parents in 18 years.

Each week, a small group of parents (20 or less) watch a DVD presentation and hold discussions with a trained facilitator. Some of the topics discussed will be putting yourself in the way of our toxic culture; signs and symptoms of a healthy and unhealthy child; children are not adults and why schools cannot raise children; 11 ways to raise a toxic child; managing the internet; and drugs and alcohol.

The program is free but materials are \$17 per family and include a book and set of CD's to keep. Look for details in upcoming Dodgen PTSA e-messages or contact Stephanie Holden, Family Engagement Chair, East Cobb County Council of PTA's at [family@ecccppta.org](mailto:family@ecccppta.org) with questions. For more information about Parent to Parent check:

[http://www.thepassagegroup.com/THE\\_SOLUTION.html](http://www.thepassagegroup.com/THE_SOLUTION.html)

*We hope you can join us for this very successful parent program.*

## Thank You!

### The PTSA would like to thank...

Julie Smith for publishing our summer newsletter (and ALL of them throughout this school year), and Gail Wetzel, Pegge Kacer and their volunteers for distribution.

Mary Ann Clapp and Noelle Hall, our Staff Appreciation Chairs, and all their volunteers who provided a delicious Welcome Back Breakfast for our faculty on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

All the parent and student volunteers who sorted, copied, folded, and prepared about 1150 Cobb County first day folders and 400 6<sup>th</sup> grade packets.

Ann Kriscovich, our treasurer, for organizing, planning and running a smooth and successful Panther Day, and all the student and parent volunteers who worked so hard in all our stations to help make the day a great one.

Anneke Loubser, our Membership Chair, for all of her diligent work selling PTSA memberships to the faculty, parents and students.

Kim Smith and Noelle Paramore of our Spirit Wear Committee, for their summer-long (and school year-long) efforts in providing us with newly-designed Dodgen spirit wear.

Rani Quirk, our Volunteer Coordinator, who updates our volunteer records and informs each committee of the parents who have signed up to help PTSA.

Our Front Office Volunteers who have been busy since before school started, and will continue to work hard throughout the school year.

Our Copy Crew Volunteers who have been working hard since before school started to ensure our faculty had what they needed for a successful start of the school year.

Roxana Renner, our Outdoor Sign Chair, for keeping our school and community up-to-date on important events since this summer and throughout the school year.

Sandra Perry and Kim Fine, our Hospitality Chairs, for providing dessert to the faculty for the Open House night dinners given by PTSA.

All Dodgen parents, students, and faculty for their generous donations to the Dodgen PTSA, upon which we rely for all of the programs we provide for all of you.

### The PTSA would like to Specially Thank:

**Doc Green's**  
**Powers Ferry Road**  
**Marietta, GA**  
**770-953-3473**

**Thank you to Mike Gilliam @ Doc Green's for catering the teachers' Open House night dinners. The teachers all really enjoyed the wraps and you provided exceptional customer service!**  
**Thank You!**

### Help Wanted!!!

*PTSA is still in need of Chair Persons for the following Committees:*

- Community Outreach/Blood Drive
- Emessages
- "Heroes" Writing Contest
- Family Engagement/Parent Involvement
- Panther Day 2011
- Panther Fun Night
- Panther Preview Night
- Retail Rewards

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact us at [co-presidents@dodgenptsa.org](mailto:co-presidents@dodgenptsa.org).

## Procedures You Need to Know

### What if My Child:

#### ...Is going to be checked out early?

You must send in a signed note that day. List the time your child will be picked up and the reason for leaving early. Include student's name, grade and homeroom teacher. Your student must bring the signed note to the office before first period. He/she will be given a pass and will come to the office at the designated dismissal time.

**\*If a situation arises where you cannot send a note in the morning, please call the front office (770-578-2726) no later than 3:45 p.m.**

#### ...Arrives late to school? (Students are considered late/tardy **AFTER 9:05 a.m.**)

Any child arriving late to school will need one of 3 things:

- An excuse from the Doctor or Dentist if late due to an appointment
- A note from a parent/guardian stating the reason the student is tardy.
- A parent/guardian to sign them in to school.

**\*\*\*\*\*Please try to arrive late/check out early as close to class change times as possible to avoid interruption of instruction time. (SEE BELL SCHEDULE LINK BELOW)**

#### ...Is going to ride home on a different bus with a friend?

You **MUST** fill out and sign the Cobb County Bus Pass and send it in with your child that day. (You will need to include YOUR bus # and FRIEND's bus #.) Your student must bring the signed form to the office in the morning before first period to get it authorized. No bus passes can be given from phone notification; written notice with Cobb County pass is **REQUIRED**.

#### To download and print Bus Pass:

Go to: [www.cobbk12.org/dodgen/](http://www.cobbk12.org/dodgen/) then click "Parent Resources" at the top, then click "Bus Pass" icon

#### ...Needs to be picked up in carpool/ride bus (dismissal change)

The school does not require written notification to change your child to/from car or bus. Simply inform your child how he/she should go home that day. If a situation arises and you need to change the way your child will go home, please call the front office (by 3:45 p.m.) A front office volunteer will deliver the message to your child between classes.

#### ...Is Absent from School?

Students are given one day per each day of absence to make up any missed assignments. Teacher blogs contain homework assignments and a teacher email address for questions. After 3 days of absence a request can be made for missed work by calling the front office. **Upon returning to school, students MUST bring a signed note stating the dates of and reason for their absence.**

#### ...Forgets an item at home?

To preserve class instruction time, deliveries to students are limited to class change times (see **BELL SCHEDULE**). Deliveries are made as time allows and cannot be guaranteed for specific times. For this reason, students are encouraged to check the front office between classes to pick up any delivered items. All items delivered must include the student's name, grade and homeroom teacher.

#### **\*\*\*Download and print 2010-2011 BELL SCHEDULE for convenient dismissal/arrival reference:**

Go to: [www.cobbk12.org/dodgen/](http://www.cobbk12.org/dodgen/) click "Parent Resources" at the top, click "Bell Schedule" icon

## PTSA Membership News

There are some corrections / changes to membership benefits:

### Subway

The Subway offer from the Lassiter location was listed as follows:

*Buy one 6" sub and get one for 99 cents. Available at: 2525 Shallowford Road, (770) 592-4188, (next to Lassiter High School)*

The correct offer is as follows:

***Buy one 6" regular sandwich, get one 6" regular sandwich for \$.99 with purchase of 32 oz drink. Restrictions apply, please see store for details. Available at: 2525 Shallowford Road, (770) 592-4188, (next to Lassiter High School)***

### Au Pair

An au pair is a young adult from another country who lives with a host family and provides in-home childcare for up to 45 hours per week. Au pairs also assist with light housekeeping and other duties associated with childcare such as: doing children's laundry, driving children to school and extracurricular activities, preparing children's meals, and supervising homework. The weekly cost averages about \$340 or \$7.50 an hour. **AuPairCare is offering PTA families a waived application fee and an additional \$300 savings in program fees, which is a total savings of \$650.** For more information please contact your local Area Director at 678-398-7225.

### Cheeseburger Bobby's

Please note that this offer is only good through the end of September

Please visit our website <http://www.dodgenptsa.org/>

All changes to benefits will be reflected on the Membership Benefits page.

We would like to thank all the students, parents and staff who have joined the PTSA this year. If you have not had a chance to sign up to become a PTSA member for the 2010-2011 school year, order forms are available in the Dodgen front lobby. Please return your completed form with payment to school. The items ordered will be delivered to your student. Please allow one week for your order to be processed.

## Parents!!

Are you looking for a way to stay connected to your child and involved at Dodgen but aren't sure how?

Need some support or want to find out how other parents handle the tough questions that come up with middle school kids?

Want to meet other Dodgen parents?

Do you have questions for our Principal?

Mark your calendars and join us for Coffee Talk

Dates: September 17 and November 12 at 9:30a.m. in the Dodgen Cafeteria.

We hope to see you there!

For questions email [parentinvolvement@dodgenptsa.org](mailto:parentinvolvement@dodgenptsa.org).



## School Clinic News

Open 9:00 – 4:30

Mary Ortland, RN

770-578-2739

**Blog: [http://](http://dodgenms.typepad.com/dodgen_ms_clinic/)**

**[dodgenms.typepad.com/dodgen\\_ms\\_clinic/](http://dodgenms.typepad.com/dodgen_ms_clinic/)**



All medication (over the counter and prescription) sent to school must be in the original container and labeled with the student's full name. A parent or guardian must complete the appropriate authorization form allowing the student to take the medicine and/or the nurse to administer it. Forms are available at the clinic. If your child has any special health needs, such as asthma, allergies or diabetes and you have questions or concerns, please call the clinic.

## Dodgen Middle School Counseling Services Mission Statement

The Dodgen Middle School counselors collaborate with administration, teachers, students and parents to prepare and encourage all students to achieve exemplary academic and personal success. Student success is our primary focus. We are available to all students through classroom, small group, and individual counseling. Counselors do whatever it takes to encourage students to become their personal best. We provide a comprehensive developmental program that addresses academic, career, and social/emotional needs for every student. We also strive to empower students to achieve their academic and personal best for their current academic setting and become lifelong learners in the future.

The counselors at Dodgen are:

Ms. Gayle DuPre, counselor for seventh and eighth grade A-L.  
770-578-2726 x 230 [Gayle.DuPre@cobbk12.org](mailto:Gayle.DuPre@cobbk12.org)

Dr. Pamela DePetro, counselor for sixth and eighth grade M-Z.  
770-578-2726 x 275 [Pamela.DePetro@cobbk12.org](mailto:Pamela.DePetro@cobbk12.org)

**Please let us know if we can help you!**

### **i-Communication:**

## **Understanding The Role of Technology in Your Child's World Presented by Brian A. Conner, LPC at Ridgeview Institute**

**September 15, 2010     10:00 - 11:30 am**

**Ridgeview Institute, Professional North Building**

This workshop addresses how adolescents are utilizing various aspects of technology in the realms of social networking websites, text and "sex" messaging, emailing, smartphone apps and more. The bulk of the workshop is designed to address how parents can not only become more aware of what adolescents are doing but how they can use technology to monitor, limit and even restrict their child's access to the internet and text messaging. Several resources are provided including the names and prices of software that can be used on your and your child's computer to monitor their online safety as well as text messaging/data plans from the four largest cellular carriers in the U.S. (Verizon, Sprint, AT&T and T-Mobile).

Brian A. Conner, M.Ed, LPC is the Educational Coordinator of the Youth Services Program at Ridgeview Institute. He has been with Ridgeview since 2006 and has been a Licensed Professional Counselor for over 11 years. Brian is also a certified Professional School Counselor in the state of Georgia. He has worked in residential, psychiatric and school settings in the Atlanta area since 1994. Brian has a background as a special education teacher as well as special education programs and policies in Georgia.

This workshop is offered free of charge. No registration is required.

#### **DIRECTIONS to RIDGEVIEW INSTITUTE:**

3995 S. Cobb Drive

Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Phone: (770) 434-4567 (800) 329-9775

Ridgeview is located off I-285 at Exit 15 (S. Cobb Drive). From Exit 15, you will travel north on S. Cobb Drive approximately 2.5 miles. Ridgeview is on the right. When you enter the campus, the Professional North Building is the first building on left. Parking is available adjacent to the building.



## Dodgen School Council

School councils were established with the A+ Education Reform Act of 2000 to bring parents and the community together with teachers and school administrators to create a better understanding of and mutual respect for each other's concerns, and share ideas for school improvement. The Council functions as an advisory body, offering recommendations and assistance on matters relating to student achievement and school improvement. The Dodgen school council consists of the principal, two teachers, three parent/guardians and two businessperson parent/guardians. Please contact one of our parent representatives if you have any questions.

### Parent Representatives:

Cindi Cabral – [cmcabral@bellsouth.net](mailto:cmcabral@bellsouth.net)

Lisa Lucier – [lisalucier@comcast.net](mailto:lisalucier@comcast.net)

Suzanne Lynch - [suzanne.lynch@comcast.net](mailto:suzanne.lynch@comcast.net)

### Businessperson Parent Representatives:

Yvonne Kirila - [ykirila@ups.com](mailto:ykirila@ups.com)

John Nguyen – [johnnguyen1960@gmail.com](mailto:johnnguyen1960@gmail.com)

## Welcome Back from your School Social Worker!

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! I hope everyone had a restful summer, as we gear up for the new school year! I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know a few things about school social work. As your school social worker, I cover five area schools: Walton, Dodgen, East Side, Mt. Bethel and Timber Ridge. My role is to assist schools and parents to alleviate barriers to academic and personal success. Through this, I often:

- Provide referrals and access to community resources to students and families
- Monitor attendance
- Work with students and families on issues impacting their child at home or school

Support school staff with providing consult and support for any issues that may be impacting their students. 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](http://www.cobbk12.org/familyresources).

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. What is the Cobb County Schools Attendance Policy?

Excused absences are defined by law in the State Board of Education Rules (per Cobb Regulation JB). Absences from school are excused for the following:

- When personally ill and attendance in school would endanger their health or the health of others
- When there is a serious illness or death in the immediate family
- On special and recognized religious holidays observed by their faith

When mandated by order of governmental agencies

A letter written by a parent/guardian and/or licensed physician explaining the reasons for absences must be presented to your child's homeroom teacher or the attendance clerk, MJ Perkins, on the date of return to school or no later than the following school day after a period of absence from school. Failure to submit a note within three school days after a student's return from an absence will result in the absence being marked as unexcused.

In summary, it is always best practice to send in a doctor's note when your child has been out sick and seen their pediatrician. *All absences* must be accompanied by a handwritten note from the parent or guardian regarding the reason for the absence. Parents will be notified by phone and/or letter if their child has missed 5 or 10 days of school, either excused or unexcused. A social work referral may be made after a period of 15 or more absences. Have a wonderful Fall, and great school year here at Dodgen! As always, if you have any additional questions, or wish to contact me, I can be reached at [Karen.Schwartz@cobbk12.org](mailto:Karen.Schwartz@cobbk12.org) or 770.973.7145.

Sincerely,

Karen Schwartz, School Social Worker

# Reflections: Together We Can...!

Each year, the PTA Reflections Program challenges students to create art inspired by a specific theme. Start working on your Reflections entry for the 2010-2011 school year. Entries are due on September 16, 2010.

The theme is: **Together We Can...** Students may submit work in any of six art areas: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography and visual arts.

To find specific program information go to the Dodgen webpage, click on "PTSA", then click on "Reflections..." under "Quick Links" on the right side. That will take you to the Reflections forms, rules and program-specific information. For additional information contact Reflections committee chair Jennifer Liebich at [jliebich@bellsouth.net](mailto:jliebich@bellsouth.net)

**Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.**



## Dodgen/Scholastic Book Fair October 18-22



Please come support the Dodgen Middle School Media Center by shopping at the Book Fair scheduled for the week of October 18th (Conference Week) in the media center. A portion of the proceeds from the Book Fair will go to much-needed equipment and new books. There will be many old and new favorites to choose from so make sure to stop by the Book Fair during Conference Week and stock up on some great books.

**Students**-look in your Scholastic Book Fair Flyers (distributed in home room) for a chance to win \$5 in free books at the book fair.



Book Fair hours are 8:15-4:30 Monday through Friday.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help at the Book Fair, please contact Mitzi Underwood 770-579-6919 ([mitziu@gmail.com](mailto:mitziu@gmail.com)) or Susan Higgins 770-971-2277 ([susan@planetstudio.com](mailto:susan@planetstudio.com)).

### Do you like to read?

Then join us at the Dodgen Book Club. We will meet at 7:00 on September 13 in the cafe at Borders on the Avenue. We are reading the first "Rangers Apprentince" book by John Flanigan. We meet once a month, feel free to contact Ms. Perkins in the front office or email [Chunglo1@aol.com](mailto:Chunglo1@aol.com) with questions or input. Hope to see you there!



MAKE OUR SCHOOL A CUT ABOVE!

We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week -- or more. Now turn those shopping trip into easy cash for your school, and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios<sup>®</sup>, Hamburger Helper<sup>®</sup> and Kleenex<sup>®</sup>, in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them to your school's Box Tops coordinator --- each one is worth 10¢ for your school. Please place your Box Tops in the designated box in the Dodgen lobby. Thank you!



## Intramurals



The philosophy of the Dodgen Middle School Intramural Sports Program is to provide every student the opportunity to participate in competitive and noncompetitive sports in a recreational environment. In this environment participation is stressed rather than winning. Students experience success and enjoyment through participation. The intramural program will meet the needs of all middle school students not just the athletically gifted. The program also gives students the opportunity to develop leadership and social skills.

Intramurals will begin Monday, August 30. Sessions will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday for all grades. Friday will be for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade "Birdie Bashers" badminton club. The school doors do not open up until 8:15 a.m. At this time students will report to the gym for intramurals. Students will sign in and change clothes. At 8:45 intramurals ends and students change back in to school clothes and report to homeroom. The calendar for the activities is located in the gym foyer by the boy's locker room.

## Mark Your Calendars

for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance  
(please remember the school  
calendar has an incorrect date)

September 30

Time: 4:15-6

School attire

Food and Drinks available for purchase

Tickets will be sold in the 6<sup>th</sup>  
grade pods for \$3.00

September 27-29

Teachers will chaperone



The Walton/Dodgen Girl Talk Club is looking for middle school girls who would like to be a part of a club which connects high school and middle school girls for an opportunity to talk about anything from parents, to peers, to sports, to high school. The club meets on Mondays twice a month after school starting in October. If you are interested in learning more about Girl Talk, please visit the website at [www.desiretoinspire.org](http://www.desiretoinspire.org) or email Karen Schwartz, school social worker, at [Karen.schwartz@cobbk12.org](mailto:Karen.schwartz@cobbk12.org). We'd love to have you!

**Dodgen Middle School and  
Blake Cooper Productions Inc.  
Presents**



**Calling all actors, singers and dancers,  
experienced or not!**

**Auditions**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:00am Dodgen Theater**

**Cast List Posted: Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Performances are May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Written by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe (dubbed "The brightest hopes for the future of the British musical" by The London Daily Telegraph), "Honk!" is the story of Ugly, whose odd, gawky looks instantly incite prejudice from his family and neighbors. Separated from the farm and pursued by a hungry Cat, Ugly must find his way home. Along his rollicking and harrowing journey he not only discovers his true beauty and glorious destiny, but also finds love and acceptance in all its forms. In the London season featuring the appearance of "The Lion King," "Honk!" became a stand-out by winning the 2000 Olivier Award (the British equivalent of the Tony Award) for Best New Musical.

Blake Cooper Productions, Inc. is excited to have the opportunity to work with the talented students at Dodgen this year. Please go to [www.bcprod.org/dodgen](http://www.bcprod.org/dodgen) for audition and rehearsal information and schedules. Audition forms are available online and in the Dodgen front office. Please return your Contract of Participation and Audition Preference Sheet to the Blake Cooper Productions, Inc. mailbox located in the Dodgen front office **by Wednesday, September 29th**. If you have any questions please contact Blake Cooper at [director@bcprod.org](mailto:director@bcprod.org) before auditions. Thank you for your support.

**15th Annual  
East Cobber  
Parade & Festival  
Saturday, September 11**

Parade begins at 10am from the Mt. Bethel Elementary School parking lot traveling south on Johnson Ferry Road to the Fountains of Old Towne shopping center. 7th & 8th grade Chorus and Beta Club students are invited to march in the parade in honor of our teacher of the year Chris Whittington. Time and location information will be coming soon.

Questions: Contact Marge Cavitt [co-president@dodgenpts.org](mailto:co-president@dodgenpts.org).



**East Cobb Road Race**

Run one of Cobb County's oldest traditions!  
September 11th, 8 a.m. from Walton High School.

Food, beverages, music & prizes.

A great way to get in shape for the Fall.  
Just \$20 before September 7th,  
\$25 after 9/7 and day of race.

All registrants by September 1st receive a shirt.

Register at Big Peach, [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or <http://www.waltontxc.com/pdf/2010.EastCobbRoadRace.Flyer.01.pdf>

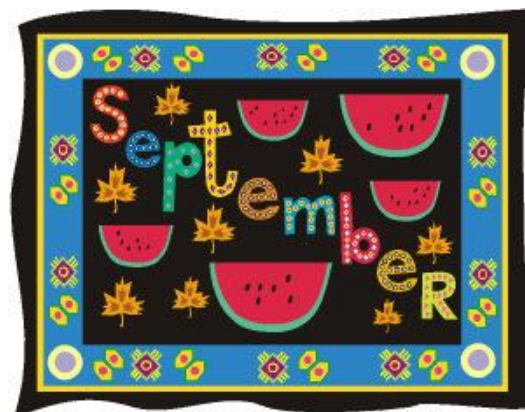
*Make it an East Cobb Day: Run the race then attend the*  
**East Cobb Parade & Festival!**

**Cobb Co. Fall Break  
Basketball Camp**

Pope HS - Sept 20-22  
(9:00-4:00)

Email Coach Abney @ Pope with questions

[Patrick.Abney@cobbk12.org](mailto:Patrick.Abney@cobbk12.org)



## Dates to Remember

September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day Holiday – No School
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	4 ½ week Progress Report Distribution
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	East Cobber Parade
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Reflections Deadline
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Talk 9:30 a.m.
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Dateline deadline for October 8 <sup>th</sup> issue
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance 4:15-6:00 p.m.
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	PTSA Executive Board Meeting 9:15 a.m.
October 4,6,8,11	Spring Musical Auditions 7:30-9:00 a.m.
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	PTSA Board of Directors Meeting 9:15 a.m.
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance 4:15-6:00 p.m.

## Websites and Emails

**Dodgen Middle School**  
[www.cobbk12.org/dodgen](http://www.cobbk12.org/dodgen)

**Dodgen PTSA**  
[www.dodge npts a.org](http://www.dodge npts a.org)

**Cobb County Schools**  
[www.cobb.k12.ga.us/](http://www.cobb.k12.ga.us/)

**Georgia PTA**  
[www.georgiapta.org](http://www.georgiapta.org)

**National PTA**  
[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

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