



**The Eagle Weekly**  
*What Parents Need To Know Right Now!*  
**October 2, 2007**

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**Dates to Remember**

**Monday, October 1-Friday, October 5: Iowa Test of Basic Skills**

**Thursday, October 4: 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance; 4:30-6:00**

**October 15-26: Humane Society of Cobb County pet supply drive**

**Character Word for the Week: Justice/Fairness**—Correct, proper and reasonable treatment of behavior and viewpoints of others.

**Sixth Grade Dance Information:** The 6th grade dance is this **Thursday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-6:00**. Tickets will be on sale beginning at 8:30 Thurs. morning. The **cost is \$5**. The ticket includes dance admission, pizza and a drink. Candy and addition pizza slices will be on sale during the dance.

**Start Collecting Now for the Humane Society of Cobb County pet supply drive:** Each year our students collect supplies to support the Humane Society of Cobb County (HSCC). This is a non-profit, no-kill shelter that is located on Fairground Street, not far from the Cobb Civic Center. It is totally run on donations and the support of the community. We need **new or gently used pet supplies**, for our pet supply drive **October 15<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**. The items can be for ANY kind of animal - those with fur, feathers or fins. They can include, but are not limited to, pet food, toys, leashes, cages, hygiene items, bedding as well as items such as baby shampoo, old linens (towels, blankets...) postage stamps, bleach, and other cleaning products. They also welcome any cash donations. Checks should be made payable to the Humane Society of Cobb County (HSCC). For a more thorough listing of items, please see the Environmental committee blog. On behalf of the wonderful creatures we call family, but cannot speak for themselves, thank you.

**Paper Towel Contest—also for the Humane Society:** We are also sponsoring our annual paper towel contest. All homerooms will compete to see which homeroom can collect the most rolls of paper towels. The winning three homerooms will receive a donut breakfast from the Environmental Committee.

**Facials? Pancakes? Can you dig this? Are you curious about high school volleyball?** The Sprayberry Lady Jackets would love to have you come and check us out! Looking ahead to high school, now is the time to develop your skills if you would like to try-out for Junior Varsity or Varsity Volleyball at Sprayberry High School. If you are interested in learning more about opportunities for winter club teams, Sprayberry's summer camp and next falls' try-outs, email [Mary.Bateman@cobbk12.org](mailto:Mary.Bateman@cobbk12.org). Please title the email, Sprayberry Volley. Thank you! We encourage you to attend games to see what Varsity Volleyball is all about! Remaining games in October are:

11th - Lassiter, Kell; @ Lassiter 5, 6 p.m.

18<sup>th</sup> - Area Tournament; Home 5, 6, 7 p.m.

20<sup>th</sup> - Area Tournament; @ Walton TBA

**Access the Environmental Committee Blog:** When checking the teachers' blogs, take time to click on the environmental committee's blog as well. There is important information about our current drought and watering restrictions. You will find water conservation tips as well as usage reduction

information that you may find helpful and may save you \$\$\$\$\$. Contact Mrs. Chanin with any questions you may have.

**Come support the Dance Team on their 2nd annual community tour!** Come support the dance team and watch them perform at these Fall Festivals in our community!

**Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** - 5:30pm Rocky Mount Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** -10:00am Shallowford Falls Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** -11:30 am Addison Fall Festival

**Calling all Readers (from Ms. Williams):** Last year, Simpson had a “**reading wall**” where all the reading that was happening in the building was captured. We were lucky enough to have a generous and wonderful sponsor, Beth Murphy, who donated iPod Shuffles and goody bags for occasional drawings. I, along with several other teachers, was able to monitor this reading wall because we did not have homeroom, but this year we all have one. Unfortunately, the reading wall has not been reconstructed, and it is a loss for Simpson students. I have three volunteers that have offered to help with this effort, but I need at least **seven more people**. If you are willing to donate **one half hour a week** to this effort, please contact me. You will hand out “reading bricks” that will help build the wall. Students will bring their book and their completed reading brick. You will be discussing their book by asking a few questions. Research shows that it’s not the reading that matters as much as communicating the ideas generated by what students have read. If you can help with this effort, please contact me at [Hilary.Williams@cobbk12.org](mailto:Hilary.Williams@cobbk12.org). Thank you very much.

**Students of the Week:** Each Week Students from each grade level are honored as the Student of the Week. The Students of the Week for this week (October 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) are:

6<sup>th</sup>: Bryan C.

7<sup>th</sup>: Alexandria B.

8<sup>th</sup>: DJ B.

**The 2007-2008 PTA Reflections contest has begun!** This year’s theme is “**I can make a difference by...**” Entry forms are available in the school foyer. Complete rules can be found on the ECCC PTA website, ([www.georgiapta.org](http://www.georgiapta.org)). You may enter in any of the 6 categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Literature, Dance Choreography, or Film/Video Production. This year, each individual entry will earn one chance at winning a \$25 Target gift card. Your entry doesn’t have to be a school place winner to be eligible for the gift card. **The school deadline for all entries is Thursday, October 11, 2007.** Please place all completed entries in the Reflections plastic tub located in the school’s foyer. So let your creativity shine and enter Reflections now! Contact Lori Martin at 770-640-7726 or email [lorimarga@yahoo.com](mailto:lorimarga@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**Some Reflections News:** Sixth Grader Danny B. has his Reflections photograph from last year on display at the High Museum in Atlanta this month and next month, along with other state Reflections winners in art and literature (in the Education section on the museum’s lower level). Participate in Reflections and maybe your piece will end up at the High Museum! Congratulations on your wonderful accomplishment Danny!

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