

Claxton Elementary Starlines

Issue 1

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 1 NO SCHOOL
- 2 Fall Fundraiser Kickoff
- 8 K-2 Open House/ PTA General Mtg 6:30
- 9 3-5 Open House/ PTA General Mtg 6:30
- 9 Papa John's Pizza night
- 9,10,11 3rd Grade PreTest
- 16 PTA Meeting 7pm
- 19 Fall Fundraiser Due/ Directory Info Due
- 22-26 Book Fair
- 23 Book Fair- Family Pizza Night
- 23 Early Dismissal for students- TWO HOURS EARLY
- 24 Interim progress reports go home
- 25 Chick-fil-a Night
- 26 Book Fair- Pastries for Parents
- 29 Skateland 6:30-9:00

Principal's Passage

Welcome to the new school year and our first PTA newsletter. This monthly newsletter will keep you informed about the many things that are happening at Claxton. Please read it carefully.

We are so proud of our excellent test scores for the 2007-08 school year. With 88% of our students on or above grade level in math, Claxton is a School of Distinction with high growth. We are one of only nine elementary schools in Guilford County to maintain our Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status since No Child Left Behind was enacted. We will continue with processes that spur the advancement of our students and school community in a positive way.

Please visit Claxton's website to keep informed about our many activities. Our website is <http://www.gcsnc.com/schools/elementary/claxton/index.html>

We have already started our Reading Incentive Program. Please make certain that your children are reading every night and that you are signing the reading log. This will ensure that your child can attend our Quarterly Reading Celebration, but more importantly it will improve your child's reading level. Reading is the most important thing your child can practice because it is included in every subject.

Thank you for sending us your children. It is a pleasure to work with them daily. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email me (burgmaa@gcsnc.com).

Anessa M. Burgman
Principal

Message from PTA

We are off to a great start and looking forward to a wonderful year at Claxton! I want to encourage every parent to become involved in whatever way you can. It will mean the world to your child for you to be a part of their school. We would love to have you attend our next PTA Board meeting on Tuesday, September 16 @ 7:00 in the Media Center. Our meetings are usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, but the September meeting has been changed due to our book fair.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions concerning our PTA at 854-9490 or pmccrawbcimage@aol.com.

Have a great year!!!!
Pam McCraw
PTA President

PTA Membership

Please send your membership forms back to your classroom teacher. And remember- everyone can join! Parents, Grandparents, friends! The first class with 100% membership will receive \$50 in books for their classroom from our bookfair!

PTA Board Vacancies

Would you like to be more involved? We still have the following board positions to fill: 5th Grade Celebration, CMT, Grant Coordinator, Student Council Rep, Advocacy, Awards, Spring Carnival, Staff Appreciation, Book Fair Coordinator.

Fall Fundraiser Kick-off!! We're Going Bananas for Innisbrook!

Our fall fundraiser will run from September 2nd until 22nd this year. The theme is "Monkey Business" and we are excited to be working with Innisbrook again to raise money for Claxton projects and programs. During the sale we will be offering some fun promotions with prizes for the students and classrooms who participate. We hope to raise \$25,000 this year for our school. As a reminder- this is the only fundraiser that we will do to pay for this year's great programs at Claxton. Some other activities will break even- but this event is the one that we count on to fund all of the fantastic things we have planned for our students. Please stop by the Innisbrook display in the foyer at Claxton to see some of the products available this year. We are looking forward to the fundraiser and know it will be successful thanks to the support of our Claxton families!

Papa John's & Chick-Fil-A

Claxton is going to do Papa John's again this year! It's a great year for it, and is another way to support your school. Order a pizza and have family night together. Please remember to hand in your flyer with your child's teacher name and give it to the driver or cashier. **Papa John's will be Tuesday, September 9th.**

Claxton will also have Chick-fil-A night on **Thursday, September 25** at the Brassfield shopping Chick-fil-A. Come in with family and friends and have dinner together. This is a great way to get together with old friends and meet new ones. Please come out and support your school!

Student Directory Books

In the beginning-of-the-year PTA packet, you should have received a form that will allow your child/family to be printed in our directory. These forms must be signed in order for your child to be included, so please be sure to send them back to your teacher by the September 19 deadline.

Also, this is a great way to advertise for your business or one that you frequent. Run an ad in the directory...and get your name out to each of our 679 Claxton families! The ads run from \$15 for a business card size up to \$60 for a full page. Please contact Wendee Cutler for more info at 288-8889.

Contact Us

Do you have any questions about Claxton, or the PTA- Please contact any one of our Executive Board members:

Pres: Pam McCraw 854-9490
VP (Education): Eileen Cruz 286-3636
VP (Service): Diane Jackson 282-2852
VP (Ways&Means): Debbie Bohl 852-7996
Secretary: Janet DiMaria 294-7806
Treasurer: Bethany Carter 852-3312
All of their emails are on the pta website as well.

BoxTops, Harris Teeter Milk Caps, Campbell's Soup Labels

What do these things all have in common? They can all earn extra money for Claxton! Save them, and send them with your child in a ziplock baggie to earn great things for school!

Mad Science

Keep your eyes peeled for this fabulous new after school enrichment program coming to our school this fall...more information in October!