

Claxton Elementary Starlines



NOVEMBER

Issue 3

Calendar of Events

- 11/3 Awards Assemblies and Report Cards go home
- 11/4 Teacher Workday/Election Day
- 11/7 Good Citizen Luncheon
- 11/11 Holiday/No School
- 11/12 Student Council Mtg. 2:40-3:30
- 11/14 PTA Reflections Deadline
- 11/18 PTA Board 7:00 pm
- 11/24 Skateland Night 6:30-9:00 pm
- 11/26-28 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11-29 Skateland

WANTED

Reading Buddies, Math Tutors, Reading Tutors, Friendly Faces[©] for all grades.

Claxton Elementary is always looking for loving people to volunteer their time.

Hours/Days are VERY flexible.

If interested, please contact Ila Rosenthal, Curriculum Facilitator at Claxton Elementary by phone (545-2010) or email (rosenti@gcsnc.com)



Please feel free to share this with people in the community!

Principal's Passage

November is here and so is the nice cool weather. There are several holidays and workdays planned for this month, so be sure to check the calendar dates in this newsletter and plan accordingly.

Please remember to encourage your child to read every night. Some students were very disappointed that they weren't able to attend our 1st Reading Celebration on October 30th. Students must turn in at least two reading logs to qualify for the Reading Celebrations. If you don't have a reading log, please ask your child's teacher to send one home. Improvement in reading will help your child do better in all other subjects.

November's character trait is **GIVING**. This is an excellent opportunity for you to help reinforce lessons your children are learning at school. Clean out your pantry and GIVE canned goods to a needy family. You and your child could GIVE extra time to an older adult. Find creative ways to teach your children how to GIVE.

Anessa M. Burgman
Principal

Claxton PTA Website

Don't forget that this is a fantastic resource for current information about dates and activities at our school...Check it out!! www.claxtonpta.org



Thank you for all the families that participated in Papa Johns and Chick-fil-A....

For the month of October.....we received \$51.00!

Congratulations to **Ms. Wright's class** who won for the month!!

Because of the holidays, the next Chick-Fil-A won't be until Jan. 22 ,2009...

...but make sure to order Papa John's on November 11 !!

Message from PTA

October was a busy month at Claxton. PTA sponsored the group, Primary Focus to kick off the Character Education program for this school year. This is a talented touring group that uses skits and music to effectively teach the kids character traits such as responsibility, trustworthiness and citizenship. Sponsoring exceptional groups such as Primary Focus to provide learning opportunities for our children is just one example of what your contributions and participation in fundraising events helps us accomplish. We also had great success with our Attractions fundraiser. Thank you to everyone that purchased a book(s). If you have not returned your book please return it so we can finalize everything with Attractions.

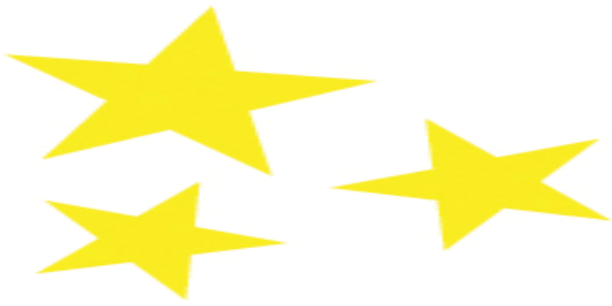
We are very pleased with how so many of you are stepping up to volunteer for our school. There are so many opportunities for you to become involved. Please contact me if you have any questions. And a huge thank-you to all that have given so much time to our InnisBrook & Attractions fundraisers, book fair, membership, Reflections, Reading Incentive, Character Education, newsletter, directory and the list goes on and on with various committees. I appreciate what everyone does for our PTA.

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

Character Education Program November is GIVING

Responsibility and citizenship were the traits of the month for October. Many discussions took place around our school about fulfilling our obligations and what it means to be a responsible citizen of Claxton, our community, and the world. November's character trait is giving. Throughout the month of November, our students will be reading and discussing *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein. We will also be considering the gifts each of us would like to give to others. No matter what the circumstances are in our lives and in our world, our students always have gifts we can share with others.

If you are interested in contributing to the character education program, please contact Pam McCraw. There are still lots of classrooms that could use your help with this fabulous program!



VOTE!! VOTE!!VOTE!! Tomorrow is the day to vote...be sure to take your kids with you.

Something to think about-- Taking our kids along when we vote is both the simplest and most effective way to demonstrate the greatest gift of American Citizenship.



Don't forget to send boxtops and Campbell's soup labels in to your child's classroom. Together they do make a difference!



WOW!!!

That's our theme for this year's Reflections. Student's entries can be in the category of Photography, Dance/Choreography, Film/Video Production, Literature, Visual Arts, or Musical Composition. The due date for completed projects is Nov 14...Good luck and Creative Wishes to all!!



Milk and Cookie Challenge

Another easy way to help earn money for Claxton may also earn your child's classroom a treat at the same time! Save the Harris Teeter milk tops and send them in to your child's classroom. The first class to earn 500 milk tops will get a milk and cookies party! Remember- they have to have the Harris Teeter 'H' on the top.



Also- while you're at Harris Teeter- make sure that your VIC card is linked to Claxton. A percentage comes back to our school...and the card has to be re-linked every year. The number is 1324.

Mrs. Wollert's second grade class has been learning about paragraphs. We thank them for this paragraph which they wrote about staying safe on Halloween....

Have a PTA question? Want to be involved?

Please contact someone on the Executive Board!

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Let's Be Safe on Halloween!

Bring a flashlight to light your way. Wear a safe costume so you don't trip. If you wear a mask, make sure you can see out of it. Walk on the sidewalk or the grass so cars won't hit you. Go trick or treating with an adult so you don't get lost. Wear light colored clothing or carry a glow stick so people can see you. Mom or Dad should check your candy before you eat it.

Happy Halloween!



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