

Principal's Passage

December is here and the weather is definitely getting colder. Please make sure to listen to the radio and watch your local news stations for days when school may be delayed or canceled due to inclement weather. When school is delayed, please do not drop children off at the regular time because school is also delayed for teachers and we do not have staff members that can adequately supervise them. I know this is a hardship for working parents, but we cannot agree to watch some students if we cannot accommodate all of them. A one-hour delay means parents can begin dropping students off at 8:20 am and a two-hour delay means a 9:20 am drop off time.

Our character trait for January/February is **COURAGE**. Please continue to reinforce these traits at home. Mrs. Shaver and I enjoy eating lunch with our Good Citizens who display our monthly character traits.

We are so proud of our students for raising \$1,875.00 for Little Pink Houses of Hope. Our student council will adopt another charity for the remainder of the school year.

Please ensure that your children arrive to school on time. We want all of our students to begin each school day with a good start and that is impossible when they start the day behind the other students. If students arrive after 7:45 a.m. they are required to get a tardy slip from the office. Please give your child a good start to each day by making sure he/she arrives to school on time. Students with four or more tardies per quarter will not be eligible for Perfect Attendance.

Dr. Anessa M. Burgman
Principal



Reflections Art Contest

Seven Claxton Students submitted entries for the PTA art contest, *Reflections*. The *Reflections* art contest is sponsored by the national PTA, and allows students to showcase their artistic talents in the categories of visual arts, literature, photography, dance choreograph, music composition, and film production. The theme of the *Reflections* contest for this year was "Diversity Is". Students submitted drawings, paintings, stories, and dances that all represented the theme. Each participant did a great job and will represent Claxton well in the art contest. The seven students who participated will be invited to attend a reception with Dr. Burgman in January to recognize their entries.

From The PTA

Dear Claxton Families,

This is our last newsletter of 2011! The PTA would like to thank you all for your support this year. We have had great turn out for our Chick-Fil-A, Skateland and McAlister's nights. The PTA would also like to thank you for your continued support for our other events such as, staff appreciation, book fair, dessert lottery, clipping BoxTops and linking your Harris Teeter VIC card to Claxton.

The PTA is happy to say that we have purchased over \$5,000 in new technology for our school. At our November PTA board meeting, the PTA approved grants for the Technology Committee. The PTA is happy to announce that we have purchased the following items:

- Three carts for K-2 grades for their document cameras and projectors
- One amplification system for Mrs. Carter's room
- Eight digital cameras with memory cards and cases
- Three sets of document cameras and projectors

Our winter break begins December 22 and students return to school on January 4, 2012. I hope all students have a wonderful winter break with family and friends. I thank you all for the opportunity to serve as the president of the PTA. I am so proud of our Claxton community!

If you have any questions, or would like to support the PTA with your time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in service,
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Volunteers needed for PTA Nominating Committee

We are in the process of forming a nominating committee to help fill PTA board vacancies for the 2012-2013 school year. We are looking for at least three PTA members to assist us with this task. The current board is in the process of compiling a list of all vacancies to get you started. The PTA's goal is to have positions filled by early May. If you are interested in joining the nominating committee, please contact Laura Strange at Lgstrange821@yahoo.com.

Community Nights for Claxton Schedule

- **Feeney's Day** is on the First Monday of every month starting at 2:30pm. 10% of profits will go to Claxton PTA
Dates are: 2/6, 3/5, 4/2 5/7
- **Cici's Day** is on second Tuesday of every month starting at 11am. 10% of profits will go to Claxton PTA.
Dates are: 12/13, 1/10, 2/14, 3/13, 4/17, 5/8
- **Chick-fil-a Night** is on fourth Thursday of every month. Dates are: 12/22, 1/26, 2/23, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24
- **McAlister's Night**: Time 5-9. 5-10% profits will go to Claxton PTA. Dates are: 2/8, 3/7

For Cici's and Chick-fil-A, there will be a box on the counter in which to to put your receipts. They will give us a percentage of the receipt profits in this box, so *please* don't forget! If you get takeout, you can ask the cashier to put the receipt in Claxton's box. Anyone can put their receipt in the box so please encourage friends and family to come. Thank you for supporting the Claxton PTA!

My Coke Rewards

My Coke Rewards for schools lets people donate their coke rewards to Claxton to purchase school supplies. Please help Claxton get more points so we can buy some great supplies. Go to attached website to Register and start donating points now to support your school.

<http://www.mycokerewards.com/schoolDetails.do?id=1056688425&x=72&y=14>



Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook! Search for "Claxton Elementary PTA" and we'll keep you updated on all the latest happenings.

Calendar dates for December/January

12/15	Skateland Night
12/16	1st Grade Holiday Musical @ 9:00
12/22-1/3	Winter Vacation
1/2	Feeney's Night
1/3	Teacher Workday
1/4	Students return to school
1/6	Good Citizen Lunch
1/10	PTA Board Mtg. (6:30 pm) & CiCi's Pizza Night
1/11	Ident-a-kid
1/16	MLK, Jr. Holiday – no school
1/17	EOG Parent Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm
1/18	Student Council Mtg.
1/19	End of the Grading Period & Skateland Night
1/20	Teacher Workday
1/26	Chick-fil-a Night
1/30	Report Cards go home

Character Education

Character Education lessons are taught on a monthly basis by parent volunteers who go into the individual classrooms to help students learn more about a positive character trait. The character trait for the months of November and December is kindness. The children read stories and engaged in discussions about ways other people have displayed kindness and how the children can also engage in acts of kindness for others. During January and February the character trait for the month will be courage. Courage can be described as having the determination to do the right thing even when others don't. The PTA would like to thank all the character education volunteers who make these important lessons possible!

Claxton Goes Green!



Email Sign Up

In an effort to reduce the use of paper and printing we would like to email a majority of our Claxton PTA communications. If you would like to be included in our email group, please add your name to the list by contacting Janet DiMaria at djcdimaria@gmail.com. If you do not sign up you will receive paper copies in your child's Monday folder.

The 3rd grade pod wall is now a *perfect* Claxton blue. Thanks to Mr. Little's vision and all the volunteers who helped. A special THANK YOU goes out to **Vasquez Painting** who donated all the paint.