

SUTTON SOURCE

QUICK NEWS & INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUTTON FAMILY

THE PTA WEEKLY PUBLICATION

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 24th NAPPS meeting 12:00pm at Bolton Elementary
- 26th Sutton Executive Board Meeting 9:00 am
- 26th Girls Soccer (A) vs. Westminster @ Home 4:30pm
- 26th Student Council Dance 4:00-6:00pm (\$3.00 and permission slip!)
- 27th Girls Soccer (B) vs. Inman @ Home 10:00am
- 27th Baseball @ Dunwoody Upper Field 12:30pm

MARCH

- 1st Local School Council meeting 4:15pm
- 1st Showcase Art submissions due
- 2nd Girls Soccer (A) vs. Wesleyan @ Home 4:30pm
- 8-11th Iowa (ITBS) Testing, 8th grade
- 8th Baseball @ Home NYO 5:00pm
- 9th Yearbook orders deadline. Please go to www.ybpay.com
- 9th Girls Soccer (A) vs. Marietta Middle @ Home 4:30pm
- 10th Tour 9:00am
- 10th Baseball @ Home NYO 5:00pm
- 12th Career Day
- 12th **Early Release Day** 12:45pm
- 12th UN Seminar for Teachers and Parents contact Cynthis Brown at gabrowns@mindspring.com

PTA POSTINGS

This year is flying but there is much more left to be done. Please encourage your child to submit a drawing for the **Showcase Art Contest**, attend the **School Dance** (no, you don't have to dance with anybody!), come to a **Soccer** or **Baseball** game and of course, keep those studies up! The **CRCT** is coming up in April and all the preparation we do not only helps each individual student, but our school at large. We look forward to seeing the fruits of all this labor in those June report cards. For now, we would like to thank the numerous parents who have stepped forward with their time, energy and/or checkbook and supported our school. You are the ones who have precipitated change in the community and created a win-win situation for our northside cluster of schools. We are excited about our future and hope APS finds a way to keep Sutton united as one school *maintaining one existing IB designation* yet utilizing two campuses, just as many of our feeder schools have successfully done. In our case, we could have 6th graders at the current Sutton building and 7th and 8th graders at the current NAHS building. We feel that this would also avoid the pain of redistricting our neighborhoods and be financially responsible, as well. Of course, we hope to continue to pool our PTA resources to propel Sutton and North Atlanta into the top tier of schools in the nation.

The APS recommendation to address our growing numbers can be read here:

<http://suttonmiddleschool.org/Documents/Sutton%20recommendation.pdf>

Please respond with your comments and suggestions to: suttonfeedback@atlantapublicschools.us

You can cc us if you would like to share your comments. We are interested in hearing what parents want!

Leigh Ann Livaditis Beth Ryan
PTA Co-Presidents

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Congratulations to the 2010 SUTTON COUGARS BASEBALL TEAM



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| 1. Matthew Church | 5. John Livaditis. | 9. Oliver Woodward | 13. Turner Hume |
| 2. Hugh FitzGibbons | 6. Sam Cimowsky | 10. Zach Brown | 14. Steven Taylor |
| 3. Coleman Mauberret | 7. Joey Calcagno | 11. Will Johnson | 15. Samuel Mayerson |
| 4. Owen McDaniel | 8. Hunter Allen | 12. Richie McClure | 16. William Crawford |
| | | | 17. Jack Henderson |
| | | | 18. Spencer Shelton |

Their first game will be this Saturday, February 27 at 12:30pm. The Cougars play in the Dunwoody League, so most games are held at Dunwoody Park on Roberts Rd. The current schedule can be seen here: <http://suttonmiddleschool.org/sports/baseball.htm>. There will be three games at NYO in March—mark your calendars!

Principal's Corner



Student Council Dance this Friday 4-6pm!

This Friday from 4-6pm, we will have our last school dance of the year for grades 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. The cost is \$3.00 per student, plus our concession stand will be open. Dances are the perfect event for students to spend time with their Sutton friends. The dance is located in the gym, where the fully lighted gym floor is transformed into a dance floor! Teachers act as chaperones, and you can always see a few of them either learning or participating in the latest dance craze! Any profits from this dance will go into our Student Council fund, where student representatives then vote to support the entire school, plus other worthy causes. In the past, Student Council has donated money to Cancer Research, Special Olympics, and even purchased Sports Banners for our own Sutton Gym.

Speaking of worthy causes, to date, Sutton has raised over \$1000.00 for Haiti Relief efforts! Student Council and Sutton Globe Changers have raised these funds, which will be donated to Doctors without Borders. In addition, the STS club and individual classes, such as Ms. Haynes computer courses, have also been working on raising funds and keeping students informed on the importance of remembering Haiti as the people work to rebuild their lives after last month's devastating earthquake.

Audrey Sofianos - Principal, Sutton Middle School

Our Cougars Have Been Starring Off The Sports Fields As Well:

Zach Brown made the all-city orchestra, and Will Johnson recently spent a weekend helping at the Special Olympics skiing event in Blowing Rock, NC. Way to go, boys, we are proud of you!

Art Contest for Showcase Stage Artwork

Calling all Sutton Artists – The theme this year is “The World in Our Backyard.” We need drawings of everyday things you see in your backyard but we also will need drawings of landmarks from around the world. Please keep the drawings simple ---black and white line drawings with no shading are best for the batik process. Please turn your drawings in to the office in the box marked for Showcase Stage Art by March 1st.

BASKETBALL Winners of APS Sportsmanship Award



Taylor Samples, Maryellen Malone, Micah Abernathy, and Steven Taylor were chosen as Sutton's winners for the APS Sportsmanship Award. Also pictured Sutton Girl's Head Coach Amanda Fielder.

Wellness Update

Sutton students and staff will be implementing **Love Your Body Week**, February 22 - 26, 2010. This is the kick-off week to a six week wellness campaign leading up to the CRCT. We are asking the Sutton Family to take note of their eating habits, exercise, and daily positive mental affirmations during this time period. Students will track this information in their agendas or on tracking sheets. Those students participating will be allowed to participate in a celebration Walk -n-Talk on April 30, 2010. Parents were invited to hear a workshop on Tuesday in the media center with psychologist, **Dina Zeckhausen**. She presented on eating disorders-signs/symptoms-causes, and treatment options. Although this is typically thought of as a problem for teenage girls; teenage boys are also at risk. ~Ms. Bouldin

GA PTA & Atlanta Hawks Student Spirit Day February 28

Click here for discounted tickets and further details:

<https://www.formspring.com/forms/?858414-6EbGUCZrw>



COUGARS PIX



The **Outward Bound Club** recently made and awarded these tie-dyed **Compassion t-shirts** to fellow students. Congratulations to these caring kids for being caught in the act of showing compassion for others!

Regular Reminders

Parking: For everyone's convenience and safety, please do not park in single driveway lane by front door or the turnaround lane. Thank you.

Attendance Hotline: When your child misses school, please report the absence by 10 am here suttonattend@atlanta.k12.ga.us or call **404-802-5635**

Homework Hotline: Stuck on a problem? Take advantage of this valuable extra help offered by APS: Call **678-553-3029** or ask questions on-line: www.myhomeworkhotline.org

Committee Chairs: Need to use the Parent Center for a meeting? Please book your date with board secretary Christie Derrick at ccderrick@yahoo.com

Publix Partners Keychain Card: Please scan it at checkout each visit. We just received another nice check and would like to thank all of our faithful Publix card users (& Publix!)



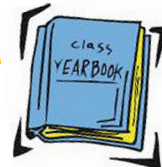
Future Olympians at SMS?

The "Georgia 14 & Under Short Course Swimming Championship" is this weekend, February 26 - 28 in Savannah, GA. We have two students from Sutton competing: **Lila Claire Best** - 7th grade and **Sam Angle** - 6th grade. This is the biggest swim meet for the 14 & under in the state. Swimmers have to qualify to compete, and only 8%-9% of all the swimmers from Georgia (within those ages) make it to the championship. —Good Luck this weekend!



Order Yearbooks Now—It's Easy!

Begin with the LOCATE SCHOOL button on right side of the www.ybpay.com screen. \$33.00 per yearbook. Don't miss out! Deadline for orders is March 9, 2010



Orchestra News

SMS will be hosting its 4th Annual **Classical Music Celebration** on **Friday, March 26th at 4:15 p.m. in the Orchestra Suite**. All Sutton students who study classical music are encouraged to apply. Students do not have to be enrolled in a Sutton music program to participate in the recital. We would love to see a variety of talents: ALL instruments (string, woodwind, brass, percussion (no drum set), piano, harp and voice) are encouraged to apply. Selections must be in the classical music genre. Applicants will have the opportunity to rehearse (with our accompanist, if needed) on Wednesday, March 17th **during their lunch period**. All students who wish to perform in the recital must attend rehearsal. Please obtain an application form from the music teachers, front office or here: <http://suttonmiddleschool.org/Documents/Classical%20Music%20Celebration%20Application.doc> **Deadline for turning in form: March 16th, 2010**. Return form to: **Ms. Colbert**, or the Front Office. Questions? **Donna Brouder**, donnabrouder@yahoo.com or **Ms. Colbert**, ncolbert@atlanta.k12.ga.us



Raising Awareness of the United Nations

This conference is sponsored by the Committee for Teaching about the UN, an international organization dedicated to raising awareness and support of the UN in the educational community. A group of North Atlanta High students will be presenting at the conference.

The topics and panels are a perfect fit with our IB focus, and your teachers, staff and parents would find this a very productive way to spend the day.

NOTE that the conference is scheduled for an APS early release day. Faculty, staff, and parents are encouraged to attend. ~ Cynthia Brown - NAPPS co-President

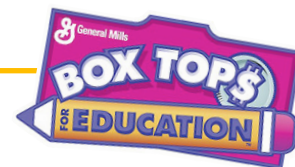


Knead a New Eraser?

The School Store has a new shipment of fantastic kneadable erasers that are great for art projects or just the student that likes a clean eraser. Also new are BEEPS (Best Ever Engineered Pens). Both you and your teachers will love how the wide tip will make your writing even more impressive! If it's time for a new binder, we do have a limited supply of **zip-up binders** at great prices. We have all the basic school supplies as well as special items such as graph paper, colored poster board and project boards. The school store is located near the PTA meeting room and open Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 8:50 am.

Box-Tops Winners!

Our recent school-wide Box Top contest was very successful as Sutton students collected **1700 Box Tops!!** That will be **\$170 for SMS!** The student who turned in the most Box Tops per grade will win lunch with a friend from Chick-Fil-a. The eighth grade winner is **Marian López** who collected 126 Box Tops. **Amber Williams** wins for the seventh grade, turning in 129 Box Tops, and sixth grader **Taylor Anne Hill** wins with a whopping 243 Box Tops!! Congratulations, winners, and thank you to everyone who participated in the contest. Please keep collecting those Box Tops!



Submit Soon.

Please notify us early with your Source news submissions. Remember that our big Source issue is every other week, alternating with a calendar-only blast. Deadline for each issue is Monday at 2pm (suttonsource@gmail.com). Thank you!



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