

SUTTON Source

QUICK NEWS & INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUTTON FAMILY

THE PTA WEEKLY PUBLICATION

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 10th** Basketball playoff games @ Home 5:00pm—*See you there!*
- 13th** Basketball playoffs
- 15-16th** **No School, Winter Break**
- 19th** All Pro Dads 7:35am
- 22nd** Tennis Intramurals begin
- 24th** NAPPS meeting 12:00pm at Bolton Elementary
- 26th** Sutton Executive Board Meeting 9:00 am
- 26th** Attendance Dance 4:00-6:00pm

MARCH

- 1st** Local School Council meeting 4:15pm
- 8-11th** Iowa (ITBS) Testing, 8th grade
- 10th** Tour 9:00am
- 12th** Career Day
- 12th** **Early Release Day** 12:45pm
- 16th** PTA Meeting 6:30 pm TUESDAY evening

PTA POSTINGS

Our PTA Nominating Committee was selected at last week's Coffee Talk.

Many thanks to Margaret Long for chairing and to the following committee members for volunteering their time: Sherri Calcagno, Dawnitra Quigley, Laura Toth, Laura Wright and alternates Aimee FitzGibbons and Gwendy Johnston. If you are called on by the nominating committee, we hope that you will respond with a resounding "Yes!" In the meantime, if you have not done so already, please submit a nominating form and check off your interests for next year's committees. As our school grows, so do our programs and events. There is a direct correlation between involved parents and successful schools. Every child deserves to have the best experience possible while at Sutton—please do your part to make next year the best one yet!

Print form and turn into Jennifer Miller—not your homeroom teacher, please!

<http://suttonmiddleschool.org/Documents/pta/Nominating%20Form%202010.doc>

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APS Recommendation for Sutton Overcrowding

Recently, Atlanta Public Schools announced recommendations to "Relieve Overcrowding" at Sutton Middle School. Due to the excellent curriculum, teachers, extra-curricular activities, and the strong sense of community here at Sutton Middle School, our number of students has continued to grow over the past several years. Currently, we have 1052 students, which places our building at its planning capacity. We anticipate increasing numbers of children coming to Sutton in the future. Atlanta Public Schools has recommended both a short term solution and a long term solution to meet the needs of all of our students and families. The short term proposal is to add 8 temporary classrooms on our current property, with a long-term proposal for a 2nd middle school at the current North Atlanta High School site. In addition, there is a proposal that a new high school for our zone be constructed by the 2012-13 school year.

The details of these recommendations can be found here:

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

or a printed copy can be picked up or requested from the front office. If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback, you may do so by emailing

suttonfeedback@atlantapublicschools.us.

I encourage you to review the recommendations, and give your feedback! Each voice has value and is important! Your ideas, suggestions, and perspective is needed, so please email your thoughts on these proposals! — *Audrey Sofianos, Principal*

Principal's Corner



Sutton Middle School is on a winning streak! We were just recognized as a **Platinum Winner** in the 2009 Georgia Single Statewide Accountability (SSAS) awards given by the Governor's Office. We received this award for having a high percentage of student achievement gains, a 35% or higher percentage in students exceeding the standards, as well as making Adequate Yearly Progress for three years in a row! We also were named a Title I **Distinguished School**, for those same accomplishments. Lastly, we received word that our partnership with PricewaterhouseCoopers has been selected as the **Junior Achievement Partnership of the Year** in metro Atlanta!! These recognitions are examples of the rigorous work and academic excellence that our students and teachers accomplish every single day at our school. Congratulations Sutton Cougars!

Audrey Sofianos - Principal, Sutton Middle School

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All Pro Dads – Friday, February 19 Guest Speaker Sutton's Own Josh Randolph!

The next All Pro Dads meeting is Friday, February 19 from 7:35 to 8:35 a.m. in the school's theatre. Come eat breakfast with your son/daughter and hear our guest speaker – Sutton teacher (and father of 4!) **Josh Randolph**. All Pro Dads is a monthly breakfast where fathers/moms/role models and students meet for food, fun, fellowship, and great door prizes. Reserve your biscuits from Chick-fil-A (\$2/each) by rsvp'ing to Daniel Walker at walkerdl61@bellsouth.net. For more about the organization, visit www.allprodad.com. Please park in the Chastain parking lot. Special thanks to the many businesses that allow us to have great give-aways at each meeting: Chick-fil-A, Zesto, Outback, Willy's, Fellini's, Nancy G's, Pig-n-Chick, and Taco Stand.

Tennis Intramural Sign-ups Begin This Week

The classes will be on Mondays and Fridays 4:00-5:00 at Chastain, from February 22- April 26. These will be coached by a UTA tennis pro and Sutton teacher **Mr. Trzcinski**. There is a \$10 fee, and we are taking the first 24 completed applications. This is open to 6th graders for the first week of sign-ups, and then will open up to the other grades. Permission packets are available in the front office. Please contact **Amanda Keller** - mandie2kel@aol.com with any questions.



Drama Program Starting

Do you love to act? The Sutton PTA is sponsoring the production of "Little Women." Open auditions on February 18th and 22 from 4-6pm. Look for sign up sheet to be posted on Thursday of this week outside of PTA room. Participants will be asked to read from a script during the audition, so no preparation is necessary. Mandatory rehearsals will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Dress rehearsals and shows are tentatively scheduled for the week of April 12th. Questions? Email **Joleen Neel** at j_neel@bellsouth.net.

Legislative News Recap

Please see important upcoming dates that may be of interest. FYI: Georgia PTA does a fantastic job in keeping children on the minds and in the discussions of our legislative leaders. For more information about the Georgia PTA, go to georgiapta.org. Please also click on **Capitol Watch** to obtain a more in-depth treatment of the bills currently being considered by the legislature. The handout at the coffee talk gave some points which are more fully explained on the Capitol Watch site. If you see any bills or topics of interest we can get together and discuss and prepare a conversation forum for one of the next coffee talks.

Girl Talk Camp

If you have or know girls currently in 5th–7th grades, put them on a path for success through middle and high school. **Girl Talk** is again offering its summer day camp, Project Inside Out. Do the girl you know a favor and sign her up for this camp – or let them register through Girl Talk Gives Back and ask family and friends to sponsor them. This camp helps young teenage girls build self-esteem, develop leadership skills, and recognize the value of community service. After middle school, Girl Talk girls can (and often do) become Girl Talk leaders in high school, mentoring more middle school girls to take the same road. Getting them started in Girl Talk is easy and life-changing! Check out the website for all the details at: <http://desiretoinspire.org/GTCamps/GTCamps.html>

or stop by the counseling office for a registration form. Questions? Contact Julie Huff 404-558-0544 poprocksjewels@me.com



COUGARS PIX



Extended Sutton family ready to serve you at Basketball concession stand!

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

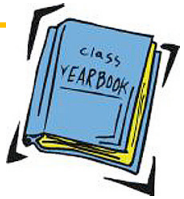
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PTA Day at The Capitol - February 23, 2010!!!!

PTA Day at the Capitol provides PTA leaders, members and supporters an opportunity to become more familiar with the legislative process and to actively speak with legislators about education and children's issues. Develop and put your advocacy skills to work under the Gold Dome and over lunch with your state legislators. Please register online at georgiapta.org.

Yearbooks for Sale Online

Attention Sutton Cougars!!! The yearbook staff is hard at work on this year's edition. It's sure to be one of the best we have ever published. In addition to the memorable pictures, the autographs and special notes from friends and faculty will make it a unique keepsake from the 2009-2010 school year. The cost is \$33.00. You can order online by visiting the website; www.ybpay.com and locating our school. You don't need a user name or password to order online. Hurry and place your order, the deadline is March 9, 2010! Supplies are limited and you don't want to miss out so order your yearbook today! ~Schyuler Bates



Your PTA Dollars Hard at Work!

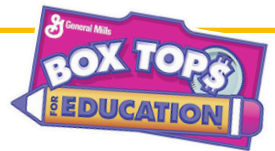
The Cultural Arts committee has selected the following events for our students:

- Ron Anglin - F.I.G. Newton - 6th grade 11/24/09 - 11:15am
- Georgia Ensemble Theatre - "And Then They Came for Me" 7th grade 3/5/10 - 1:45pm
- Tip Tap Two- Beat and Rhythm: The Evolution of Tap - 7th grade 5/11/10 - 2:30pm
- Havana Son- A Musical Tour Through Latin America 6th grade 5/17/10 - 9:15am/10:15am

8th grade selections are still being scheduled. Parents are always welcome to attend, within the limits of seating and school rules.

The Box Tops Blitz is On!!

One student from each grade will win the opportunity to order lunch out with a friend by turning in the most Box Tops by Friday, February 19!!! Students need to collect the bright colored Box Tops from grocery items at home, put them in an envelope with the student's name and grade written on the outside, and turn the envelopes in to the Box Top collection box in the office by Friday, February 19. The sixth grade winner, the seventh grade winner, and the eighth grade winner will be announced on Monday, February 22!!



WARRIOR WINDOW

North Atlanta's IB Diploma program and academic excellence has been well documented, but increasingly NAHS is making its mark with a first-rate athletic program.

Consider a few highlights from the 2009-2010 so far:

- ★ In a school first, the girls' volleyball team advanced to the state competition.
- ★ Ten (!) seniors have received college football scholarships.
- ★ The Swim Team's Water Warriors had their best season in history, sending four swimmers to the state competition – an APS first! The state squad includes NAHS freshman and SMS '09 grad Dillon Mabrey.

The Warrior Wrestlers have five wrestlers on track to compete in the upcoming state tournament. The team increased in size this year to 41 wrestlers under the leadership of three outstanding coaches, with successful varsity and JV teams.

Need Pine Straw?

Please consider supporting the NAHS wrestling team by ordering your seasonal pine straw from the team – competitive prices that benefit a great cause.

Pine Straw day is March 27th. Pick up at NAHS is \$4.00 per bale.

Delivery by Pine Straw Depot is \$25.00 (over 25 bales inside the Perimeter.) Professional installation by Pine Straw Depot is \$6.00 per bale (over 35 bales, includes straw and delivery). Order by March 23rd.

For more information, please contact Teresa McCreight at teresa@mcCreight.us.

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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