

# SUTTON SOURCE

QUICK NEWS & INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUTTON FAMILY

THE PTA WEEKLY PUBLICATION

## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> School Picture Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Football vs. Brown Middle School  
@ Home – 10:00am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Boys Soccer vs. Pathway  
@ Home – 4:30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Local School Council Meeting - 4:15pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Coffee Talk TUESDAY morning
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ultimate Frisbee vs. Inman  
@ Home, upper field – 4:30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prospective Parent Tour – 9:00am
- 8<sup>th</sup> Prospective Parent Party 7:00-9:00pm  
at Denise Spiegel's home
- 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> **No School -- Fall Break!**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Kreme of the Krop (NAHS visits Sutton)
- 15<sup>th</sup> NAHS Prospective Parent Night 7:00pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Boys Soccer vs. Renfroe  
@ Home – 4:45pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Ultimate Frisbee vs. Galloway  
@ Home, upper field – 4:30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Scholastic Book Fair- Media Center
- 16<sup>th</sup> All Pro Dads 7:35am
- 16<sup>th</sup> Report Cards sent home
- 17<sup>th</sup> Football vs. Harper-Archer Middle  
School @ Home – 10:00am

## PTA POSTINGS

Make your voice heard: Three school board candidates will be speaking at our next **PTA Coffee Talk** on Tuesday, October 6. Nancy Meister and Mark Riley are vying for outgoing board member Katy Pattillo's seat (District 4). Reuben McDaniel is running for Mark Riley's at large Seat 8 in Districts 3 and 4. **We ask that you please submit your questions before Tuesday to [suttonpta@gmail.com](mailto:suttonpta@gmail.com).** We look forward to hearing what these candidates have planned for our district's future.

We had a great crowd at our first home football game last Saturday! Bring your family to our next home game against Brown Middle School this Saturday at 10:00 am. It's a great way to connect with other families, cheer on our team, and support Sutton. **Check out the fun photos from last weekend's game!**

**Leigh Ann Livaditis    Beth Ryan**  
PTA Co-Presidents  
[suttonpta@gmail.com](mailto:suttonpta@gmail.com)



## Principal's Corner



Several Sutton families and teachers have been tremendously affected by last week's historic flooding. Our social worker, **Liz McCarthy**, is leading the effort to identify all families that may need help as people begin the cleanup and rebuilding of their homes and property. Please contact her with any information. Our student council and school community stand ready to help, and we will communicate specific needs and plans so that help efforts are successfully coordinated for our families and staff.

Here at school with our Sutton "family," our first all-school assembly was a huge one! Thank you to the **Shelton family** for sponsoring "Big James" Henderson, who was our dynamic speaker during the event. It was great for everyone to be in the gym together as one school family! This first assembly was organized by our newly formed **Positive Action Committee (PAC)**, which is a group of students, parents, and teachers working together to make our school an even better place. We like to say **"As good as we are, we can always get better."** The student-run assembly featured our kick-off for **"No Place for Hate,"** which is an anti-bullying and anti-bigotry program. The entire school recited a respect pledge, led by our student leaders. **Mr. Jennings** and **Ms. Bouldin** will continue to meet with the PAC and we will have additional school events led by this team.

Our next All-School assembly will be on October 22nd – our first pep rally. This student-run assembly will honor our sports teams and intramurals, as well as our academic all-stars: students who scored very high CRCT scores.

There are many events in October, from school pictures on the 1st to our first dance on the 30th. Clubs are meeting, sports teams are competing, and tutorials are in full swing. I encourage each of you to get your child involved in our school, as we are committed to providing many avenues of participation. We want to identify and develop students' talents and interests, as well as help each child become a strong part of Sutton Middle School!

Audrey Sofianos - Principal, Sutton Middle School



## Sutton Spotlight

### Cathryn Kearns 6th grade Language Arts

Since kindergarten, Ms. Kearns knew that she wanted to become a teacher. Her kindergarten teacher, along with her 3rd grade teacher, inspired her at an early age, continued to be instrumental in her life, and still keep in touch with her at times even today! Ms. Kearns hopes to be "that teacher" to many of her students.

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Ms. Kearns considers herself fortunate to travel back as often as she has throughout the years. She loves spending time with her family and friends and traveling – especially to anywhere warm with a nice beach! One of her favorite trips was to Australia, where she held a koala bear! Her traveling experiences help her greatly in the classroom, where she is able to bring a broader spectrum of thinking to much of her work.

Ms. Kearns received her undergraduate degree from Georgia State University and went further to earn a Masters Degree in Instructional Education from Central Michigan University. This is her 7th year of teaching; her 4th year at Sutton. Ms. Kearns enjoys teaching Language Arts/Reading and loves to read in her spare time. She strives to teach her students how to truly enjoy reading, too!

This past summer, Ms. Kearns combined the spirit of Aloha with the spirit of survival. She proudly completed the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk in Minnesota to support breast cancer research and advancements. This was especially meaningful as Ms. Kearns lost her mother to the disease early this year. She thanks her Sutton family for the support they have shown her throughout this emotional year. We honor her efforts to do her part to help others.



# Save the Date: October 24th is Sutton's Biggest Night of the Season

The Sutton Middle School PTA

# Fall Frolic

Saturday, October 24  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
The Brookwood  
1820 Peachtree Street

Please join fellow Sutton parents, teachers and school supporters for an autumn evening filled with new and old friends, fun and frivolity! Catered hors d'oeuvres. Beer and Wine. Complimentary Parking.

\$20 per person

Purchase tickets by October 17  
Checks payable to Sutton PTA  
Mail to Marjorie Sullivan  
3829 Ivy Road, Atlanta, 30342

or  
Deliver to Jennifer Miller  
Sutton Welcome Desk

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## Sutton Salutes Our Volunteers

**Marjorie Saffran-Sullivan**, our Team Sports co-chair, organized a convenient lunch for football game attendees Saturday! She sends a big THANK YOU to all who helped her with the post-game cookout, especially **Barbara Wiley** for cooking all the food really early Saturday morning! A send-out also to: **Aimee and Jim Fitzgibbons, Lethea Mitchell, Nancy Johnson, Lynn Taylor and Meredith Kaltman** for getting up early to set-up, and staying long after the game ended to sell and clean-up. All proceeds went to support our sports program.

**Ms. Haynes**, Sutton's Business Education Teacher, sends a special THANK YOU to **Daniel Howard**, our e-parent volunteer, and **Jackie Haynie**, his mother-in-law (and Sutton's hardest working grandmother)! Together they revamped and decorated the business computer lab (room 042) to give it new life – in a matter of one day! She also appreciates their creativity, input and dedication which all continue to inspire her class. "My students and I thank you for always providing the resources and equipment when called on!" In addition, this dynamic duo has had a huge hand in upgrading the teacher retreat, classrooms and faculty restrooms.

## Book on Over to the Media Center



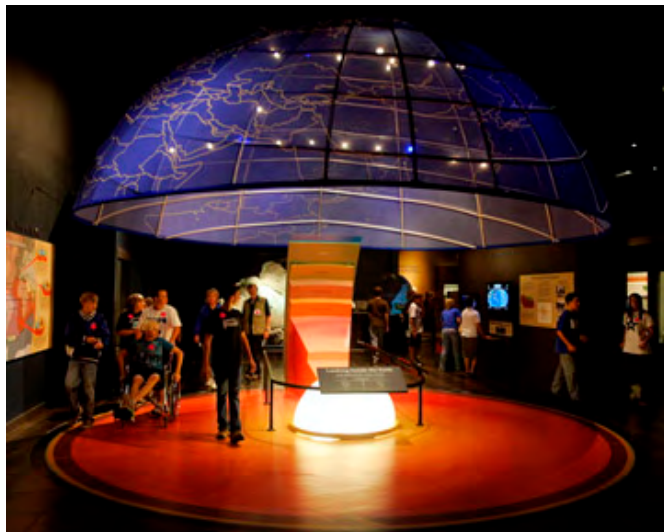
Love to read and want to participate in a newly forming student book club?

You're invited to an information meeting next **Monday morning, October 5, in the Media Center** during homeroom. Ms. George will have sign-up sheets for grade-level book clubs that meet during lunch, along with the Helen Ruffin Book Bowl team, that meets during lunch and also has afterschool practices. Questions? [patgeorge@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:patgeorge@atlanta.k12.ga.us)

Also, parent volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts in the upcoming **Scholastic Book Fair** October 15th-23rd. Please help support Ms. George in this Media Center fundraiser! Contact **Andrea Radtke** [andyradtke@mac.com](mailto:andyradtke@mac.com)

## Sixth Graders are Going, Going, Going....

The **Tellus Science Museum** and **Booth Western Art Museum** in Cartersville is the site for an informative, upcoming sixth grade trip. **STAR Team** is going on Oct. 6th, **NIKE Team** is going on Oct. 7th, and **POWER Team** is going on the 8th. Meanwhile, you can go to <https://sites.google.com/site/sutton6thgradetrips/home> for more information. Parent chaperones are needed for this trip! Please contact **Ms. Corey** ([jcorey@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:jcorey@atlanta.k12.ga.us)) or **Ms. Edelstein** ([nedelstein@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:nedelstein@atlanta.k12.ga.us)) with any questions.



## THIS JUST IN: Flood Relief and How You Can Help

We have obtained more detailed information of ways our Sutton family can help families who were affected by the flood. Please bring donations of toiletries, clothing, sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels to Mme. Bruce in room 303. Due to a complete house flooding, a desk, lamps, and bookshelf are needed. Publix or Kroger gift cards would be much appreciated by families who are in hotels, as would restaurant gift certificates. Sutton would also like to help Scott Elementary families affected by the flood. Please check with **Liz McCarthy**, our social worker, before sending major items. She will maintain and update the list of needs as items are brought in. Ms. McCarthy can be reached at 404 802-5620 (please leave a message), [emccarthy@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:emccarthy@atlanta.k12.ga.us), or Room 332 at Sutton. Thank you.

**You Shoot.  
The Environment  
Scores**

Don't forget to look for, and use, the recycling bins at games – our landfills thank you!



## Coffee Talk

Coffee Talks are what we call Sutton's PTA meetings. To accommodate more people's schedules, we have varied the times and the days of the meetings. The October meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6, at 9:00 am in the Media Center. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Board of Education candidates speak.

Ms. Sofianos is always available at these talks to answer any questions you might have about our school. Please attend, meet other parents, get to know the school and find out ways that you can get involved!



## Questions? Come Visit

[www.suttonmiddleschool.org](http://www.suttonmiddleschool.org)

The site for insight.



### NO PARKING

For obvious reasons, please do not park in the turnaround areas in the front parking lot.

## ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

It's 10:00 am.  
Do We Know  
Where Your Child Is?

Parents of any Cougar that is not at school by 10 am, Please call **404-802-5635** each day your child is absent.

You can also email Sutton at [suttonattend@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:suttonattend@atlanta.k12.ga.us) to report an absence.



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## Frisbee Team Gives It a Whirl

A milestone event! Our inaugural Frisbee team held its own and gave the more established Galloway team a neck-and-neck run for its money. Very exciting to watch—nonstop action! Bring a folding chair and check out our next home game (vs. Paideia) **Tuesday, October 6 at 4:30** on the Upper Field.

**Stephanie Sturgis** — Ultimate Frisbee Team Mom.

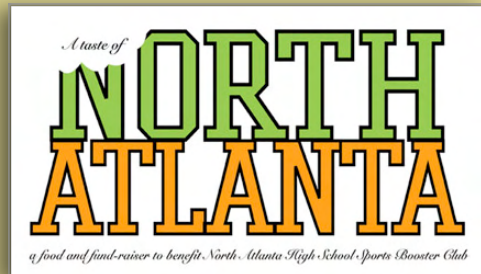


## All-Pro Dads: Next Meeting

Mark the calendar for Friday, October 16 when **Curtis Dixon** will speak at the next All-Pro Dads meeting. Approximately 100 folks attended our first meeting of the year. Don't miss the second meeting where our special guest speaker was recently described by one dad as "the best!" in last year's lineup. All-Pro Dads is a monthly breakfast held an hour before school, where fathers/moms/role models and students meet for food, fun, fellowship, and great door prizes. 7:35 to 8:35 a.m. in the school's theatre. Reserve your biscuits from Chick-fil-A (\$2/each) by rsvp'ing to **Daniel Walker** [walkerdl61@bellsouth.net](mailto:walkerdl61@bellsouth.net). You can also visit [www.allprodad.com](http://www.allprodad.com) to learn more about the organization.

## WARRIOR WINDOW

The Warriors cordially invite you to eat at 17 different restaurants in one night, while supporting the North Atlanta Booster Club. Join us for a Taste of North Atlanta on **Tuesday, October 6** from 6:30 until 8:30 PM. This delicious event will feature some very tasty fare courtesy of restaurants including Restaurant Eugene, Via Elisa, Ted's Montana Grill, Taqueria del Sol, Pizzeria Venti and many more. Purchase your tickets now for this savory fall fundraiser: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, children under 5 are free! Go to [www.northatlantahigh.org](http://www.northatlantahigh.org) or see Jennifer Miller. TICKETS ARE LIMITED, so please act now! Questions? Contact **Roz McClure** ([rozmcclure5@yahoo.com](mailto:rozmcclure5@yahoo.com)).



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