

SUTTON Source

QUICK NEWS & INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUTTON FAMILY

THE PTA WEEKLY PUBLICATION

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 8th Prospective Parent Party 7:00-9:00pm
at Denise Spiegl's home
- 12th - 13th **No School -- Fall Break!**
- 15th Kreme of the Krop (NAHS visits Sutton)
- 15th NAHS Prospective Parent Night 7:00pm
- 15th Boys Soccer vs. Renfroe
@ Home - 4:45pm
- 15th Ultimate Frisbee vs. Galloway
@ Home, upper field - 4:30pm
- 15th - 23rd Scholastic Book Fair- Media Center
- 16th All Pro Dads 7:35am
- 16th Report Cards sent home
- 17th Football vs. Harper-Archer Middle
School @ Home - 10:00am
- 20th Tri-M Honor Society (Music)
Induction - 6:30pm
- 21st Tour 9:00am
- 22nd *Football vs. Kennedy Middle School-
@ Home - 5:00pm
- 24th Orchestra District All State Competition
- 24th **School-wide Parent Social,
The Brookwood 6:30-8:30pm**
- 27th Ultimate Frisbee vs. Inman- Home,
@ Home, lower field - 4:30pm
- 29th Orchestra Halloween Concert 7:00pm
- 30th Sutton Executive Board Meeting 9:00 am
- 30th Fall Harvest Dance 4:00-6:00pm

PTA POSTINGS

This is a big **Source** so please take the time to soak in all the important information. Next week is a shortened week thanks to Fall Break, so we will only publish a calendar version of the newsletter. Directories will be in soon—please remember that you must be a PTA member to receive one. Our goal is 100% membership. For those who haven't joined yet, please find the membership form at www.suttonmiddleschool.org

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Flood Relief Update

On behalf of families affected by the flooding, I thank you for your donations. Please stay tuned—as families relocate, they may have other needs with which we can help. Those who have access to cooking facilities would appreciate some canned/boxed goods for fixing simple dinners. Finally, if your family was affected, and you have not yet heard from anyone at Sutton, please let me know! **Liz McCarthy**, school social worker, Room 332, (404) 802-5620. emccarthy@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

Peace, Love and Books

We are excited about our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair! Plan to visit the book fair during regular school hours October 16th – 23rd or early on Friday, October 16th in conjunction with the All Pro Dads meeting. Boys and Girls—show your spirit and be a part of **"One for Books"!!** "One for Books" is a Scholastic Program where we collect coins and extra books will be donated to the Sutton Media Center AND a matching donation will be made to a charity of Scholastic's choice. It will be BOYS vs GIRLS! Who can get the most books donated?!! Bring your spare change and do a good thing!!



Would you like to honor a special teacher with a book for his/her class or personal book collection? Gift vouchers will be available to purchase in an amount of your choice. The teacher will be pleasantly surprised and awarded an opportunity to shop. Your gift will be publicly acknowledged in the media center. Parents—want to volunteer? If so please contact **Andrea Radtke** at andyradtke@mac.com
We look forward to seeing you at the Scholastic Book Fair!

Patti George, Media Specialist and
Stacey Cimowsky & Aimee FitzGibbons, 2009 Scholastic Book Fair Co-Chairs

Principal's Corner



This past September, Sutton Middle School was invited to present at the Second Annual International Education Summit, held at the Carter Center. Eighth grade students **Zach C, Jianna J, and Pablo C** led our session, sharing about our International Baccalaureate Program. We were one of five schools selected to present, with the purpose of highlighting the status of international education in the state of Georgia. It was a great opportunity for our students to shine in front of an audience of approximately 100 people! Ms. Sansom (our IB Coordinator), Mr. Baptiste, and I went along, but only to support the students...they were excellent ambassadors for Sutton and for APS: so confident and comfortable in front of the crowd and in meeting people from other schools.

Parents, don't forget to stop by the office to get your Campus Parent Portal credentials. All you need is an ID, and you then receive the information to log into the gradebook system. Grade information will be available to you online, 24-7, starting on October 14th! This is perfect timing, as the second part of our semester begins that day. You'll be able to see your child's individual assignment grades, as well as tests, quizzes, homework, and projects. You will also be able to view attendance and your child's schedule. We are one of fifteen schools "piloting" this new online gradebook feature, so please learn with us as our teachers utilize Campus Parent Portal for the first time as well!

Enjoy your Fall Break! Teachers will be in attendance for all-day meetings on both October 12th and October 13th, with some meetings at our building and some held off-site. On Tuesday, our school will be honored at a celebration luncheon for achieving our Academic Targets for 2009! Thank you to staff members for all of their extra efforts in helping our students reach our academic targets, which includes increasing the number of Exceeds scores on the CRCT, as well as decreasing the number of failures. We are one of four middle schools in APS to make our targets!

Audrey Sofianos - Principal, Sutton Middle School

Sutton Spotlight

Stephanie Daniels 6th grade Math

Let's get right to the bottom line: Ms. Daniels says she's found her home at Sutton. Having worked for several schools in Cobb and in Douglas since 2001, nothing compares to Sutton with its rich diversity of students and staff.

Ms. Daniels received her undergraduate degree from Pace University, New York, in Management Information Systems. Her first career path led her to the business world, most recently as site coordinator for the construction of cell phone towers for Sprint and Bell South which is now ATT. She obtained her teaching credentials from UGA and is working on her Masters in Math Education online from Western Governors University, located in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ms. Daniels is currently part of the Leadership team as the **Math Department chair**. She's also a new member of the **Local School Council**, the **basketball cheerleading coach** and the sponsor of the Sutton Mac Club. She's a huge fan of Apple computers – "Technology is my passion and I am always involved in trying out new technology in the classroom. I am a huge proponent of converting every classroom at Sutton into a 21st Century classroom."

When it comes to numbers, we give this math teacher a 10.



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

We know you've marked your calendar, so please make sure your name is on the guest list by purchasing your Fall Frolic tickets this week. Next week is the cut off and with Fall Break, this is not something anyone wants to slip through the cracks! This social event is a bargain at \$20 pp including beer and wine and a scrumptious catered menu by leading Atlanta caterer Carole Parks. Add wonderful company in a casually elegant atmosphere on a beautiful fall night in Atlanta! Complimentary parking tops it off. Can't wait to see you at the Brookwood.

~Fall Frolic Committee Questions? Marjorie Saffran-Sullivan
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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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Dues, Donations, Donuts and Dinner

Calling All Classrooms! Do you love your great teachers? Do you love soft, sweet, sticky donuts? Then we've got the challenge for you. Yes, if you're successful in the Classroom Challenge portion of our Cougar Collection PTA Dues & Donations campaign, you can earn a \$100 fine dining gift card for your teacher – and a donut party for your whole class!

The campaign kicks off October 15, right after Fall Break, and runs through November 20. Any classroom that reaches 80% membership in the Sutton PTA will win a donut party. And the FIRST classroom in each grade to reach that level will win its fabulous teacher a \$100 gift to one of Buckhead's finest restaurants. Some classrooms are already getting close to that magic 80%, so talk it up and get going NOW to get there first.

Look for more information in book bags, and right here in the **Source**, after Fall Break. We'll keep you posted with updates on progress, and on which classes are getting close to winning.

Finally, after Fall Break we'll be sending out our PTA membership packets to those parents, teachers, students, business partners and individual supporters who've already joined. This packet will include your directory – Sutton PTA membership is the ONLY way to get one unless you get lucky on E-Bay – so be sure to join the PTA today.

Sutton Salutes Our Community Partners: We couldn't do it without them.

Please show your appreciation for their support, by supporting these businesses:

Willy's
Outback Steakhouse on Rowel Road
Starbucks at Chastain Square
Fresh Market on Roswell Road
Kroger on Piedmont Road
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Barnes and Noble at the Peach
Jason's Deli on Piedmont Road
JuJu Bee's in Chastain Square
Pizzeria Aventi on Lenox Road
Butler Tires on Roswell Road
Lucy's Market on Roswell Road

The PTA thanks **Leslie Langley** and **Julie Salisbury** for acquiring such an impressive group of local businesses.

Infinite Campus Access

If you have not picked up your "credentials" for logging in to the Parent Portal of Infinite Campus, please come by the school office to do so. **You will need to bring a picture ID and sign for the information.**

Muchas Gracias, Helena!

The Source is translated in Spanish each week for our Spanish-speaking parents. Thanks to Helena Marin for serving as our translator!

Fall Harvest Dance

The first Student Council-sponsored Sutton Dance is scheduled Oct 30th, from 4pm until 6pm. A Concessions stand, including hot dogs, chips, candy, popcorn, etc. will be open. Single or group pictures will be taken by Mr. Gervais for \$2.00 each. There will be a Live DJ and a few guest performances. Permission slips will go out in homeroom the week of the dance. The cost is \$3.00 per ticket. Students will need a signed permission slip and a canned good for admittance.

NAPPS is the Happening Place to Be

NAPPS (North Atlanta Parents for Public Schools) is back in session beginning in October. Thanks to Sutton/North Atlanta parents Cynthia and Jim Brown, for stepping up to lead this important group! What is NAPPS? It's an organization open to anyone interested in learning more about, and strengthening, our Buckhead cluster of elementary, middle and high schools. Meetings are the last Wednesday of every month at noon at a different cluster school. Each principal and all PTA presidents attend, as well as any parents/administrators who want to know more! The speakers are relevant and informative. Grab your lunch (drinks and sweets provided by host school) and join the fun! Next meeting is October 28th, 12pm, at North Atlanta High School.

Fall Intramurals: Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee has had three matches and a fourth today. This fast-paced sport is fun and fascinating to watch. Coach Abdul-Razacq has developed this program from the ground up and our 6th, 7th and 8th grade players make a winning combination. Ultimate Frisbee has taken off and LOOK for it to return this spring along with Intramural Tennis.



SUTTON SPORTS INSIGHT

Sutton supports a thriving co-ed sports program for 7th-8th grade students. We have 13 APS- and PTA-sponsored programs throughout the school year. Our fall sports includes:

Boys Soccer: Coach Jacob Bland, P.E. teacher (jbland@atlanta.k12.ga.us)
Assistant Coach Murphy, North Atlanta High School

After claiming last year's city championship title, Coach Bland has re-built his team of 22 boys. Their current record is 5-1, with wins against Paideia, Inman, Renfro and Killian Hills and Pathway. The level of play is superb! Come see an upcoming home game, with the culminating city tournament the week of October 19; final game October 23rd.

Football: Coach Jason Trzcinski, 8th grade science teacher (jtrzcinski@atlanta.k12.ga.us)
Assistant Coach Bykoski- Sutton PEC teacher

A second-year teacher at Sutton and first-year head football coach, "Mr. T" is inspiring our boys daily to strive to be their best. After two game losses early in the season, Sutton lost 6-0 in a very close game against Brown Middle School. Come support our team at our last two home football games October 17 (10am), and on the 23rd (5pm).

Girls Softball: Coach: Kelly Conner
Assistant Coach: Lamar Jones

Fourteen girls were selected to represent our Cougars in games played at Southside Park. Boasting a 3-0 record, this group continues to thrive under the leadership of third-year coach Ms. Conner.

Cross Country Team: Boys Coach Josh Randolph, 8th grade science teacher (suttonscience@gmail.com)
Girls Coach Lisa Kepler, 7th grade language arts teacher (lkepler@atlanta.k12.ga.us)

Cross Country boasts more than forty participants who can be seen training daily around Chastain Park. Their first two meets were against Galloway and at the Darlington Cross Country Festival. Their last meet is at Whitefield Academy on October 13th.

Cheerleading (football): Coach Anthonette Middlebrooks, 7th grade math teacher (amiddlebrooks@atlanta.k12.ga.us)

Eighteen talented girls can be seen cheering on our football team each weekend! They entertain the crowd and motivate our players with cheers, pyramids, and chants. It's easy to catch the Cougar Spirit with this enthusiastic group.

Amanda Fielder, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade language arts teacher, is our APS athletic director. She oversees all APS sports: football, softball, cheerleading, basketball, and track. Please contact Ms. Fielder (afielder@atlanta.k12.ga.us) with any questions or concerns.

Lisa Kepler, 7th grade language arts teacher, is our PTA sports athletic director. She oversees PTA sports: boys/girls soccer, cross country, step team, baseball and golf (lkepler@atlanta.k12.ga.us).

A note on coaching: Only certified APS teachers are eligible to coach APS sports. PTA sports are coached by Sutton teachers and other community members. All coaches are CPR certified and have extensive knowledge and experience in the sport they coach.

*The deadline for **Sutton Source** submissions is Monday at 2:00 pm. Please submit your article in full with all important details. All content subject to editing and approval by PTA. Send articles to Suttonsource@gmail.com*



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Breaking News: Basketball Tryouts Start October 20

Seventh and eighth grade basketball tryouts: Participants must have a physical and a copy of their insurance card on file before trying out. If a physical form was submitted earlier this year, you do not have to bring another. Questions? Please contact: Coach Weatherly/Boys (rweatherly@atlanta.k12.ga.us), or Coach Fielder/Girls (afielder@atlanta.k12.ga.us)

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| October 20 – 4-6 p.m. |
| October 21 – 5-6:15 (students must attend tutorial from 4-4:55) |
| October 23 – 4-6 p.m. (First cuts posted Monday morning) |
| October 26 – 4-6 p.m. |
| October 27- 4-6 p.m. |
| October 28-Team Announced |

All-Pro Dads

Our special guest speaker for the next meeting is one of our own Sutton parents, **Curtis Dixon**. You don't want to miss hearing Curtis – as one dad recently said, "Curtis was the best speaker we had last year!" We're also trying to get Jody Stanley to kick off the meeting again with another one of his awesome songs.

Come prepared to say a quick word about a positive character trait that your child has demonstrated recently. Because we have so many folks coming, we have to emphasize the word "quick" (1 or 2 sentences). Otherwise, we'll have to rush other parts of the morning's program.

As always, please help us ensure that we get the right amount of food by rsvp'ing to **Daniel Walker** (walkerdl61@bellsouth.net). You simply need to tell him how many biscuits from Chick-fil-A (\$2/each) you'd like. If you don't want food, there's no need to rsvp.

Please don't forget to support and thank the many sponsors that have stepped up to donate our give-aways this year: Zesto, Outback, Willy's, Fellini's, Pig-n-Chick, Taco Stand, and Nancy G's.

Finally, don't forget that the Scholastic Book Fair will be opening early on that Friday morning just for us in the Media Center. So bring some money and support a great cause.

~Joe Shelton

WARRIOR WINDOW

North Atlanta High School Sports Booster Club is joining with Northside United Methodist Church youth ministries in a **Pumpkin Patch** sale. The Patch will open on Wednesday, Oct. 8, and extend through Oct. 31st. Hours are 9:00am -7:00pm, Monday-Saturday and 11:00-7:00 on Sunday. You'll find us on the lawn of NUMC right next door to North Atlanta High. Baked goods, hay bales, Indian corn and more! Join **thousands** of beautiful pumpkins in the festive Patch. Bring the family to select the perfect pumpkin to celebrate fall while benefiting the NAHS Sports Programs. Can't wait to see you in the PUMPKIN PATCH!

On Saturday, October 17 from 9am-3pm, the North Atlanta National Honors Society and PTSA will host a **Flea Market at North Atlanta** coinciding with the Pumpkin Patch. There will be handmade jewelry, sweets and great deals on like-new kitchen items. Proceeds to benefit Reformation Hope, an orphanage in Haiti. Vendors can purchase tables for \$25 (download a table reservation at www.northatlantahigh.org). Contact **James Friedman** (jamesf1500@yahoo.com) or **Mary Kay Payne** (paynmarykay@gmail.com) for more information.