

SUTTON Source

QUICK NEWS & INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUTTON FAMILY

THE PTA WEEKLY PUBLICATION

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 7th Local School Council Meeting 4:15pm
Media Center
- 9-16th Barnes and Noble Book Fair at the Peach
- 9th Tour 9:00am
- 9-10th IB Middle School Portfolio Days
- 11th Coffee Talk at Barnes and Noble,
The Peach 9:00am
- 12th Girls and Boys Basketball vs. Young
Middle School— @ Home —10:00am
- 16th Girls and Boys Basketball vs. Brown
Middle School— @ Home — 5:00pm
- 17th **Art Show 6:00pm AND**
Winter Concert 7:00pm
- 18th All Pro Dads 7:35am
- 18th Winter Concert Encore 9:00am
- 18th Last Day of School

JANUARY

- 6th First Day Back (Begin Semester 2)

PTA POSTINGS

Please Join Us for our next Coffee Talk at Barnes & Noble at the Peach Shopping Center on Friday, December 11th at 9am.

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Your Sutton PTA Executive Board encourages you to help make SMS the best it can be. Support your PTA! Not pictured: Christie Derrick

Principal's Corner



Neighborhood Celebration

Sutton was one of the featured schools at the first APS Neighborhood Celebration on November 21st. Over 800 people attended the event, which also featured all of our cluster schools, including our six feeder elementary schools and North Atlanta High School. In attendance were current and future board members, city officials, business partners, community supporters, as well as parents. Students were the highlight of the event, with performances and testimonials. Our Sutton Chorus, Mariachi Band, and Ultimate Frisbee Team were all showcased. Seventh grader Hannah Onley received a standing ovation for her solo performance on guitar, as she sang the song "I'm Missing You", which she wrote this past July! The enthusiasm and support for Sutton and our entire cluster of schools was exciting to be a part of on this Saturday afternoon! Our children highlighted confirmed yet again for me how proud I am of our students and how proud I am to be a Sutton cougar!

Audrey Sofianos - Principal, Sutton Middle School

Click here to view APS northside cluster video shown at the event:
http://www.apsk12.org/media/VIDEO_PAGES/NC_1.html

All Pro Dads: Next Meeting

Mark your calendar for **Friday, December 18**, from **7:35-8:35am**. Help your children end the first half of the school year with a bang by bringing them to the school's theatre to eat breakfast and hear our guest speaker, Sutton dad **Sean Smith**. You'll also enjoy a live song from Sutton's own **Jody Stanley**, and win cool prizes!

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. Go to www.allprodad.com to learn more about the organization. Please park in the Chastain parking lot.

Special thanks to the many businesses who 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.

An Evening of Art and Music

Our talented students share their artistic gifts on December 17. The Art Show begins at 6pm and is followed by the Winter Concert. Sounds like a great way to get into the holiday mood!

Time's Running Out to Take Advantage of Tax Savings

As a 501c3 non-profit organization, any donations you provide to Sutton not only help your child's education, but may also help your tax burden. In fact, every dollar you donate to the PTA, above your \$10 annual dues, is 100% tax deductible. During this economy when we're all cutting corners, it might make sense to cut your tax bite a bit with a gift to Sutton Middle School. You may even be able to give the Sutton PTA a gift of appreciated stock and avoid capital gains. Check with your tax advisor to see what works best for your family.

Donations to the PTA support all those things that make Sutton such a special learning community. Our PTA funds sports, clubs, socials, academic programs, and provides support for the many needs of our fabulous teachers. Please do your part to help your school by clicking here to download your donation form.

<http://suttonmiddleschool.org/Documents/pta/SuttonD&DLetterFinal.doc>

Looking for The Perfect Gift? Book On Over to Barnes & Noble

Frantic shoppers, relax! The Sutton Book Fair will be at The Peach Barnes & Noble from **December 9 - 16th**, during regular store hours. Books, dvds and music make wonderful gifts – not only to people on your gift list, but also to our wonderful school. Just use your **Sutton Voucher** and the school will earn a portion of any purchases you make during our designated week. Even better, it's valid throughout the US, so please forward it to friends and family out of state! Click here to download your Voucher <http://suttonmiddleschool.org/Documents/Holiday%20Bookfair%20Flyer.pdf>

For all you Georgia Bulldog fans: Larry Munson will be a special guest on Saturday, December 12 starting at noon. He'll be signing his memoir, *From Herschel to a Hobnail Boot*. A great photo op – and – great surprise for any fan when they open the book!

Teachers will also have their Wish Lists at the store. It's a great way to give teachers just what they're hoping for! In addition, we'll also have the required student reading lists for next semester so your child can get a head start during winter break.

Finally, we are in big need of volunteers to assist at the store during these hours. If you can "elf" us out, please contact: **Andrea Radtke** andyradtke@mac.com or **404.725.1204**.

Congratulations to Our Boys and Girls BASKETBALL Teams

Both are holding 4-0 records!
Next home games are Saturday Dec 12 and Wednesday Dec 16. Be there!



Members of Sutton's ULTIMATE FRISBEE Team at APS Neighborhood Celebration on Saturday November 21

APS District-Wide Activity Announcement

All parents are encouraged to attend a district-wide Parent Workshop, Wednesday, December 9th from 10am-1pm at Douglass High School (225 Hamilton E Holmes Dr NW. Directions: I-75/85 South, I-20 West, Exit 52B Hamilton Holmes Dr. NW; school on right).

Bullying in schools, celebration, and surprises are on the agenda. For more information, call **Dama Riles, SRT-4 Parent/Community Involvement Liaison** at 404 802-6559, visit the SRT-4 Parentville Parent Center at 3399-A Collier Dr. NW (next to Harper Archer).

Additional district workshops are scheduled for February 10 (Testing) and May 5 (Summer Camps/Programs). For SRT-4 Parentville parent workshop calendar, click on "APS Seminars" on the Sutton web site.

PTA Urban Family Engagement Initiative is Hosting a Free Deliberative Dialogue:

Too Many Children Left Behind, How Can We Close the Achievement Gap? in YOUR community to create a coalition of active, caring parents and family members who advocate within the school and community for all children.

December 5, 2009, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at New Schools of Carver, 55 McDonough Blvd. Atlanta, GA 30315.

For More Info or to register, please call:

National PTA at 1(800)307-4782 ext. 380 (English), 1(800)307-4782 ext. 341 (Español), or email your registration request to urban@pta.org.

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 online: 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!)

WARRIOR WINDOW

Did you know there are approximately 27,000 public high schools in the United States and that NEWSWEEK ranks our own NORTH ATLANTA HIGH SCHOOL AMONG THE TOP 1000 HIGH SCHOOLS in the country?

This 2009 ranking is determined by a Challenge Index, which takes the total number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or Cambridge tests given at a school and dividing it by the number of seniors graduating. In 2009, less than six percent of public high schools met the qualifications to make the Challenge Index.

Sutton is the only middle school that feeds into North Atlanta. Come learn more about great things happening at our community's high school. The next prospective tour is Wednesday, December 9 at 9am and reservations are necessary due to high demand. Please call Kelley Day at 404-802-4744 to ensure your place on the tour. ALSO, "North Atlanta Now," our prospective parent/student open house is January 21 – be sure to mark your calendar!

Don't Forget - A New Competition is Coming for the New Year

Please remember to save your Box Tops (especially with all the holiday meal shopping coming up!) to turn in after the holidays for our next contest!



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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