



Sutton Source September 28, 2011

START CLIPPING!!! IT'S BOX TOPS TIME!

It's time for Sutton's Fall Box Tops Collection Contest! Which 6th, 7th, and 8th grade homerooms will win Menchie's Frozen Yogurt Parties??? That's right! Menchie's will be treating our three winning homerooms to delicious frozen yogurt parties right at school.

AND something special during this contest is that the homeroom that collects the most Box Tops OVERALL will also win Menchie's coupons for each student--- and for the winning homeroom teacher, of course! Turn in your Box Tops during homeroom throughout the month of October.

The contest begins Monday, October 3 and ends Friday, October 28. Come on, Sutton students and staff! Start clipping those BoxTops! Let's make this the best Box Tops Fundraiser ever! The money raised will be well-used at Sutton Middle School, and the prizes from Menchie's will be delicious!

Judy Harrison, Box Tops Coordinator

Remember: Each pink BoxTops label is worth 10 cents to our school---don't throw them out—look for them on food packages and paper items throughout your home!

Dues & Donations

Attention Parents: Sutton Teachers have set the pace, 100% of our teachers have joined the PTA!

Now we need our parents to step up to the challenge! In addition, the directories have gone to print and only PTA members will receive them! So, please send your dues and donations in today. Dues are just \$20 for each adult in the family and donations over and above that are encouraged to enrich our children's middle school experience.

Forms are available on the website (suttonmiddleschool.org) or in the PTA parent room at school. We accept cash, checks or credit cards. Send your forms in to school addressed Dues and Donations and have your child give it to their homeroom teacher. Many thanks!

Questions? Mary Chambers (mchambo@comcast.net) or Carolyn White (carolynwhite@bellsouth.net)

Academic Committee Competitions Update

Social Studies Club (6th Grade) first meeting is Wednesday, Sept 28, and will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 4-5 in Mrs. Conner's classroom. Each project is designed to show research and conclusions about the study of people and their relationships to the physical and social environment, including selected areas of geography, history, political science, economics, anthropology, archeology, law, philosophy, religion and sociology. The first project is dues November 17, and the Sutton Social Studies Fair is November 28. Winners will advance to outside competitions. For interest, see Mrs. Conner for application.

Teachers are in testing and selection process for Geography Bee, Sigma Math,

and MathOne Fair. Watch for info/meeting dates/contacts for open competitions: Debate, Spelling Bee, and MathLeague.

Questions or inquiries contact Academic Committee Co-chairs Angela Boardman aboardman@vb-marketing.com & Andrea Burroughs aburroughs@comcast.net.

NAPPS October Meeting

*Our next NAPPS meeting is at 12 noon on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28** at Garden Hills Elementary School. Our topic is SPLOST, and Mr. Alvah Hardy from APS Facilities will give a presentation on what SPLOST is and how it works.*

Please bring your lunch and make every effort to attend!

Cynthia and Jim Brown, co-Presidents

Cheer Tryouts

Girls interested in Basketball and Competitive CHEER can pick up information from Coach Mills or the front office. A cheer clinic will be Monday, October 3rd from 4:00 - 5:45. Tryouts will be Wednesday, October 5th from 4 - 6. Girls will have to present a jump, two chants, and one cheer to a panel of judges. Judges will use a rubric to evaluate each girl's jump, chant, cheer, enthusiasm, voice volume, and school spirit. A **recommendation from 2 former teachers** must be turned in by Wednesday, October 5th to Coach Mills. Girls must also have the following turned in before they can attend the clinic and tryout: A completed **physical examination** signed by your doctor AND A copy of your **insurance card** or a signed insurance waiver.

Questions? Coach Mills - romills@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

Tennis Intramurals

Tennis intramurals will begin on Friday, October 14th and will continue on Fridays on the following dates: October 21st and 28th, November 4th, 11th and 18th. Intramurals will be open to 6th graders first and then 7th and 8th graders. Students will play out of Chastain Tennis Center and will walk over there as a group after school on Fridays.

Applications can be found in the front office or from Ms. Kepler.

The cost to participate will be \$75. Payment can be made either by cash or a check made out to Sutton PTA. A completed physical must be on file with Ms. Fielder and all PTA paperwork must be complete to participate. Physical forms can be found on the Sutton website.

8th Grade Parents Meeting

Friday, September 30th 9 am

The Lodge @ Peachtree Presbyterian Church, 3417 Roswell Road

Grab a cup of coffee and join fellow 8th grade parents as we discuss the exciting events that this year has in store for our middle school "seniors"!

SMS Runner Sets Record!

The Sutton Cross Country squad of Frank Pittman, Jackson Pearce, Steven Spears, Jack Tribou, Thomas Shoup, and Ryan Webb were able to take 7th in the Team Competition out of 240 Middle School boys at the Darlington Cross Country Invitational on Saturday. Each of our runners showed tremendous

improvement and all ran personal bests. Thomas Shoup and Steven Spears each shaved over 2 minutes off of their best times. Jack Tribou and Ryan Webb cut their times by over a minute and a half.

Their hard work is paying off and they all did a great job in representing Sutton Middle School. Frank was the overall winner and set a new Darlington course record of 11:07 for the 2 mile course. His time elevates him to the #1 spot in the GA State Middle School rankings. Jackson's time of 12:19 put him in 15th place overall in the meet, but also moves him into 29th overall for the State rankings and also qualifies him for State Elite Status. Sutton 6th grader Knox Pittman ran unattached and finished 64th out of the 240 runners.

Congratulations to our Cross Country team for their team and individual performances.

SAVE THE DATE, PARENTS!
FALL FROLIC is OCTOBER 22!

Please join us for the SMS PTA FALL FROLIC

Parent Teacher Social

Saturday, October 22 6-8:30pm

Chastain Arts Center

135 W. Wieuca Road

\$25 per person in advance

The kids shouldn't have all the fun!

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to socialize with other Sutton parents and our fabulous teachers and administration.

Sutton Community Garden and Streamkeepers

Come watch our garden grow! We are in the planning stages for the Sutton Community Garden which will also include a pollinator garden. Dr. Brochstein really needs help right now as she writes three grants for the garden.

Eventually, she will also need help maintaining the garden. Luckily, a local Boy Scout has made the building of the garden beds his Eagle Scout project! Grant writers and garden helpers, please lend a hand as we enrich our science program!

If you are interested in becoming a certified water quality tester with Georgia Adopt-a-Stream, then become a Sutton Streamkeeper!

Dr. Brochstein is sponsoring this club where once month on Saturdays you and your child can come help monitor a portion of Nancy Creek near Sutton.

For both clubs you can contact Dr. Brochstein at

bbrochstein@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

International Walk To School Day is October 5th. (Rain or shine!)

Get out your walking shoes and reduce greenhouse gasses! [International Walk to School Day](#) is an initiative promoting added physical activity to enhance cardiovascular health as well as clean air by reducing automotive exhaust emissions into the atmosphere. Anyone who lives within walking distance to Sutton is encouraged to walk or bike to school, enjoy some extra physical activity, and take in a breath of fresh air. If you do not live close enough to walk, or there are no safe routes to walk from your home, we will have a special drop off point at the Chastain gym off West Wieuca Road.

PTA volunteers will be unloading students and directing traffic from the Chastain gym so students can walk to school from there in groups between 8 and 8:30 am.

Please no drop offs after 8:30 am as the students will not have supervision after that time.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the event, please email Sarah

Callaghan thecallaghans@comcast.net.

And by all means....please join your middle school student and walk to school too! Let's make this a family event!

Attention! Missing Something? Lost & Found is Piling Up!

Please check the lost and found racks outside cafeteria. Items will be removed and **donated this**

Thursday!

1 WEEK LEFT TO SIGN-UP

for

Future Business Leaders of America

Future Business Leaders of America, or FBLA, is dedicated to making today's middle school students, tomorrow's leaders. Through leadership opportunities, academic competitions, conferences, and social activities, FBLA will not only make your middle school years memorable, but also prepare you for the world of work in the most innovative ways. Membership dues for 2011-2012 school years are \$15 (CASH ONLY). FBLA is open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Membership application and fee to Mrs. Chase in room 42 by October 3, 2011. Go to suttonmiddleschool.org for application.

News from the IB

As you read the following excerpt below, please take special note of the underlined words. You will realize that the namesake of our school was very IB in his way of thinking about education!!

Even in the early part of the 1900's educators were aware of the need to provide students with a balanced education, to teach students in a holistic way, and to include ethics training to build character. Through the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme today we are still focused on health, scholarship, and character. Your students are fortunate to attend Willis A. Sutton Middle School, carrying on our tradition of excellence through the IB MYP, where your child may experience a diverse culture and become a well-rounded individual equipped for effective participation in the modern world.

In 1973, Dykes High School was changed to Willis A. Sutton Middle School. The school was named after Dr. Sutton who became the 8th superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools in 1921.

Throughout his career, Dr. Sutton was always seeking ways to improve the method of educating children. In 1930, he traveled to Chicago, Illinois and to several other states, meeting with other educators to discuss their methodology. In 1939, Dr. Sutton traveled to Tuskegee University to celebrate the birthday of Dr. George W. Carver, noted scientist, educator and humanitarian. Dr. Sutton visited with Dr. Carver, inquiring about his philosophical approach to diversity and his holistic approach to acquiring knowledge. Dr. Carver explained that if we, as a society, act on the belief in a common humanity, which binds us together despite our differences of race, nationality and culture, only then can we reunite ethical and technical reasoning.

Dr. Sutton took Dr. Carver's ideas, as well as the several other educators' and put many into practice. He believed that fitting the child for life through education and

shaping the personality and the mind as an integral whole, would create well-rounded adults who could cope with life. His three objectives for students of Atlanta Public Schools were focused on health, scholarship, and character. His distinctive approach to education attracted nationwide attention and that of leading educators.

Excerpt from <http://www.suttonmiddleschool.org/home/history.htm>

For more information about the IB MYP visit <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/19556>

Nina Edelstein, IB Coordinator, nedelstein@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Warrior Window

News from North Atlanta High School

The NAHS Homecoming Game and Court will be this Saturday, October 1st. Kick-off is at 4 pm against Druid Hills at Grady Stadium. Half-time will feature the NAHS Homecoming Court. Our warriors need your support!

Decorate for Fall and Support Your High School

The Pumpkins are arriving on October 5th! Fall is in the air and we are counting down to a great North Atlanta tradition: The Pumpkin Patch. This annual NAHS Sports Booster Club fundraiser is one of our favorite events of the year. Bring your camera for great photos of your little ones in our field of pumpkins at NUMC, right next door to NAHS..

Our pumpkins are not only the best in town but they help support great Warriors on the field.

The first North Atlanta school tour will be this Thursday from 9-11 am. You will need to contact Kelley Day at 404-802-4744 for a reservation. The other tour dates are 11/15, 12/12, 2/23, 3/20 and 4/12.

Our annual Prospective Parents Gathering will be October 4th at the home of Phyllis and Jeff Smith at 4179 Randall Ct. NW. NAHS faculty members will be on hand to speak and answer questions. The party begins at 7 pm and a buffet will be served. Hope to see you there!

Calendar

September

28 NAPPS meeting 12:00 – Garden Hills

29 Ultimate Frisbee vs Henderson 4:30 Home

30 Soccer - Sutton vs AIS Home 4:45

October

1 Football –Sutton vs Inman Middle School 10:00 am NAHS

4 Softball – Sutton vs Long Southside

4 North Atlanta Prospective Parent Party 7pm

4 Ultimate Frisbee vs Galloway 4:30 Home

5 Walk to School Day

6 Soccer - Sutton vs Inman Home 5:00

8 Football –TBA playoff

10-11 No School –Fall Break

11/13 Softball – Sutton playoff game

13 Menchies Spirit Night 3:30 – 8pm

13 Soccer - Sutton vs Renfroe Away 5:00

14 – 21 Book Fair

15 Football –TBA playoff

15 APS Domecoming

17 - 21 Soccer Tournament Week

18 PTA COFFEE TALK Tuesday 9:00 am in the theater

18 Softball – Sutton playoff semifinal

20 Kreme of the Krop – NAHS visits SMS

20 Softball – Sutton playoff finals

20 SMS Prospective Parent Party 7 – 9 pm

21 All Pro Dads

22 Fall Frolic

25 Ultimate Frisbee vs Holy Innocents 4:30 AWAY

26 NAPPS meeting 12:00 – E. Rivers

27 Picture Day

28 NAHS/SMS Tailgate party 5:00 – 6:30

