



## Sutton Source #14 - November 8, 2011

**Reminder to 6th grade parents going on the Tellus Museum trip: you need to be in the parking lot at 7:30 a.m. We will be leaving promptly at 8:00 a.m. We must be out of the parking lot before the school buses arrive. Also, this will only be a one-day trip. ~Ms. Corey**

Here's another important survey to add to the mix:

### The APS ASP Parent Survey

(yes, you read that right!)

Families are asked to complete this confidential "Accelerated Support Program (ASP) Parent Survey" by November 18th. All of our schools have an ASP program, and this survey asks for input from parents regarding ways Atlanta Public Schools can provide academic intervention and support. We have limited English and Spanish versions available in paper form at the school, from Nathalie Coward, our Parent Liaison.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7X3Y2VW>

~Audrey Sofianos, Principal, Sutton Middle School

### Junior Achievement Needs Parent Teachers Thursday!

Sutton Middle is partnering with Junior Achievement on Thursday, November 10th to implement a JA Day to the entire middle school. We are reaching out to the parents to come help volunteer in the 6th grade! We are in need of up to 8 volunteers for Thursday, Nov. 10th from 8:15am-12:15pm to teach the JA curriculum. JA provides you with the kit of materials, as well as the training if needed. The 6th program is called, "It's My Business". I know this is a quick turnaround, so please respond if you are able to participate in this great opportunity. A JA rep will be available to give you the JA materials, as well as train

you what to teach and how to teach. Good news is that the teachers will be in the classroom the entire time! Please contact Christie Groome at Junior Achievement to sign up and receive your JA classroom materials at [cgroome@georgia.ja.org](mailto:cgroome@georgia.ja.org) Thanks!

### **Coffee Talk - Friday, November 11 at 9 am**

Our next speaker, Sue Cleere, is the owner of She's Wired, which specializes in instructing parents on monitoring children's online activities. Sue frequently speaks with groups about Facebook privacy controls and works directly with parents to understand social networking sites and computer parental controls. She's Wired, is an Atlanta-based technology company that focuses on computer and device instruction as well as small business website consulting.

If you have any specific questions, you can submit these ahead of time to Margaret Long at [long9548@bellsouth.net](mailto:long9548@bellsouth.net).

### **8th Grade Parent Meeting-THIS Friday 11/11**

The next 8th grade parent meeting will be held this Friday, November 11th, immediately following the Coffee Talk in the Media Center. We will discuss the 8th grade field trip, activity fees, 8th grade testing and NAHS tours. All 8th grade parents are welcome. ?'s Contact Angela Church [churcha@bellsouth.net](mailto:churcha@bellsouth.net)

### **Information Meeting for 6th Grade Williamsburg, VA Trip**



2011 6th Grade Trip to Williamsburg



Information Meeting for 6th Grade Williamsburg, VA Trip, Tuesday, November 15, 2011 6:30 – 7:30pm Sutton Theater. Deposits and payments will be accepted. For more information, visit the 6th Grade field trip website:

<http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/page/20177> ~Nina Edelstein

### **New Fitness Club at Sutton!**

Did you know?...Sutton has a new fitness club: The Morning Mile Club. Students interested in adding extra physical activity to their day can join Ms. Vuckovic on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to participate in various aerobic endurance activities in the gym starting at 7:45am. Please contact Ms. Vuckovic to sign up or for more information: [evuckovic@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:evuckovic@atlanta.k12.ga.us)

### **ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS UPDATE:**

**SUTTON DEBATE TEAM'S** first team meeting: Wednesday, November 9 from 4-5pm in the Media Center (pick up at 5 in carpool lane). Debate Team form:

[http://www.suttonmiddleschool.org/Documents/SMS\\_Debate\\_Mem\\_Ap\\_2011-12.pdf](http://www.suttonmiddleschool.org/Documents/SMS_Debate_Mem_Ap_2011-12.pdf)

Websites: [www.atlantadebate.com](http://www.atlantadebate.com). [www.emory.edu/BF](http://www.emory.edu/BF). See: YouTube Voices of Reason: 25 Years of Urban Debate in Atlanta

For members and volunteers who can attend (to observe), the next Atlanta Urban Debate League competition is Saturday, November 12 at Tri-Cities Middle School, and the first debate is Saturday, December 3 at McEachern High School. There is no cost to attend the events, but pre-registration is required to participate. Parents are encouraged to attend and also participate as judges. Onsite judge training will be provided. A member is not required to attend all debates, nor is prior debate experience required. Best meeting practice dates will be determined by teams, and members who cannot attend on Wednesday, November 9, please contact Ms. Edelstein to discuss schedules. ~ nedelstein@atlanta.k12.ga.us, 404-802-5631

**SUTTON MATHCOUNTS CLUB** membership applications accepted thru end of day Monday, November 14.

SMS MATHCOUNTS Club Coordinator: Ms. Stephanie Daniels, Sutton Math Department Chair - sdaniels@atlanta.k12.ga.us, 404-802-5600, Room 269

Websites: [www.mathcounts.org](http://www.mathcounts.org), [www.reelmath.org](http://www.reelmath.org), [www.twitter.com/danielsmath](http://www.twitter.com/danielsmath)

**Download Membership application [here](#):**

**The MATHCOUNTS Club Program** is new to Sutton! Open to all students' grades 6-8, it is a math enrichment initiative providing the structure and activities designed to increase enthusiasm for math and to engage students using a variety of math activities. No math skill level is required to join – it is a FUN club open to all.

**REEL MATH: TECHNOLOGY & CREATIVITY:** Sponsored in part by the Department of Defense, the Reel Math Challenge is an innovative program involving teams of students using cutting-edge technology to create videos about math problems and their associated concepts. This new competition is meant to excite students about math while allowing them to hone their creativity and communication skills. Students will form teams consisting of four students and will create a video based on one of the 300 problems included in this handbook. In addition, students will be able to form teams with peers from around the country.. For more details, visit [www.reelmath.org](http://www.reelmath.org).

**The MATHCOUNTS Club** meetings will be held once weekly in Mrs. Daniels' room 269, most likely after school. Best dates will be determined. Membership fee: \$10. Parent volunteers are needed, especially a few proficient in math. Parent/guardian participation is encouraged but not required except regarding transportation following meetings.

For questions or information, please contact SMS MATHCOUNTS Club Coordinator: Ms. Stephanie Daniels, Sutton Math Department Chair - [sdaniels@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:sdaniels@atlanta.k12.ga.us), 404-802-5600, Room 269

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Andrea Burroughs, 404.663.5755 [a-burroughs@comcast.net](mailto:a-burroughs@comcast.net)

Sutton Academic Committee co-chairs

## BoxTops Contest Winners



Congratulations, Sutton Middle School! Because of your great effort, last month's Box Tops for Education Contest was a HUGE success! Seven thousand, one hundred and fifty Box Tops were collected which means the SMS PTA will earn \$715!! That's right! Every one of those Box Tops is worth ten cents, and they really add up.



The homerooms that turned in the most Box Tops enjoyed frozen yogurt parties from Menchie's and a visit from Menchie himself this past Friday. Pictured are Ms. McAleer's winning 6th grade homeroom, Ms. Kearns' winning 7th grade homeroom, and Mr. Gervais'

winning 8th grade homeroom. Thank you to everyone who contributed Box Tops; please start saving them again for next semester's contest. And we give a great big thank you to Menchie's Frozen Yogurt for supporting Sutton Middle School



### November Canned Food Drive

The Sutton Middle School student body is sponsoring a canned food drive November 7th – November 18th. The food collected will help stock a pantry of non-perishable goods for those struggling to put food on the table, as well as senior citizens in our community who live on a fixed income. Our goal is to teach our students that people are often generous during the holidays, but what happens to those in need the other 10 months of the year? Please send your child to school with at least one item for our campaign against hunger. Last year our student body collected 6, 728 cans of food. We hope to surpass that number this year! The top 4 homerooms will earn a pizza lunch including a frozen yogurt for dessert. The Student Government appreciates your help. We wish you all a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving season.

### Monthly Menchie's Spirit Night Benefits Sutton!

Enjoy a cool treat with fellow students, families, and teachers. A portion of the evening's proceeds is returned to Sutton! Thursday, November 10th 3:30 - 8:00pm - Either location

**Menchie's Paces Ferry at 3535 Northside Parkway**

or

**Menchie's Tuxedo Festival at 3655 Roswell Road**

**Warrior Window**

Next Tuesday, November 15th, is the next North Atlanta tour. Reservations are required, so please call Kelley Day at 404-802-4744 to reserve your spot. The remaining tour dates are 12/12, 2/23, 3/20 and 4/12.

### **Art EXHIBITION 3**

November Eleventh, The Shepherd Center, 5:00pm – 9:00pm

Tickets: \$10.00 Teachers & Students: \$5.00

Available for purchase at the door, NAHS Front Office, NAHS School Store and Mrs. Brandhorst. Tickets are redeemable for one beverage.

**A portion of the proceeds benefits the Fine Arts program.**

NAHS students, faculty and community members create all work in this exhibit.

## **Calendar**

### **November**

- 8** No School (Election Day—Don't forget to vote!)
- 9 Basketball –Sutton vs Bunche Middle School 5:00 pm AWAY
- 10 JA Day at SMS (Volunteers needed, see above)
- 10** **Menchie's Spirit Night 3:30 - 8**
- 11 PTA COFFEE TALK 9:00 am
- 11 Silent Dismissal
- 12 Basketball –Sutton vs Harper Archer 10:00am SUTTON
- 15 Picture Re-take Day
- 17 Sutton Night Live 7 pm (comedy, prizes, audience games!)
- 18 All Pro Dads
- 18 Pep Rally
- 19 Basketball –Sutton vs Brown 10:00 am AWAY
- 21-25** No School – Thanksgiving Holidays
- 30 NAPPS meeting 12:00 -  
Bolton Board of Education Members will be in attendance

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