

Sutton Source #15

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Sutton Source #15 November 15, 2011:

**A Special Thanksgiving Photo Issue---So Much to
Appreciate at Our Wonderful School!**

Something New for December:

A 6th Grade Parent Coffee Talk!

On December 8th, 9am, please come and join Ms. Sofianos, 6th Grade Administrator Ms. Bouldin, 6th Grade Counselor Jamie Saul, and Parent Liaison Nathalie Coward for a special 6th Grade Coffee Talk JUST FOR YOU! We will talk about your first semester at Sutton Middle School, reflect upon the transition from 5th to 6th grade, and answer any questions you still may have! Come and meet fellow 6th Grade parents as we continue our journey together through middle school! Spanish translation will be available.

Audrey Sofianos, Principal, Sutton Middle School

Regular school wide PTA Coffee Talks will resume in January

Honoring Veteran's Day with Schoolwide Silent Dismissal



We are SO PROUD of our respectful students, as we just held our first annual Silent Dismissal to honor and acknowledge our thanks to all veterans. It was very moving for our students and faculty as we recognized our three staff veterans, as well as all veterans from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Portions of President Obama's Veterans Day proclamation was read, patriotic music was played and 1300 students then exited silently under a column of American flags to honor all the men and women who have served our country.

~ **Audrey Sofianos**, Principal



REMINDER: Information Meeting for 6th Grade Williamsburg, VA Trip!

Tuesday, November 15 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):

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~Nina Edelstein

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE COMPETITIONS UPDATE:

HELEN RUFFIN READING BOWL-ERS November 29 is the date by which 6th-8th grade students need to submit their questions for their 5 books. It is not too late for any interested student to join the group! All books on the list are Georgia Children's Book Award Nominees.

<http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/hrrb/middlebooklist.html>

For book list and commitment forms, contact Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Liaison Ms. Patti George patgeorge@atlanta.k12.ga.us or Parent Liaison Hillary Yarmowich hsyarmo@bellsouth.net

SUTTON'S DEBATE TEAM has 25 6th-8th grade members, including several award-winners from last year, and is still accepting members. For 2011-12, the topic is the pros and cons of Space Colonization. Students will read, interpret, develop ideas based on the evidence given, present those ideas, and then respond to opposing ideas.

The debate experience has been shown to improve students' reading ability, improve

thinking ability, improve speaking ability, increase the percentage of high school graduates, increase the admission and retention of college students, increase self-confidence, and increase the ability win an argument. Watch out parents! Another good reason to debate is the prospect of receiving a scholarship to college. Perhaps that will take the edge off of losing those arguments.



Mr. James Roland, Program Director, National Debate Project addressed the team, **“Considering Sutton did very well last year, there is much to build upon and be excited about this year. I too am excited about debate at Sutton Middle School - Home of the Debating Cougars!”**



For membership information, contact Debate Team Coach Ms. Nina Edelstein, nedelstein@atlanta.k12.ga.us, 404-802-5631 or Parent Liaison: Ms. Serene Kim - serenegb@gmail.com, 678-481-1536

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Sutton Academic Committee co-chairs

And the Contestants are...

Last week, Spelling Bee Coordinator and Language Arts Teacher Ms. Terhune held mini-Spelling Bees in her classroom. To qualify for the mini-Bee, spellers had to pass a written or oral spelling test and/or be nominated by their Language Arts Teacher. The actual bee words will be distributed at the beginning of January. Students prepare for the Bee by practicing with their peers and Spelling Bee Coordinator Ms. Dee Terhune in after-school practice sessions. This year, Ms. Terhune has scheduled 6 after-school practice sessions plus 2 dress rehearsals prior to the Bee. The following students passed the mini-Bee and now qualify for the school-wide Spelling Bee to be held in January. The winner of our school-wide Bee will participate in the APS System Spelling Bee.

8th Grade

Ayana Archie
Amber Christman
Tiffany Conley
Carman DeMar
Nicholas Durham
Carolyn Ector
Addison Edwards
Will Izenson
Augustin Jimenez
Madeline Pearce
Will Sheldon
Azende Snell
Andrew Taylor
Justice Timke
Abeo Tisdale
Jack Zook

7th Grade

Caroline Alting
Josiah Brai
Kit Burroughs
Katy Callaghan
Grace Lawton Davis
Sebastian De Aristegui
Preston Glover
Risa Hanatari
Briana Harris
Leighton Katz
Lucas Livaditis
Bradford Martin
Logan McEntyre
Kevin Pinto
Tessa Richardson
Sterling Spiegl

Jazmin Warren

6th Grade

Qasim Bhaloo

Betsy Blich

Maddie Bolas

Jack Butler

Will Butler

Destiny Christie

Taylor Diamond

Nour Emaliki

Brooke Falcon

Vincent Hau

Ben Israel

Kassie Jazak

Taylor Jones

Devlin McElrone

Olivia Meredith

Azia Pittman

Roya Register

Alejandre Yancey

Congratulations to these Stellar Spellers! In addition, thank you to Sutton parents Lisa Fearon, April Miles, Taninma Moore-Henry, Michelle Nelson and Anne Williams for assisting Ms. Terhune throughout the week. If you would like more information on the Sutton Spelling Bee or have questions, please contact Gillian Taylor, the Spelling Bee Parent Liaison at gptaylor1@gmail.com

FBLA goes to Bulldog Nation-Athens, Georgia



Sutton's FBLA Chapter attended the FBLA Fall Leadership Conference on November 11 in Athens, Georgia. Fifty-one FBLA members gathered for an exciting, informative, and inspiring leadership conference and interacted with other enthusiastic FBLA members from around the state.

In cooperation with TRI Leadership, a nationally recognized leadership services firm, Sutton FBLA members, advisers and chaperones experienced a powerful leadership program. The members successfully completed the leadership achievement sessions and have distinguished themselves as leaders. FBLA members also had fun competing in the World's Largest Monopoly Tournament while working on their banking, real-estate and investment skills.

After the motivational speech, hand clapping and feet stomping, Sutton Middle School won some notable awards:

- Largest Middle School Chapter Award with 189 active members
- Membership Recruitment Award
- 1st Place Business Math Award:

Amanda Stevens, Caroline Cook, McKenzie Owens, Raquel McDaniel

Sutton Sports Banquet

To: *Fall Season* Cougar Athletes & Families

Please join us at the "2011 Fall Sports Banquet"!

When: Thursday, December 1, 2011

Where: SMS Gymnasium

Doors Open at 6:30 PM, Program begins at 7:00 PM

Dinner will be catered by Willy's, and athletes are asked to bring dessert or water as follows:

DESSERT (to serve 10 people)

Cross Country, Football & Soccer

WATER

Cheerleading, Softball, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee & Volleyball

****Free admission for Athletes & Coaches****

ADVANCE Tickets: \$6 - adults, \$4 – children

(Kids 3 and under free)

Purchase ADVANCE tickets from your team mom.

Tickets will be sold at the door (\$7 – Adults, \$5 – children).

All parents of fall sports team members should have received an e-mail from their team parent or coach regarding the Dec 1 Sports Banquet. This year the dinner will be catered and team members are asked to bring either dessert for 10 or cases of water. Please confirm with your team parent. Buy your tickets now before price increase at the door. Athletes free, Adults \$6, Kids \$4

Old Growth Out ... New Growth In!



The Curb Appeal Committee has completed their fall planting with a bit of Sutton school spirit! Check out the design in the front entrance flowerbeds. Go Cougars!!

Warrior Window

North Atlanta's Debate Team won the Atlanta Urban Debate League's tournament Saturday at Tri Cities High School. In addition to placing first overall in the tournament, seniors Babatunde Woodward-James and Aaron Jones both won Outstanding Speaker Awards while placing second overall as a team. Sophomores Aaron Cheese and Ben Herman came in first as a team, and Ben won first place as the Outstanding Speaker.

Freshmen Elizabeth Ray and Chaz Torres, in their first debates ever, placed in the top ten of speaker teams, and Elizabeth won an Outstanding Speaker award. Also, brother-sister team, Jonathan (9th) and Evie (12th) Osazee placed in the top ten as a

team and Evie won an Outstanding Speaker award. Congratulations to all!

Calendar

November

- 15 Picture Re-take Day
- 17 Sutton Night Live 7 pm
- 18 All Pro Dads
- 18 Pep Rally
- 19 Basketball –Sutton vs Brown Middle School 10:00 am AWAY
- 21-25 No school this week – Thanksgiving Holidays**
- 30 NAPPS meeting 12:00 - Bolton

December

- 1 Fall Sports Banquet**
- 3 Basketball –Sutton vs Price 10:00 am AWAY
- 7 Basketball –Sutton vs Inman 5:00 pm SUTTON
- 8 6th Grade Coffee Talk
- 8 Winter Concert
- 8 Menchie's Spirit Night 3:30 – 8
- 10 Basketball –Sutton vs Young 10:00am SUTTON
- 12-14 Barnes and Noble Book Fair (tentative date)
- 16 All Pro Dads
- 17 Basketball –Sutton vs Bunche 10:00am SUTTON
- 20 Last Day of School (End of first semester)**

We wish you a wonderful holiday with family and friends!

Your Source team: Nelson Brackin, Andy Cimowsky,

Leigh Darby, and Leigh Ann Livaditis.

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