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# Parent Resource Center Newsletter

## July through September 2011

### A Letter from the Interim Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Greetings Parents,

I hope all of you are having a safe and restful summer. It's always re-energizing to take a break from the routine of school. As you take time to reflect this summer, I would like to share a few thoughts with you. After one year of serving as the Interim Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning to establish high and consistent expectations and processes for improving teaching and learning, I have a few reflections that may be helpful. We should all be reminded of the role of education in the lives of our children. For many, education is the doorway to a higher standard of living. In addition to one's character, education is what often makes the difference for one's level of success. Our children must observe us model the importance of education. As an adult, we model the importance of education by doing the following.

1. Protecting our children
2. Communicating high expectations for our children
3. Discussing the importance of education in the home
4. Making education a priority in the home
5. Supporting our children's educational process by being present and involved
6. Making every experience a learning opportunity
7. Praising and redirecting our children
8. Exposing our children to cultural events and the arts

It is my sincere hope that all of you take time to discuss the importance of education with your children. More importantly, it is incumbent upon all of us to ensure that we model education in the true sense thereby giving our children a living example that they can imitate.

**Dr. Morcease J. Beasley**

### Relocation of Two Parent Resource Centers

Two of our eleven District level Parent Resource Centers were housed at DeKalb County schools that have been decommissioned.

The **center** formerly housed at **Avondale Middle School** has been relocated to **McLendon Elementary School** located at 3169 Hollywood Dr., Decatur, GA 30033. The center's new telephone number is 678-676-5937.

The **center** formerly housed at **Atherton Elementary School** has been relocated to **Towers High School** at 3919 Brookcrest Circle, Decatur, GA 30032. The center's new telephone number is 678-874-2288.

Both sites are currently open with the same resources available to our parents. Announcement of a grand opening for each of the new sites will be forthcoming.

The summer schedule for all centers is as follows: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (with the exception of the Cross Keys site 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm.). There are no late nights and no Saturday openings. The regular schedule will resume on August 1, 2011.

## A Variation on the Opening Format for the Annual Title I Countywide Parent Involvement Conference was well Received by Parents on March 16, 2011



A panel of experts replaced the usual keynote speaker. Parents were given the opportunity to hear from six panel members and to ask questions. The parents who were in attendance were very pleased with the opportunity to express their concerns and make comments on various topics relative to parenting.



Lil Shaun Hendricks, entertained the Middle and High School students.



Title I Instructional Coaches presented CRCT Testing Workshops.



One of the panel members interacting with parents.



The "Science Guy" awes everyone with his "magic" while at the same time giving invaluable lessons in science.

Remember to **Save the Date** for the next Annual Title I Countywide Parent Involvement Conference  
**Saturday, October 15, 2011, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**Stone Mountain Middle School, 4301 Sarr Parkway, Stone Mountain 30083**

### A KinderCamp Summer for Pre-school Students Entering DeKalb County Schools



Dr. Virginia Lucear-Johnson, Coordinator, Office of School Improvement, states that "KinderCamp is a fun filled early learning activity that allows children to become acclimated to their new "big school". The children can experience school routines, practice skills needed for kindergarten, and develop relationships prior to the actual first day of school."

### NASA Astronaut Visits the Parent Resource Center at Sequoyah Middle School



NASA Astronaut and Air Force Col. Eric A. Boe visited the Parent Resource Center at Sequoyah Middle School. Col. Boe, a graduate of Henderson High School, piloted both space shuttles Discovery and Endeavour. Col. Boe earned a Masters degree at Georgia Technical Institute in 1997 and was selected as a NASA pilot in 2000.

# Parent Resource Center Workshops • July through September 2011

## Cedar Grove MS Parent Resource Center

**Science Engineering Mathematics Aerospace Academy (SEMAA) Parent Cafe**  
(Only for parents whose children are enrolled in the summer 2011 program held at Cedar Grove MS)

### Cedar Grove MS

Monday, July 11, 2011 to

Friday, July 15, 2011

9:30 am to 11:30 am

Call the center if you have questions

**Help Me Understand Middle School**  
**(transition from ES to MS)**

Monday, August 22, 2011

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

**What does Your Local Parent Center have to Offer?**

Monday, September 12, 2011

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

**Understanding the Math Curriculum**

Monday, September 26, 2011

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

## Chapel Hill MS Parent Resource Center

### Mavis Beacon Typing

Monday through Friday during July 2011

12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Call for an appointment—Parents and students welcome

**Welcome to Middle School: Transition to the Next Level**

Thursday, August 18, 2011

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

New students and parents

**Ensuring Academic Success: Study Strategies that Work!**

Thursday, August 18, 2011

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Elementary, Middle, and High School Students and Parents

## Columbia MS Parent Resource Center

### Basic Computer Skills

July and August 2011

By appointment only

### Resume Writing

July and August 2011

By appointment only

### Parent Resource Center Open House

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

**Transitioning from Elementary to Middle School IEP (Individualized Educational Plan)**

Thursday, August 25, 2011

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

## Columbia MS Continued.....

### Acquiring Organization and Study Skills to Increase Student Achievement

Thursday, September 8, 2011

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

### Middle School Math for 6th Grade Parents and Students

Thursday, September 15, 2011

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

### Middle School Math for 7th Grade Parents and Students

Thursday, September 29, 2011

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

### Middle School Math for 8th Grade Parents and Students

Thursday, September 22, 2011

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

## Cross Keys HS Parent Resource Center

### English Language Learners Computer Program

July, August, and September 2011

All day or by appointment

### English Language Learners Classes

Tuesdays, August 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2011 and

Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2011

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

### Mavis Beacon Typing

Monday through Friday, July and August 2011

9:00 am to 11:00 am or by appointment and

Monday through Friday, September 2011

All day or by appointment

### Using the Computer

Monday through Friday, July, August, and September 2011

9:00 am to 11:00 am or by appointment

### Nutrition Facts for Families

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Registration required by July 20, 2011

### Welcome Back to School Family Night

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

## E. L. Miller Parent Resource Center

### Tech Tuesdays: Mavis Beacon Typing

Mondays, July 11, 18, and 25, 2011

By appointment only, call the center

### Open House: Fall Kick-Off

Monday, August 29, 2011

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

### Healthy Eating for the Family: UGA Extension Program

Monday, September 12, 2011

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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### CRCT Math Test-Prep Skills: Grades 3 through 5

Monday, September 19, 2011

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

## Fairington ES Parent Resource Center

### e-SIS Parent Assistance: Parent Portal Sign-Up

Daily in the Parent Resource Center

### Resume Writing and Interview Skill Building

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

### How to Deal with Stress

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

### Parent and School Partnership

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

### Microsoft, Excel, and Power Point

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

### ABC's of BIP (Behavioral Intervention Plan)

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

## Jolly ES Parent Resource Center

### B-I-N-G-O Fun for Everyone

Thursday, July 14, 2011

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

### Parent Resource Center Open House

Thursday, August 25, 2011

10:00 am to 6:00 pm

### Title I Orientation and Curriculum Night

Thursday, September 8, 2011

Session I, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Session II, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

### Monitoring Your Child's Progress to Improve Achievement

Thursday, September 22, 2011

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

## McLendon ES Parent Resource Center

### Make and Take Math Tips

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

(Contact the center to register)

### How to Read with your Child

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

(Contact the center to register)

### Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP)

Tuesdays, September 13, 20, and 27, 2011

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

(Must call the center to register)

## McNair MS Parent Resource Center

### DeKalb Extension Services Food Talk Classes: Learn How to Cook and Prepare Healthy Food

Tuesdays, July 12, 19, 26, 2011 **and**  
Thursdays, July 14, 21, 28, 2011  
11:00 am to 12:00 pm

### Computer Basics

July 2011

By appointment only

### Summer Bridge Packets Pick Up

July 2011

Daily

### Mavis Beacon Typing

July 2011

Daily

### e-SIS Parent Portal

August and September 2011

Daily

### Are you Ready for Middle School? Facts and Tips on What your Child Should Know

Thursday, August 25, 2011

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

### Simple Sewing Classes

Thursdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2011

Call the center to RSVP and Obtain Additional  
Information

### Get Ready for Middle School Math (Math you Should Know to be Successful)

Thursday, September 22, 2011

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

## Sequoyah MS Parent Resource Center

### E-SIS Parent Portal Assistance

July, August, and September

By appointment

### Technology: Basic Typing and Computer Skills

July, August, and September

By appointment

### Spanish Classes (Rosetta Stone)

July, August, and September

By appointment

### English Classes (Rosetta Stone)

July, August, and September

By appointment

### English Classes for English Language Learners

Wednesdays, August and September 2011

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

### ESOL Classes: Literacy Volunteers of Atlanta

Tuesdays and Thursdays July, August, September 2011

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

### Parent School Partnership Program (12 Weeks)

Thursdays, beginning August 25, 2011

9:00 am to 10:30 pm

Call the center for details

### Back to School Night: What to Know About the New Immigration Law HB87

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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## .....Sequoyah MS continued

### Nutrition and Health:UGA Cooperative Extension

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

## Towers HS Parent Resource Center

### Parents Matter! Getting to Know Your Parent Resource Center

Thursday, August 25, 2011

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

### Basic Computer Class

September 2011

TBA

Call the center for additional classes to be placed on  
the schedule for August and September 2011

**For Additional Information  
Contact  
the Parent Community Liaison  
Specialists  
at the  
Office of School Improvement  
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**Anderia Russell  
678-676-0312**

**Barry Cross  
678-676-0250**

**Jackie Marshall  
678-676-0376**

*Have a fun summer and a great school opening!*



## Parent Resource Center Locations Locations

### E. L. Miller Elementary School

919 Martin Rd.

Stone Mountain, GA 30088 678-676-3333

T-W-TH-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Monday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

### Fairington Elementary School

5505 Phillip Bradley Dr.

Lithonia, GA 30038 678-676-8724

M-W-TH-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

### Jolly Elementary School

1070 Othello Ave.

Clarkston, GA 30021 678-676-5832

M-T-W-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

### McLendon Elementary School

3169 Hollywood Dr.

Decatur, GA 30033 678-676-5937

M-W-TH-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

### Cedar Grove Middle School

2300 Wildcat Rd.

Decatur, GA 30034 678-874-4248

T-W-TH-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Monday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

### Chapel Hill Middle School

3535 Dogwood Farm Rd.

Decatur, GA 30034 678-676-8548

M-T-W-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

### Columbia Middle School

3001 Columbia Dr.

Decatur, GA 30034 678-875-0546

M-T-W-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

### McNair Middle School

2190 Wallingford Dr.

Decatur, GA 30032 678-874-5147

M-T-W-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

### Sequoyah Middle School

3456 Aztec Dr.

Doraville, GA 30340 678-676-7945

M-T-TH-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

### Cross Keys High School

1626 N. Druid Hills Rd., NE

Atlanta, GA 30319 678-874-6139

M-W-TH-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

### Towers High School

3919 Brookcrest Circle

Decatur, GA 30032 678-874-2288

M-W-TH-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

**CONTACT  
THE CENTERS  
FOR  
SATURDAY  
SCHEDULES  
For  
August and  
September**

*• no Saturday  
openings or late  
nights in  
June and July 2011*