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Spooktacular success!



WHAT IS RED RIBBON WEEK?

It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against substance abuse. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon, Oct 23rd - 31st.

WHY?

The Red Ribbon Campaign was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered DEA agent Kiki Camarena in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a DRUG-FREE AMERICA.

Enrique (Kiki) Camarena was a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who was tortured and killed in Mexico in 1985. Camarena worked his way through college, served in the Marines and became a police officer. When he decided to join the US Drug Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I'm only one person", he told her, "but I want to make a difference."

The DEA sent Camarena to work undercover in Mexico, investigating a major drug cartel believed to include officers in the Mexican army, police and government. On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him in a car. One month later, Camarena's body was found. He had been tortured to death.

In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. Parents, sick of the destruction of alcohol and other drugs, had begun forming coalitions. Some of these new coalitions took Camarena as their model and embraced his belief that one person can make a difference. These coalitions also adopted the symbol of Camarena's memory, the red ribbon.

The National Family Partnership organized the first Nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign. Since that time, the campaign has reached millions of U.S. children and families. The National Family Partnership (NFP) and its network of individuals and organizations continue to deliver his message of hope to millions of people every year, through the National Red Ribbon Campaign.

<http://www.nfp.org/default.asp?PageNum=617>

Important Links & Numbers:

Cobb County School District <http://www.cobbk12.org>
Ford Elementary Home Page <http://www.cobbk12.org/ford>
Ford PTSA <http://www.fordptsa.com>
Ford Elementary School Foundation http://ford.typepad.com/ford_foundation/
School Lunch Menus <http://www.cobbk12.org/centraloffice/foodservices/indexMenus.htm>



Cobb County School District central office answering system: (770) 426-3300
Ford Elementary School: (678) 594-8092

Ford Foundation Purpose

The Ford Elementary School Foundation, established in 2005, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing enhanced educational opportunities that otherwise would not be a part of Ford Elementary School instructional program. These additional educational opportunities can only be funded through Foundation efforts and **not** through the Cobb County Board of Education or our PTSA.

The Ford Foundation works closely with parents and interested community members from the public and private sector to secure financial support for a variety of programs that strengthen the quality of public education. The Foundation will secure funding designated specifically for programs that enhance student performance and teacher innovation.

The Ford Foundation is administered and governed under the umbrella of the Cobb Schools Foundation. The Foundation is overseen by a Board of Trustees.

http://ford.typepad.com/ford_foundation/



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Ford Elementary Science Fair

Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 pm

Participation forms are available in the front office, Science Lab, or on the Science Blog

Forms are due October 14th, 2011.

Open to all students

**Grades K-2 will receive participation certificates.
Grades 3 -5 will have projects evaluated by outside judges.**

Top 3 projects will compete at Cobb County District Level Fair at Wheeler High School.

Ford Foundation 1st Annual Jingle Jog 5K Family Run

Saturday, December 3, 2011

**Registration will begin in October.
More details coming soon!**

Thanks to all students who participated in this year's Reflections program! Winners will be announced during the week of October 17th.



Ford's Reflections Awards and Reception
will be held for *all participants*
at
Durham Middle School auditorium

Wednesday, October 26, 2011
6:30 pm

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Ford Students Give Back!

PTSA Community Outreach Project

**Conference Week:
October 24 - 28**

The Pencil Project

Ford's Community Outreach committee is partnering with **The Pencil Project** to support a school in need by giving education a chance... one pencil at a time.

**** For less than the price of a soft drink, a pack of one dozen pencils can be purchased which will in turn help 12 children.**

Helping out is easy!

Simply buy boxes of UNSHARPENED pencils and have your child bring them to school the week of

October 24 – 28th!

Or, parents you can bring in your donation when you come to attend your child's conference or visit the book fair!

****Collection boxes will be located in the front hall of the school!!**

Can Ford families donate 1000 pencils to help 1000 children?

How many children will you help?

Ford Elementary 2nd Annual CAN-DO! Food Drive

November 4 - 14, 2011

This Thanksgiving, the Community Outreach Committee at Ford Elementary School is supporting the Center for Family Resources (CFR)'s Thanks for Giving program AND Ford families in need.

Students and Parents, here's what you Can-Do! to help:

- Bring in needed Thanksgiving food items to your classroom
- Drop off can goods and donations during car line **November 4- 14**
- Place donations in the Collection Boxes during the Thanksgiving feasts
- Place gift cards in an envelope labeled "Thanks for Giving" and drop off in the front office

This is an excellent way to reach out to others in need to demonstrate and demonstrate Rachel's Challenge core values of kindness and compassion.

*****The top collecting classroom will win a pizza party, sponsored by Mopdog Creative + Strategy*****

About Thanks for Giving: CFR has been providing Thanksgiving boxes to families in need in Cobb County for 26 years. **CFR has continued to see an increase in requests for services and has set a goal to provide boxes to 1,500 families!**

The Ford Community: There are families trying to make ends meet right here at Ford ES. Food items will be confidentially provided to those in need. *Please contact Alica Hayworth, School Social Worker at alicia.hayworth@cobbk12.org or 678-331-1068 for more information.*

Items needed:

- \$15 gift certificate from a local grocer for a turkey*
- Dressing mix
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned or instant potatoes (sweet or white)
- Canned green vegetables
- Canned yellow vegetables
- Non-refrigerated pie shell and pumpkin pie mix
- Dried or canned milk
- Roasting Pan

In addition to these items, CFR also is in need of the following items:

- Dried beans
- Peanut butter
- Canned meat, tuna, or ham
- Rice, pasta, or cereal
- Soup
- Bread or rolls
- Canned fruit

Note: *Please do not place gift certificate in box. We cannot accept items that require refrigeration. (i.e. turkeys, milk, etc.)

Contact Tracey Montgomery at themontgomerys@bellsouth.net with questions.

Thank you for helping to make it a Happy Thanksgiving for so many in need!



COBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Hearing and Vision screening program for the students of Cobb County School District is a means to suggest further care for those students who may have a problem with vision or hearing. Please understand that this screening is not a substitute for a complete hearing or vision examination.

The Snellen vision screening chart used in most schools and the HOTV chart screen only for distance vision problems. If a student has difficulty with reading or close vision, the Snellen chart screening may not alert to the problem.

The current hearing screening is designed only as a screening and can indicate possible hearing problems. Cobb County Audiology Services is located at 6975 Cobb International Blvd., Kennesaw, GA 30152 and can provide a complete hearing evaluation free of charge to district students. The phone number to call for an appointment is 678-581-7400.

Staff trained by the school system will be screening students in grades 1, 4, 7 and 10 for both hearing and vision. All entering kindergarteners will be expected to present proof of eye, ear and dental screening on Form 3300 at the time of registration. The form 3300 must be dated no earlier than August 1st of the prior year. The Cobb County Health Department or a private physician can provide this screening.



Bingo night Fun!

Bingo photos by Cynthia Regalla



Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped at the last Bingo night. I couldn't have done it without you!
Kelly D'Amico
PTSA Bingo Chair

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Environmental Education at Ford Elementary



We think we have a unique program at Ford. Through the implementation of the Earth Parent Program, we are involving students, teachers and parents in hands-on learning experiences which enhance the overall education of our students, especially in the sciences and environment.

Our program brings about an awareness which leads to an appreciation of our natural resources by preserving and respecting them. Our Outdoor Classrooms are outstanding. There are many places to take the students to do all kinds of things from environmental lessons to art, reading, and journaling. By having these spaces available and using them with the Earth Lessons, the staff has become comfortable using the outdoor classrooms for their own activities.

Now that our environmental education program is easily sustainable, and Keep Cobb Beautiful has helped in the recycling area, we are turning our focus to the addition of a community garden and an eco-friendly family fitness trail. It is our goal to create a garden area that brings our students, their families, and our community together. This project would provide endless educational life lessons, promote a healthy living lifestyle, encourage quality family time, and provide nutritional food for families in need.

For more information click on <http://eeingeorgia.org/net/org/info.aspx?s=70349.0.0.4863>



Thanks to Cobb EMC,
Brian Lies,
author & illustrator,
will visit with our 4th & 5th graders
on November 9th in the Media Center!



Brian Lies is a native of Princeton, NJ, who graduated from Brown University in 1985 with a degree in British and American Literature. He attended the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston for two and a half years, and began doing editorial page illustrations for numerous publications, including the *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Christian Science Monitor*.

He illustrated his first children's book for Houghton Mifflin Co. in 1989, and has since illustrated 25 others, including his *New York Times* bestsellers *Bats at Ballgame* (2010), *Bats at the Library* (2008) and *Bats at the Beach* (2006), as well as *Hamlet and the Enormous Chinese Dragon Kite* (1994) and *Hamlet and the Magnificent Sandcastle* (2001), which he also wrote.

Brian's work can be found in galleries around the country, and he enjoys visiting schools to talk with students about writing and illustrating stories. He and his wife, Laurel, live in Duxbury, MA with their daughter and two cats.

To learn more about Brian Lies visit his website at www.brianlies.com/.

Look for news next month
about Ford's
Science Olympiad Team

Science Night Fall 2011



The Bucket of Box Tops and Labels
Classroom Contest is here!

Monday, September 12th
through
Friday, October 21st

Time to check your pantry, ask family and neighbors and keep bringing in those Box Tops and Labels for Education. Check the poster in the main hallway for your class' results.

First Place Prize
is a lunch time **Stevi B's pizza party**
for your classroom,
one winner in K-2nd and
one winner in 3rd-5th.

K - 2nd Second Place Prize
classroom winners will receive a
free yogurt certificate compliments
of **SuperHero Yogurt**.

3rd-5th Second Place Prize
classroom winners will receive a
free Chick-fil-A biscuit certificate
compliments of Ford PTSA.

**Deposit all Box Tops and Labels in the
special collection basket located in your
classroom.**

SPECIAL HINTS:

Check for expiration dates on the Box Tops, if they are expired, they don't count!

Cut off the full UPC label with the Labels for Education point value;

Pop Secret 6 and 10 count bags have 10 point Labels for Education labels;

For a limited time specially marked Goldfish Colors Crackers have 100 point Labels for Education labels!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
Please contact Cindy Kissel,
Committee Chair, at
Kissells@att.net if you have any questions or
would like to help with these programs.

Mustang Minutes

Be sure to wish
the Ford Elementary staff a
“Happy Birthday”.
Here are the October birthdays...

Jack Edwards	Oct 2
Chris Watts	Oct 6
Laura Byrd	Oct 11
Beth Godino	Oct 15
Carla Yancey	Oct 20
Barb Birkbeck	Oct 22
Denise Keasler	Oct 30
Dee Peterson	Oct 30
Rebecca Goodman	Oct 31



Scholastic Book Fair

will be in our school
October 24 - 28.

Below are the times to shop:

Monday, Oct. 24: 7 am - 4 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 25: 7am - 4 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 26: 7 am - 6 pm
Thursday, Oct. 27: 7 am - 4 pm
Friday, Oct. 28: 7 am - Noon



Congratulations!

Isabel Sobrepera
will be representing
Ford Elementary as our school news
reporter for Cobb EMC.
She is a 5th grader in
Mrs. Strickland's class.

MaggieMoo's Night

Ford Elementary MaggieMoo's Night
will be postponed
until further notice.
MaggieMoo's will be closing
temporarily October 8th
due to a family issue.



Ford PTSA BINGO Night

Friday, November 4th
6:30 - 8:00 pm in the cafeteria

Come out and enjoy a night of fun,
food and prizes!

First bingo card is free
for PTSA members,
so remember to bring
your PTSA cards.

All other cards are \$1 each.

Help support the CAN DO food drive!

For every 2 food items you bring, you
will receive a free Bingo card,
(limit 3 free bingo cards).

PTSA members can order meal deals
for \$10, which include a large CiCi's
pizza (please specify cheese or
pepperoni when ordering)
and four drinks.

Meal deals MUST be ordered in
advance (NO EXCEPTIONS)
by Tuesday, November 1st.

Email Kelly D'Amico at
kelly@rottyman.com to reserve yours.

CAN DO food drive will run from
November 4 - 14
through PTSA Community Outreach
Committee.

The next School Council meeting
will be on

October 21st at 7:30 a.m.

To submit your ideas or concerns to
Ford's School Council please send
an email to
fordschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Donations that the Art Room can ALWAYS use:

Old paper to be used for FREE Draw paper

The PLASTIC Gerber baby food container
with lids,

Paper Towels

Fantastik or 409 Cleaner

Gently used (clean) or new kitchen
sponges

Hand Sanitizer

Pencils

Kleenex

Wet Wipes

Glue Sticks

Plastic kid's size cups
(the kind you get at restaurants)

plastic coffee containers with lids
(Folgers brand is great!)

Plastic baskets/ containers of all sizes

As much as we try to keep up with it, our
Art Supply Storage closet ALWAYS needs
straightening/organizing. If you ever find
yourself up at school with a few extra
minutes, you are WELCOME to come in
and work some "magic" in this room.
Just come on in and we'll put you to work!
Jane Swanson

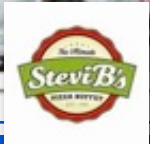
Production Lab Volunteers Needed
Contact Dawn Herdman @
dawn_herdman@yahoo.com



MUSTANG APPLAUSE!



Mustang Applause to everyone who attended Stevie B's Ford Family night on September 29!



Here are a few of the creative pumpkins displayed during Spooktacular...



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