

SUTTON SOURCE

QUICK NEWS & INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SUTTON FAMILY

THE PTA WEEKLY PUBLICATION

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 17th Winter Art Show 6:00pm and Concert 7:00pm
 18th Winter Concert Encore 9:00am
 18th Last Day of School

JANUARY

- 6th First Day Back (Begin Second Semester)
 9th Girls and Boys Basketball vs. Bunche- Home 10:00am
 11th Local School Council meeting 4:15pm
 12th Coffee Talk 9:00 am TUESDAY morning
 12th Report Cards sent home

The Annual Parent vs Teachers Basketball Game

MOM & DAD - CAN YOU PLAY BASKETBALL?

-JANUARY 22ND @ 2PM PARENTS VS FACULTY-

Please come watch, along with the entire student body, the Moms vs. female faculty and Dads vs. male faculty. It is a wonderful event and the admission is FREE! Also, the Mom's team is looking for 4 additional players and the Dad's need 2. Attending a practice is required. If interested please email fbellavia@bellsouth.net soon.

Principal's Corner



Families,

Enjoy your extended winter break! Students return back to school on January 6, 2010. I hope that your winter break finds you surrounded by family and friends, and is a time of rest, relaxation, and some celebration! Whether you are spending time in Atlanta or in another location, I know that you will treasure the time with your child at this particular age of adolescence. These years really are full of wonder, and winter break is the perfect time to reflect with your child on all that he or she has learned since August. I look forward to continuing the journey with you and your child in 2010!

Also, just a reminder to keep all those new electronics at home in 2010! Please do not allow your child to bring expensive items (such as iPods) to school that can very easily be lost. Encourage them to share those items with friends on the weekends or evenings.

Finally, attendance: Please ensure that your child is in school the full day every day possible of the school year. Sutton has an attendance goal and target, and any absence makes it more difficult to reach those goals. Any students with 4 absences or more are very closely monitored. We do understand when a child is ill, so be sure to report it to the attendance hotline at 404-802-5635!

Thanks!!

Audrey Sofianos - Principal, Sutton Middle School

PTA Postings

Thank you to Andrea Radtke and all the Sutton parents who volunteered and made purchases at the Book Fair over the past week. We'd also like to congratulate our boys and girls basketball teams who are both on a roll. Stay tuned for more basketball excitement after the break!

Leigh Ann Livaditis and Beth Ryan
 PTA Co-Presidents
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Sutton Students Involved in Service Work Student to Student Club Middle Schoolers are "M.A.D." (Making a Difference)!



In November, over 60 Student to Student Club ("STS Club") middle schoolers, teacher sponsors, and volunteer leaders packed 47 gift-filled shoe boxes and donated over \$300 for Operation Christmas Child, an outreach of the relief organization Samaritan's Purse. Students were challenged by the story of the Good Samaritan which gives a clear picture of how we should help those in need wherever we find them. The shoe boxes, along with millions of others, are on their way to children living in desperate conditions in over 100 countries. For most of these children, these shoeboxes will be the first Christmas presents they have ever received.

Currently, STS Club students are raising money to sponsor Ms. Buford's special needs class on a field trip to the Children's Museum. The STS Club is selling tags made by Sutton's "exceptional" kids and has raised \$209. The STS Club is for 6th - 8th graders who want to grow together in faith and have fun. They meet every other Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. in the media center for breakfast, games, Christian devotionals and door prizes. For more information contact teacher Kimberly Fleming or parent Andrea Shelton ahheartbound@comcast.net



Labels made by Sutton's PEC students

Holiday Luncheon Highlights



In celebration of the upcoming holidays and so that the staff might have a little more time to enjoy each other's company, the PTA Executive Board sponsored an extended lunch hour last week. This memorable event could not have happened without so many dedicated members of our PTA. A delicious pasta buffet made by Sutton parent and Ansley chef, **Ron Horgan**, had the crowd coming back for seconds. Many thanks to the teacher appreciation volunteers who added numerous salads, bread and desserts. We are still amazed at how quickly so many of you responded and the array of dishes that showed up. You made the buffet extra special!

Desserts: **Jennifer Palmer, Wendy Capper, Jeanne Collins, Bonnie Whitehurst, Angelia Heard, Nancy Rowen, Justina Collins, Pam Alfred, Lisa Perner, & Carolin Binder**

Bread: **Brenda Thomas, Jill Ligon, Strickland Pratt, Renee Bellavia, Sheila Greenbaum, Amanda Keller, Judith Maisonnneuve, Vicki Stern-Brown**

Salad & dressing- **Joanne Leon, Judy Harrison, Ann Battles, Kathy Morris, Susan Cross, AND Lyn Forbes** for the extra large salad.
Jody Stanley and Mr Williams and Mr. Belcher for set up and take down.

A special thanks to the following parents who donated gifts for our holiday luncheon drawings:

Tori Burch Bag: **Ross Family** (Kate)

Cutting Board: **Campbell Family** (Slayton)

Hawks Tickets: **Marin Family** (Nico)

Artificial Christmas Tree: **Tsutsui Family** (Agene)

Via Elisa Pasta Sauce: **Gambino Family** (Sophia)

Big John's Christmas Tree **Livaditis Family** (John)

Hand Towel Set and Mug & Candy Sets: **Cook Family** (Parker)

Candlesticks **HG Robertson Fine Silver/Grant Family** (Carolyn Carr)

Poppy's Garden Basket **Calcagno Family** (Joey)

Pop Rocks Jewelry **Huff Family** (Emily)

Grits Bits: **Justice Family** (Jianna)

Sutton Duffle Bag, Lunch Tote: **John's Alterations/Lieng Family** (John)

And last but not least, Thanks to:

Meredith Kaltman, for planning the schedule and activities for the classrooms.

Evelyn Lambert, Marjorie Saffran-Sullivan, Julie Huff, Angelia Heard, Sheri Calcagno, Leigh Darby, Margaret Long, Nate Juvinall, Stephanie Duncan, Barbara Wiley, Judy Harrison, Shawne Smith and Kim Reid for staying with all the classrooms while the teachers enjoyed an extended lunch period.

Kim McCauley for organizing the Teacher Appreciation Committee gifts and donations

Beth Ryan and Heather Cook, for organizing the event and securing so many fabulous donations

We hope we have included everyone. We appreciate all of our caring and involved parents and teachers. (If you are reading this, we know that you are one!)

Happy Holidays to ALL of our Sutton Family!

The deadline for **Sutton Source** submissions is Monday at 2:00 pm. Please submit your article in full with all important details. All content subject to editing and approval by PTA. Send articles to Suttonsource@gmail.com



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