



Wolf Den News

"Blazing Trails to New Horizons"



August 22, 2014

River Trail Middle School

Community Meetings

- 8/29 Called SGC Meeting @ 7:15 am, CCR
- 9/10 RTMS School Governance Council Meeting @ 7:15 a.m. in CCR
- 9/17 Linda McCain's District 5 Community Mtg. 9:30 a.m. @ Barnwell E.S.

EOC Test Out

The Georgia Department of Education is allowing students the option to "test out" of certain high school courses by taking an End of Course (EOC) Test before enrolling in and taking the course. While a student might successfully test out of one course, it does not mean that he or she will necessarily be successful in the next course, especially if the student missed underpinning concepts. Although there are two designated testing windows for this event, River Trail Middle School will be offering the "test out" option in March of 2015 in order to allow our students time to master the content and skills they are currently learning so that students who choose to participate may be better prepared and more successful in their attempt. Further information will be forthcoming.

Fall Drama Production

Mr. Bragg hopes that you will audition for the fall musical, *Aladdin Jr.* Auditions will be September 8 or 9 from 4-7 pm. Callbacks will be held on September 11 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.! All students are welcome to audition. The auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and a vocal audition. Auditioners should prepare a verse and chorus of a song. It will be expected that each student provide an accompaniment cd. Please make sure accompaniment does NOT have vocalists singing on it. See Mr. Bragg's website for additional information! See you at auditions!

River Trail Middle School Dress Code

Clothing that is revealing such as short mini-skirts, short-shorts, tank tops, loosely fitting, low-cut blouses or halter tops, sheer tops, mesh shirts, or shirts exposing cleavage and/or the midriff are not to be worn to school. Shirts and dresses that are strapless or have only "spaghetti straps" are inappropriate for school. Most "yoga pants" and "pencil skirts" are too tight and/or too short for school. Students who violate the dress code will be asked to call home for an appropriate change of clothes. If a parent is unavailable, the student will not be allowed to return to class but instead will be supervised in the in-school suspension room.

Telephone Use

Students are not to use the office phone for forgotten items. Our policy as stated on page 12 of the student agenda is: **Students are not to use Personal cell phones to call or text during the school day.** Students will not be called from class to talk on the telephone during school hours, nor are they allowed to make outgoing calls, except in the case of extreme emergency. As part of an effort to teach responsibility, students will not be permitted to call home during the school day for forgotten items or to make arrangements for after school.

Upcoming Calendar

- 8/26 Picture Day
- 8/26 Curriculum Night, 6th Grade - 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- 8/27 Curriculum Night, 7th Grade - 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- 8/28 Curriculum Night, 8th Grade - 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- 9/1 Labor Day Holiday – **NO SCHOOL**
- 9/4 Newcomer's Coffee, 9:00 – 10:30 am
- 9/5 Pack-Em-In Jam, 4:15 p.m. – 6:15 pm

Newcomer's Coffee

The RTMS PTA invites parents new to our area to a Newcomer's Coffee on Thursday, September 4th at 9:00 AM in the RTMS Media Center. This is a great opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have regarding the school. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by Monday, Sept. 1st to everettlaura6@gmail.com.

Pack-Em-In Jam 2014

Students, please join us on Friday, September 5th from 4:15 - 6:15 as we kick off the new school year with this back to school bash! This is a super way for 6th, 7th and 8th graders to get to know their classmates, meet friends old and new, listen to music, eat and hang out. There will be music, popcorn, cotton candy, games, prizes and more! Ticket order forms are available by clicking on the link below. Please put ticket order form and payment in the yellow drop box in the atrium. Tickets will also be sold at Curriculum Night and before school on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd and Wednesday, Sept. 3rd. Don't miss out!

Help Wanted

Parents, if you would like to volunteer to assist with this event, please contact Rick Matarrese at rmatarrese@comcast.net.

Click here for Pack-Em-In Ticket Order Form

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbm9yaXZlcnRyYWlscHRhfGd4OjRhMGQ4YWZlNmRkYmE3NmI>

Early Checkout for Students

Please send a note with your child if he/she needs to be checked out of school before the 4:05 p.m. dismissal time. The note must include a telephone number where you can be reached. Your child should bring the note to the office prior to homeroom the morning of the checkout. If for any reason your student does not have a note; please call the front office (770-497-3860) with the dismissal changes. Please assist us by checking out your child prior to 3:45 p.m. All students must be signed out in the logbook in the office. You will be asked to show a photo ID upon checkout. Your cooperation with this procedure is requested as it minimizes interruptions to instruction.

TAG Screening

Parent notification of the Fulton County gifted screening process has been posted on the school website and can be found at <http://www.fultonschools.org/en/divisions/acd/learnteach/Pages/TAG.aspx>.

Academic Bowl Tryouts

The academic bowl team will hold tryouts the week of Aug. 25th in the Media Center. 6th graders will try out on Tues. 8/26, 7th graders Wed. 8/27 and 8th graders Thurs. 8/28. All tryouts will be held immediately after school in the media center. Parent should pick up students in the front of the school at 4:55 pm.

RTMS Jr. Beta Membership

Jr. Beta membership is open to students in 7th and 8th grade who have a 90 average in their 5 academic / core classes (for the 2013-14 school year), only 1s or 2s in conduct, and no time assigned to ISS. Beta members are expected to perform 20 hours of volunteer service over the course of the school year. For more information and an application please visit <http://rtmsjrbeta.weebly.com>. Paperwork and dues should be turned in to Mrs. Hansen during homeroom (D-125) by **Friday, Sept. 5th**. **Incomplete or late applications will be returned.**

If you have any questions, please contact Renee' Hansen (hansenr@fultonschools.org) or Christine Wallace (wallacec@fultonschools.org).

MathCounts Applications

Parents and students we are ready to gear up for an exciting new year of MathCounts. You can pick up an application from the MathCounts bulletin board outside of the Media Center. All applications are due August 27th and must be turned into Ms. Harris (E-112) on the 8th grade hall or Ms. Oakes (room F-120) on the 6th grade hall. Membership is limited and applications are required to be invited to try-outs. Please be sure to apply before the deadline of August 27th.

Bus Notes

Requests to ride different buses will not be considered until after Labor Day to allow the stabilization of regular bus routes.

Intramural/Extramural Information

The River Trail Intramural/Extramural program will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Registration forms are available in the front office and outside the PE locker rooms. There will be a morning program from 7:30-8:15 am, and an after school program from 4:15-5:15 pm. For the fall, 6th graders can participate in morning or afternoon intramurals. 7th and 8th graders can participate in morning or afternoon intramurals, as well as tryout to participate in soccer (extramurals) or tennis (extramurals). The morning and afternoon intramural program will consist of a variety of sports and the scheduled will be updated on the website. Please note: If you are a 7th or 8th grade student wanting to participate in extramural activities, you MUST have a completed registration & proof of insurance form, physical, & transportation form on file with Ms. Lee **BEFORE** you can participate. If you have questions, please email Jennifer Lee at leej1@fultonschools.org.

NOTE: It is mandatory that you attend soccer tryouts if you want to be considered for the soccer team.
It is mandatory that you attend tennis tryouts if you want to be considered for the tennis team.

Intramural/Extramural Schedule

Intramurals and Extramurals will begin Sept 2nd. Mornings 7:30-8:15 a.m.; Afternoons 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Monday

6th, 7th, & 8th Afternoon IM
6th, 7th & 8th Morning IM
7th & 8th Soccer EM
7th & 8th Tennis EM (Girls)

Tuesday

6th, 7th, & 8th Afternoon IM
6th, 7th, & 8th Morning IM
7th & 8th Soccer EM
7th & 8th Tennis EM (Boys)

Wednesday

6th, 7th, & 8th Afternoon IM
6th, 7th, & 8th Morning IM
7th & 8th Soccer EM
7th & 8th Tennis EM (Girls)

Thursday

6th, 7th, & 8th Afternoon IM
6th, 7th, & 8th Morning IM
7th & 8th Soccer EM
7th & 8th Tennis EM (Boys)

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Picture Day is Coming!

Plan on having your picture taken on Tuesday, August 26th. These are the pictures that will be used for the yearbook, so be sure to dress to impress.

Student Volunteers Needed for Tech Team

RTMS Technology Team is looking for student volunteers to help in the mornings. If interested please pick up an application in the media center.

Volunteers Needed for Media Center

Parent volunteers are needed to help with shelving books, preparing for inventory as well as the RTMS book fair. Days and times are flexible. For more information contact Urvi Parikh at urvineel@yahoo.com.

Box Tops Contest

Our first Box Tops contest of the school year starts **Aug. 18th** and runs through **Aug. 29th**. It's time to turn in all of the Box Tops you have been saving over the summer. The student who turns in the most Box Tops wins a \$25 iTunes gift card. The homeroom class that turns in the most Box Tops wins an ice cream party. Just place your Box Tops in a zip lock bag and write your student's name, homeroom teacher name and the number of Box Tops on the outside of the bag. Collection sheets are available on the Box Tops website at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/all-about-boxtops/boxtops-downloads>. Questions? Please contact Lee Jones at leejones@mac.com.

Atlanta Junior Bridge Club

Exercise ALL your muscles! Learn to play the fascinating card game of bridge. We will meet every Tuesday after school in Room F-120. The fun begins September 9th.