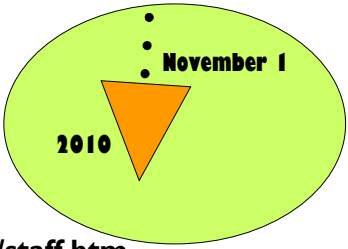


Connections Newsletter



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thanksgiving Holiday	11/24-11/26
Chorus Concert- 6:30 PM	12/9
Band Concert- 6:30 PM	12/14
Orchestra Concert- 6:30 PM	12/15
Winter Break	12/23-1/3/

Fulton County Schools Exploring System Charter

If Fulton becomes a charter system, it will be the first large school system in Georgia to receive this status, which could mean more flexibility in spending, staffing, and innovation in its educational model. It would also mean greater involvement and decision-making authority for parents.

Currently there are six school systems in Georgia that have charter status, the largest of which has around 7,800 students. By comparison, Fulton County has 92,000 students, so three large systems with charter-like models are being studied - Boston Public Schools, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and Clarke County Schools (Las Vegas). These three systems are all showing promising student achievement results due to innovation and flexibility.

Fulton will continue studying charter system status throughout the current school year and will later decide whether to petition the state school board for approval. Seven meetings are set for system employees and parents to learn about the charter process and provide input. The first will be October 18 at Johns Creek High School beginning at 4:30 for Fulton staff and 6:30 p.m. for parents and the community. The entire community engagement schedule is posted at www.fultonschools.org/chartersystem.

Connections Students Traveling on the Road to Good Character



- 6th grade**
John Friericks
Grace Wyner
- 7th grade**
Dalton Moore
Lyricka Holloman
- 8th grade**
Jesse Anderson
Sarah Fernandez



Art Ms. Justis

6th and 7th grade will be focusing on observational drawing.
 8th grade will be focusing on sculpture.



Music Mr. Majeske Orchestra



Mr. Steck Chorus

The 7th/8th Grade Students had a wonderful concert on October 14th.

The Jazz Learning Lab is up and running, and sounding great!

The Percussion Ensemble has been invited to play at the Teacher of the Year Banquet on November 5th!

Encourage your student to practice everyday, and ask them to play for you!

The orchestra sounded great at the fall concert! Orchestra shirts should be here soon, so if you ordered one expect to receive it in the next week or so. Also don't forget if you are going on the orchestra trip the second payment is due this Friday, October 28th.

In chorus, we're working on winter concert music and sight reading 3 and 4-part harmony. We are also working on music theory.



Students are off to a great start in Business and Computer Science. 8th grade began a unit on Careers and Career Pathways. We will study choices after high school and research colleges/universities that offer the students chosen career. 7th and 6th grade will study and explore the following Office programs: Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, and Publisher. All classes will continue to learn the touch type method of keyboarding and be expected to type with hands on home row using correct techniques.

All students have benefited from TREAT Day (Teenagers Reading for an Extended Amount of Time).

Reading Rocks!

Industrial Technology—Mr. Spinks

Math Support

Mrs. Warner

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CNR Math is an 18-weeks support math class. Students are assigned CNR math based on their CRCT scores from the previous school year.

Do Your Very Best Every Day!

We will cover the following skills over the next two weeks:

CNR Math - 6 (fractions, decimals, and percent)

CNR Math - 7 (solving proportions and scale drawings)

CNR Math - 8 (operation {+/-/x/+} with radicals/square roots)

This is a nine-week class in Technology Education. In the Technology Education program students will experience many of the new technologies such as Aerospace, Aerodynamics, Aviation, Computer Animation, Bridge Building, Graphic Arts, Digital-Photography, Digital Audio Production, Computer Aided Drafting, C0-2 Race Car-Research & Design that affects us in our everyday life. The next two week's we will focus on subject matter that allows students to interact with computer applications and hands on activities. We will also cover basic drafting, measurements, and fractions in using a ruler.

Physical Education

Maloney-The best thing you can do for an adult's health is to teach them to be active as a youth. We do just that in Physical Education at Holcomb Bridge Middle School. The unit that is being taught now is Team Handball. The students are learning the rules and skills to be successful at this sport.

White- Physical Education students will be involved in hockey during the first part of 2nd quarter. Students will learn skills, rules and safety to compete in the game of hockey. As the weather gets cooler students are encouraged to bring a jacket and/or sweats.

Morris- Physical Education students will be involved in soccer during the first part of 2nd quarter. Students will learn skills, rules and safety to compete in the game of soccer. Students will have both skill and written tests at the end of the unit. As the weather gets cooler students are encouraged to bring a jacket and/or sweats.

Learning Labs

Don't forget about Learning Labs! Parents, remember that learning labs are a unique opportunity at HBMS, where students have 26 minutes set aside each day to either work on homework, interventions, or enrichment – depending on their lab assignments. We just wrapped up a round of math labs where students had an opportunity to re-take assessments to show mastery of a past skill, and we are starting Language Arts labs for the month of November. In addition, we have enrichment labs such as Band and Student Council, and we are looking forward to adding more as the year goes on. Encourage your child to take advantage of this time each day, coming prepared and ready to focus.

HEALTH

Parker- We will continue with the Mental Health and Safety/First Aid unit. We will finish this unit on Nov. 1 and will test on Nov. 2. The health classes will then begin a Substance Abuse unit. If you would like to contact me, please use my email address.

parkerw1@fultonschools.org. Thanks!!

White- Health students are currently involved in a fitness and nutrition unit. Students will then study safety and substance abuse. Health notebooks will be graded and exams will be given at the completion of each unit.

Morris- Health students will be introduced to the importance of nutrition and fitness. Students will learn about the nutrition requirements of teens, the Food Guide Pyramid and the important nutrients contained in each group, how to make healthy food choices, and the importance and benefits of exercise. Each student is required to keep a Health folder to be turned in for a grade at the end of each unit.