



PAWS ... for Thought



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The PTA Newsletter
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"Principal"ly Speaking

Kyle Giesler and Vicki Stasiak



Dear Garrison Mill Community:

What a wonderful start to the school year! Dr. Stasiak and I compared notes and agree that the first day of school was the smoothest first day ever for both of us. I enjoyed walking into classrooms observing our students listening intently to every word of the teachers. I spent quite a bit of time with the kindergarten students as they went through the cafeteria for their first lunch at Garrison Mill. They walked in with eyes wide open, taking in everything they could. As they left, they walked away feeling like experts on how to eat in the cafeteria. All of our returning students were great role models for our new students. I witnessed students helping each other find their way around the building. My heart was warmed as I walked around the building seeing such acts of kindness.

Garrison Mill continues to be a standard of excellence around the county. Specifically, our students demonstrated great achievement on the Criterion Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) last spring, where 99.2% of students met or exceeded standards in Language Arts/Reading and 96.9% of students met or exceeded standards in Math. These successes are a direct result of top notch instruction in the classrooms, parent support at home, and the students desire to learn. I look forward to a great year at Garrison Mill Elementary.

Kyle Giesler
Principal



Coming to Garrison Mill...



- 8/25 Chick-fil-A Spirit night 5-8pm
- 8/25 Cloud 9 Spirit Week Begins
- 8/26 RFL Baseball Cap Day
- 8/30 QSP Kickoff
- 9/1 Kindergarten/New Families Ice Cream Social 6:30pm
- 9/1 Cloud 9 Spirit Week Ends
- 9/5 Labor Day –NO SCHOOL
- 9/9 Café GM/ Patriotic Day
- 9/12 Reading Night 6-8pm
- 9/12 Foundation Meeting 7pm
- 9/13 Paradise Grille / South of the Border Spirit Night 5-8pm

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"Building a Better World

One Student at a Time!"





Students must be in their classroom at 7:55 AM to avoid being marked tardy.

GM's Summer Habitat Day

Wow - what a great way to start off the year by sprucing up the front of the school! We could not have got it all done without the help from GM families, girl scouts, the cub scouts, Mr. Giesler, and Dr. Vicki Stasiak!

A special thank you to Cub Scout Pack 471, 445, Girl Scout Troop 2855, 10406, and 11416! Pulling weeds and spreading mulch is no match for these scouts! Thank you for taking pride in Garrison Mill and your community. We appreciate it!

If your family couldn't make this one no problem - we have two more Habitat Days to come, one in the Fall and the other in the Spring time. So don't sweat it and save it for the next Habitat! Thanks again for the families that came out to help with this fun, sweat worthy event!



All About Gifted Eligibility

How do you get into Target? What scores are needed to qualify? Exactly what is the process, and when will it take place? The answers to these and other questions regarding the gifted eligibility process will be provided at an informational meeting September 19, 2011, in the GM media center at 7:45 a.m. The presentation should last about 40 minutes and is open to any interested parent.



Looking for a way to help at Garrison Mill. PTA is searching for Volunteers for the Talent Show Chairs. Contact Asana Bowman at AsanaB@bellsouth.net or Melisa White at MelWhite04@live.com for further information about this great opportunity.



Wee Deliver

Here at Garrison Mill Elementary we keep connected with Wee Deliver – an internal school post office staffed by students chosen from the fourth and fifth grades. Wee Deliver will be starting on **September 15th**!

The following exciting positions are currently open for **4th and 5th graders**:

- **POSTMASTER:** Picks up mail and supervises employees
- **FACER:** Cancels stamps and returns letters to sender without stamps
- **NIXIE CLERK:** Checks addresses for proper form and sorts mail into proper bins
- **SORTER:** Sorts mail by street, counts and records letters for each town
- **CARRIER:** Delivers mail

Applications will be given to all 4th and 5th graders and are due from interested students on Monday, August 29th. There will be a box in the front lobby where students can place their applications.

Questions? Contact Kim Ayers at bella@alphastamps.com



Cloud 9 Spirit Week

August 25th-September 1st

Stop in to Cloud 9 and grab some delicious frozen yogurt while helping to support our school!

Be sure to mention Garrison Mill Elementary.

1195 Woodstock Road, Suite 900

Roswell



Join us for Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night!

Thursday, August 25th

from 5-8pm.

1185 Woodstock Rd

Roswell

Come out and show your Greyhound Pride!

2011-2012



YEARBOOK

Get the Early
Bird Special!

**Don't miss out on
GM memories!**

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL \$22

Price is \$25 after November 18



Order Your
Yearbook

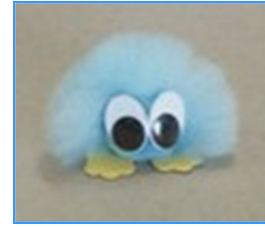
**Don't be left out!
Reserve your copy
TODAY!**

Order forms in school lobby!
Make checks payable to GMPTA.

*Wanted: Photographers
No Experience Necessary!*



Want your child featured in the GM yearbook? Well, dust off that camera and help us capture special GM memories! All parents are encouraged to submit photos of their children and classmates taken during the 2011-2012 school year to the yearbook committee. If you happen to snap a few shots of students during centers, school or classroom programs/performances, or other GM activities/events, please submit them to your designated classroom photographer or email them to *katan-danlee@comcast.net*. Large files may be downloaded to a CD and placed in the PTA mailbox. All photos must be school-related (no birthday party, non-GM extra-curricular activity, or home photos, etc.). Clear digital photos only; no hard copies. Please specify photo subject matter (grade/teacher, event name) with your submission. Got the picture? We hope so! If not, email us your questions. Thank you for helping to make the 2011-2012 yearbook picture perfect!



The Weepuls are coming!

The excitement for this year's main GMPTA fundraiser is building! Students will win great prizes while raising money for GM by selling quality QSP gifts and goodies and Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough!

Please review the catalogs and ordering directions when the packets come home August 30th. Help your student list out friends and family to contact by phone, email or in person. Remind your student to NEVER approach someone they don't know.

QSP features:

- Exciting products including holiday wrapping paper, gifts, candies, etc...
- Great gift ideas to do your holiday shopping early!
- Fun competitions for students and many prizes
- Online ordering

Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough – great to keep on hand in the freezer!

Be sure to ask:

- Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins
- Neighbors
- Friends and coaches at child's sporting events
- Church friends
- Parent's co-work



Watch out for the Weepuls!!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

**GM's FUN RUN and
MOVIE NIGHT**

**Two of GM's Family FUN Nights—
TOGETHER!!**

The FUN RUN will begin at 5:00, followed
by Movie Night, featuring:

RIO!

Concessions will be available



**Join Cub Scout Pack
471!**

August 23rd

6:45 pm

**Garrison Mill
Cafeteria**

**School Night for Scouting/Pack Meeting—
All Scouts and any boys in 1st through 5th
grade that are interested in joining Cub
Scouts please come to our first pack meet-
ing of the year. We will have a break out
meeting for parents to get all the informa-
tion they will need to find out about join-
ing Scouts while the boys will find out
about all the fun activities planned and
have some fun. We have several camping
trips planned, a sleep over at the Georgia
Aquarium, Hobo Dinner, Swim Party, Re-
frigerator Box Races, and the ever popular
Pine Wood Derby planned just to name a
few. Come and be part of an extraordi-
nary group of boys! If you have any ques-
tions please send an email to
lbaraji@earthlink.net.**



Did you know???

Last year G.M. students turned in an average of
40 Box Tops each. That added up to \$2,765 for the
school, buying everything from playground equip-
ment to arts performances to Weekly Readers and
A.R. tests.

Let's aim even higher!!!

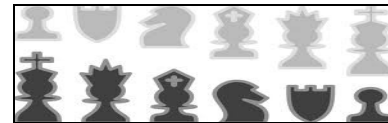
Our collection date for the fall is October 21. We
will have a prize for the class in each grade that
turns in the most Box Tops.

Talk to your families and neighbors about saving
Box Tops for you—what is trash to them can be
treasure for our students.

Right now...

Many of your favorite products have double or
even quadruple Box Tops. And you can register at
clickcallmail.com to win 100,000 bonus Box Tops.

Watch your child's Thursday folder for complete
information. And go to boxtops4education.com for
coupons, recipes and more chances to win bonus
Box Tops.



The Kid Chess "Fun With Chess" Program pro-
vides instruction in chess, from the basics for the
novice player to advanced strategies and tactics for
the veteran player. We invite K-5th graders to
come join us for some brain-boosting fun! Our
classes for the 2011-12 school year will be held
Thursday afternoons, starting September 1st, from
2:25 to 3:25 (1st-5th grade) and 3:30 to 4:30 (K-5th
grade). Please contact the Kid Chess office at 770-
575-5802 for more information and registration, or
visit our website www.kidchess.com.

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COME JOIN US!

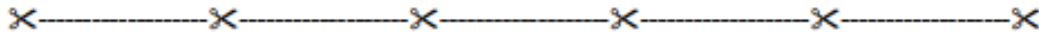
PAW PARENTS WELCOME!

Garrison Mill PAW Parents can show their pride in their kids and our school by joining the PTA. We invite you to join the team of educators, parents and students that makes Garrison Mill such a fantastic school!

Your membership is not only for the Garrison Mill PTA, you also become a member of the Georgia and National PTAs and are granted access to all of the resources of these organizations. Additionally, when you join PTA you can take advantage of exclusive member benefits provided by local, state and national vendors and institutions, some of which include:

- Free GM school calendar (\$5.00 value)
- Free Chick-fil-A sandwich at any East Cobb location
- \$10.00 gift certificate to Aspen's Steaks
- FREE kids haircut at Three 13 Salon
- 10% discount on membership to The Atlanta History Center, Fernbank and the Chattahoochee Nature Center
- 10% off at OfficeMax on school supplies, ink & toner and more with a \$25.00 minimum purchase
- 14% monthly discount with T-Mobile on recurring charges
- Special discounted pricing on SHARP electronics

Fill out the form below, include cash or check made out to "GM PTA" and become PTA PAW Parent today! Your card, calendar and benefit list will be sent home in your child's folder!



Student (s):	Grade:	Teacher:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

_____ (# memberships) X \$5.00 = \$_____

Member Names	Address/City/State/Zip	Phone	Email Address	To be filled in by PTA
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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2011-12 PAWS



Garrison Mill Educational Foundation

www.gmefoundation.org

Welcome Back Students!

The Garrison Mill Educational Foundation (GMEF) would like to welcome all new and returning students to Garrison Mill.

About us:

GMEF was established in 2007 as a non-profit organization that raises money for the purpose of improving our school by providing funding for programs such as technology, science, educational curriculum, and facility improvements.

GMEF Accomplishments:

Funded the creation of a second computer lab for K-2nd, Funded High Touch High Tech classes for K-4th, Expanded After-School Activities, Purchased licenses for First In Math web site offered for 1st-5th, Purchased Brain Pop and Brain Pop Jr. software for K-5th, Upgraded SRI (Scholastic Reading Inventory) in Media Center to accurately measure students' reading level.

Become a Friend of the Foundation:

Tax deductible donations with a chance to win a **Flip Video Camera** are possible by downloading a form on the GMEF webpage at www.gmefoundation.org and mailing in your check payable to GMEF or using your credit card via PayPal.

Visit our website and find us on facebook for additional fundraising events and join us on Sept. 12th at 7pm in the Cafeteria for our general meeting.

 Find us on
Facebook www.facebook.com/GMEFoundation

Racing Together Toward a Brighter Future.



2012 Greyhound Gala LIVE & Silent Auction

www.gmefoundation.org GMGala2012@GMEFoundation.org

Save the Date - February 4, 2012 7 pm – 11 pm
Olde Towne Athletic Club

This Adult Only Event includes carving station, supreme reception buffet, dessert, tea, and cash bar



Last year was our first GALA!

The 2011 Greyhound GALA proceeds allowed us to Fund the creation of a second computer lab for K-2nd, Funded High Touch High Tech classes for K-4th, Expanded After-School Activities, Purchased licenses for First In Math for 1st-5th, Purchased Brain Pop and Brain Pop Jr. software for K-5th

Be a Part of the 2012 GALA Team!

Sign up to volunteer for GALA committees at www.gmefoundation.org Areas include Sponsorship, Live Auction, Silent Auction & Photographer.

Sponsors & Donations

If you have or know of a company that would like to sponsor the GALA, please see our webpage www.gmefoundation.org for information on how to become a sponsor, the sponsorship levels, and the benefits you as a sponsor will receive. If you have or know of an item to donate to the GALA, please find the form on our webpage. Items of interest are vacation homes, beach condos, and community attractions. Contact us if you have any questions.

YOGLI-MOGLI
FROZEN YOGURT 2012 Gala Sponsor
Shallowford & Sandy Plains

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Racing Together Toward a Brighter Future.

Summer Sendoff: Vacation Shirt Day at GM

GM students bid a fond farewell to summer while sporting their favorite vacation shirts and apparel. From Argentina to Hawaii... London to Wisconsin, shirts featured an array of hot spots and cool colors! Though we say goodbye to the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, we say hello to a fun and exciting new school year at Garrison Mill! Welcome back!



We are going **GREEN** with our Lunch Menu. Below you will find the lunch menus for the weeks of Aug. 29-Sep2 and Sept.5-9.

CCSD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU 2011-2012

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Aug. 29-Sept. 2	<p>ENTRÉES</p> <p>Cheese Stuffed Breadstick with Mom's Marinara Sauce</p> <p>Blazing BBQ Pork Sandwich</p> <p>Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad</p> <p>Vegetarian Caesar Salad</p> <p>HOT VEGETABLE S</p> <p>Corn, Good for You Green Beans, or Caesar Side Salad</p> <p>SPECIALTY SIDE</p> <p>Baked Cinnamon Apples</p>	<p>ENTRÉES</p> <p>Baked Breaded Chicken with a Rockin' Roll</p> <p>Super Soup & Sandwich</p> <p>Yummy Yogurt or Peanut Butter Fruit Plate</p> <p>HOT VEGETABLE S</p> <p>Sweet Potato Soufflé/ Sweet Potato Fries, Popeye's Creamed Spinach, or Tossed Green Salad</p> <p>SPECIALTY SIDE</p> <p>Peach or Strawberry Cup</p>	<p>ENTRÉES</p> <p>Fun Fish Sticks with Gooey Mac & Cheese and Cornbread</p> <p>Whole Grain Chicken Corndog w/Baked Chips</p> <p>Chicken Tender Saled with Mighty Multigrain Roll</p> <p>Vegetarian Caesar Salad with Mighty Multigrain Roll</p> <p>HOT VEGETABLE S</p> <p>Collard Greens, Peas & Carrots, or Creamy Coleslaw</p> <p>SPECIALTY SIDE</p> <p>Low-Fat Brownie</p>	<p>ENTRÉES</p> <p>Beef & Cheese or Cheese Tacos</p> <p>Delí Fresh Sandwich with Goldfish Pretzels</p> <p>Chicken and Fruit Saled</p> <p>Vegetarian Fruit Saled</p> <p>HOT VEGETABLE S</p> <p>Seasoned Black Beans, Rockin' Refried Beans, or Diced Tomato with Lettuce</p> <p>SPECIALTY SIDE</p> <p>Juice Bar</p>	<p>ENTRÉES</p> <p>Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza with Breadstick</p> <p>Loaded Baked Potato: Baked Potato with Beef and/or Cheese and Breadstick</p> <p>Tasty Tuna Saled</p> <p>Vegetarian Chef Saled</p> <p>HOT VEGETABLE S</p> <p>Broccoli with Cheese, Glazed Carrots or Cucumbers and Friends</p> <p>SPECIALTY SIDE</p> <p>Fruit Fiesta</p>
Sept. 5-9 (Sept. 5 holiday)	<p>ENTRÉES</p> <p>Saucy Spaghetti with Pork Meatballs and/or Marinara Sauce with Breadstick</p> <p>Golden Chicken Nuggets with Breadstick</p> <p>Grilled Chicken Caesar Saled</p> <p>Vegetarian Caesar Saled</p> <p>HOT VEGETABLE S</p> <p>Corn, Good for You Green Beans, or Caesar Side Saled</p> <p>SPECIALTY SIDE</p> <p>Cinnamon Harvest Bread</p>	<p>ENTRÉES</p> <p>Mexican Quesadilla</p> <p>All American Hamburger or Cheeseburger</p> <p>Yummy Yogurt or Peanut Butter Fruit Plate</p> <p>HOT VEGETABLE S</p> <p>Seasoned Fries, Tater Tots, Peas & Carrots, or Creamy Coleslaw</p> <p>SPECIALTY SIDE</p> <p>Baked Peaches</p>	<p>ENTRÉES</p> <p>Whole Grain Cheesy Garlic Bread with Marinara Sauce</p> <p>Slow Roasted Turkey with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, and Rockin' Roll</p> <p>Tasty Taco Saled</p> <p>Vegetarian Taco Saled</p> <p>HOT VEGETABLE S</p> <p>Baked Breaded Okra, Squash Casserole, or Tossed Green Saled</p> <p>SPECIALTY SIDE</p> <p>Cookie</p>	<p>ENTRÉES</p> <p>Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Chicken Filet Sandwich</p> <p>Loaded Baked Potato: Baked Potato with Beef and/or Cheese and Breadstick</p> <p>Crisp Chef Saled</p> <p>Vegetarian Chef Saled</p> <p>HOT VEGETABLE S</p> <p>Broccoli with Cheese, Baby Carrots, or Sauteed Cabbage</p> <p>SPECIALTY SIDE</p> <p>Juice Bar</p>	<p>ENTRÉES</p> <p>Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza with Breadstick</p> <p>Creamy Ranch or Cool Caesar Turkey Wrap</p> <p>Power Pack</p> <p>Vegetarian Power Pack</p> <p>HOT VEGETABLE S</p> <p>Collard Greens, Baked Beans, or Vегgie Dippers</p> <p>SPECIALTY SIDE</p> <p>Fruit Fiesta</p>

Available Daily: Fresh Fruit , 100% Juice, Variety of Low Fat Milk

Menu options at individual schools may vary depending on product availability

Visit us on the Web for Nutrition and Allergy information and much more!
<http://www.cobbk12.org/centraloffice/foodservices/index.htm>

Make meal payments online using [Mealzav Plus](#). To create an account, you need your student's ID number

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider."