



Johns Creek Elementary

Challenging and Engaging Learning for All
6205 Old Atlanta Road Suwanee, Georgia 30024

Paw Prints

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Dates to Remember

January 24:

Spirit Night @ Black Diamond Grill 4:00-8:00pm

January 27:

- All Pro Dads 7:15am
- 2nd Cup of Coffee 9:30-10:30am
"Help for Struggling Students"
- **B-I-N-G-O Night Fundraiser!**
1st session 5:30-6:30
PTA Meeting 6:30-7:00
2nd session 7:00-8:00

January 28:

Last day to order a yearbook!

February 7:

Internet & Cyber-bullying Safety Presentation 6:30pm
Adults only, please!

February 17:

Professional Development
(Student Holiday)

February 20:

President's Day
No School

February 21:

Inclement weather day #1
No School

February 23:

2nd Cup of Coffee 9:30-10:30am
"Science Topics"

February 24:

PTA Heritage Night 6:00-8:00pm

March 2:

Spring Pictures



Please "like us" on Facebook and "follow us" on Twitter to stay current on JCE Happenings!
<http://www.facebook.com/johnscreekes>

Lunch Menu

<http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/cms/lib3/GA01000373/Centricity/Domain/26/ElementaryMenu-Fall%202011.p.>



Platinum Award

Highest Percentage of Students Meeting and Exceeding Standards

Johns Creek Elementary has received a **Platinum Award** for **highest performance** on state assessments under the Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) for the 2010-2011 school year! We are excited to have achieved this highest honor, **Platinum**, as this criterion is extremely hard to attain. Johns Creek Elementary received a Bronze Award in 2008, a Gold Award in 2009 and a Gold Award in 2010. Thank you for the hard work and dedication shown by our students, teachers, support staff and parents to make such an award possible.

An explanation of the award is outlined below.

Under SSAS, the Governor's Office of Student Achievement awards schools that show excellence in student achievement and/or progress in student achievement. Award-winning schools must meet the following criteria, which are based on the results of the most recent two years of Criterion Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) (grades 3-8 in reading, English/language arts, math, social studies, and science) and/or the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) (grade 11 first time test takers - English/language arts, math, science, and social studies). Criteria are based on Full Academic Year (FAY) students. Both the CRCT and the GHS GT classify achievement in terms of the percent of students who a) do not meet standards, b) meet standards, and c) exceed standards.

[Click here](#) to read about all the Forsyth County Schools that were recognized by the Governor's Office.

High Performance Minimum Requirements

Criteria:	Platinum Schools	Gold Schools	Silver Schools	Bronze Schools
AYP Status	AYP for 3 consecutive years	AYP for 2 consecutive years	AYP for 2 consecutive years	No Needs Improvement status
Exceeds Standards	> 35% of students exceed standards	> 30% of students exceed standards	> 25% of students exceed standards	> 20% of students exceed standards
Meets + Exceeds Gain	98% or more meet and exceed standards	97% or more meet and exceed standards	96% or more meet and exceed standards	95% or more meet and exceed standards

JCE Spelling Bee 2011-2012

On Friday, January 6, Johns Creek held its fifth annual Spelling Bee. There were twenty contestants representing the fourth and fifth grade class rooms. In addition to the contestants, there were classroom winners from the third grade observing the Bee. This year, Cherish D. from Ms. Jones' 5th grade class will be representing Johns Creek at the County-Wide Spelling Bee on **Saturday, Jan. 21 and if needed Saturday Jan. 28. The Bee will be held at North Forsyth High School's Performing Arts Building; makeup location if necessary will be at Lambert HS. The Bee will begin promptly at 10:00 am (students should be there no later than 9:30am).** Claire G. from Ms. Smith's 5th grade class was the runner-up. Congratulations to Cherish and Claire for a job well done, as well as all of the classroom winners from the third-fifth grades.



Reflections

Congratulations to our students who won at the county level Reflections Competition and have now moved onto the state level.

Visual Arts :

2nd grade - (2nd place): A. Huh
3rd grade - (1st place): S. Valluri
4th grade - (1st place): H. Lee
5th grade - (2nd place): C. Park

Photography

2nd grade - (2nd place): I. Wilson
5th grade - (2nd place): M. Meriam

Literature

1st grade - (1st place): A. Shakthy
4th grade - (2nd place): V. Su

Music Composition

3rd grade - (1st place): R. Gullapalli

Dance Choreography

3rd grade - (1st place): E. Shakthy

Spirit Night

Tuesday, January 24th from 4:00-8:00pm at the Black Diamond Grill. Black Diamond Grill will donate 10% to our school. We thank all families & staff for supporting our community as well as our school.



The Publix Partners program continues to be a successful partnership between Publix and its local schools. Thank you for showing your JCE Publix Card each time you shop. JCE received \$380.85 during the 4th quarter ending the 2011 year with a total of \$1278.64. These funds are used to purchase additional resources just from you showing your cards when you shop! If you do not have a Publix Partners card or would like additional cards for family and friends, they are available at the front receptionist desk.

Thank you....

to The Fountain, United Methodist Church, for providing a delicious breakfast for the staff on our recent Professional Learning Day!


Internet & Cyber-bullying Safety Presentation

Adults Only - February 7th 6:30pm

Click link for more information:

Presentation for Parents on Internet and Cyber-bullying safety



You have the opportunity to help! **Change 4 Georgia**
 **February** is the month to show our troops the **LOVE!**

The Program's Purpose is to donate needed and wanted supplies to our Georgia troops. These are items that are not provided or readily available for our soldiers! These items can add comfort and will fit in the soldiers' backpacks. We will have boxes set up by the front doors and at the bottom of the main stairway to collect these donated items. We will collect items for the month of February.

If you wish to participate, we are asking for the following grade levels to donate the following items:

Kindergarten - Dried Fruits and Nuts
First graders - Cups O Soup
Second graders - Nutter Butter Cookies or Moon Pies
Third graders - Peanut Butter
Fourth graders – Pull top/pop top cans of food
Fifth graders - Beef Jerky

Thank you 4 your support of our Georgia Soldiers!!



PTA

When: Friday, January 27, 2012

Time: We will have two BINGO sessions: Come to one or stay for both!

- 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm 1st Session
- 6:30 pm-7:00 pm PTA meeting
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm 2nd Session
- Location: JCE Cafeteria
- Hosted by: JCE PTA

We are asking everyone to bring lots of PENNIES to mark your numbers on your BINGO cards. We will have lots of prizes and interesting call games utilizing the pennies – so bring lots of them! Once we have completed all the BINGO games, you can take your pennies home with you or we will have a "Penny Bank" available for donation to charity. All pennies collected will be donated.

Don't forget to bring your JCE PTA membership card(s) as we will have a BUY One GET One FREE food Item available. Great FUN, Great FOOD, Great PRIZES! NEW this year, we will also have a 50/50 Raffle. The more Raffle tickets sold, the larger the WIN! We will also have the Spirit Wear Booth Open and the 5th Grade Special Raffle Tickets will also be available to purchase.

Please use the pre- form to order your PIZZA and BINGO CARDS for the JCE BINGO NIGHT FUNDRAISER. **Please submit back to your child's teacher no later than Monday, Jan 23. We will have concessions available the night of the event, but there are savings by pre-ordering.** Click on the link to pre-order your pizza & BINGO cards [PIZZA BINGO CARD PRE-ORDER.pdf](#)

YEARBOOK ORDER DEADLINE JANUARY 28th !!!

Click link for additional information..[Yearbook Order Form.pdf](#)

The Science Lab is growing!

We have received new inventory and need hands to assist with assembling a couple of items. If you are interested, you can create your own schedule for either of these tasks.

1. There are two lab systems that need to be assembled. These require a little elbow grease and a couple of simple tools that we should have here. ** Please check with me first so I can confirm the lab schedule so we aren't conflicting with a class.

and

2. We also need photocopies made of two teacher resource books. This is an easy and quiet task that can be done in one of the copy rooms over a few days time. These will then need to be combined with our new trade books in zippered bags.

Please continue to use the volunteerspot website below to schedule weekly cart set up, housekeeping, and shopping.

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/342345634416616010>

Thanks for your continued dedication and support to the JCE PTA Science Lab!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Round-up/Registration will take place at JCE on:

March 28, 2012 - 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

March 29, 2012 - 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

If you are unable to attend Kindergarten Round-up on the above dates, you may contact the Registration Center for an appointment **ON or AFTER April 20, 2012.**

Click on link for all registration information: [Registration Information](#)



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