



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

April 27:

Inclement weather day #3

No School

April 30:

Class placement letters due

May 2:

Field Day 4th & 5th

8:00am

May 3:

Field Day 2nd & 3rd

8:00am

May 4:

Field Day K & 1st

8:00am

- 2nd Cup Coffee

9:30a.m.

*Successful Academic
Summer Strategies*

May 8:

PTA Mtg. 6:30pm & 5th grade

student/teacher volleyball

game

May 25:

Last day of school

The automated system in the school cafeteria will not allow further meal charges to student accounts after **May 4, 2012**. Students without funds will be offered a courtesy meal of sandwich and milk.

We **will** continue accepting cash, check or you may still use MyLunchMoney.com until the last day of school, May 25th.



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and "follow us" on Twitter
to stay current on JCE Happenings!

<http://www.facebook.com/johnscreekes>

Did you know that JCE PTA has a
Facebook page?

"LIKE" us to get the latest news and
happenings!

<http://www.facebook.com/jcepta>

Dear Parents,

Now that spring is among us, we naturally think of new beginnings and reflect back on all the happenings and events we achieved throughout the school year. We are so proud and privileged to share with you some of the highlights of our accomplishments. Please see the list below.

JCE 2011-2012 Accomplishments

- 2011 Platinum State Accountability Award for Highest Performance from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement. JCE was one of 28 schools in Georgia to receive this honor (out of over 2,200 schools)
- 2011 CRCT Top 10% in State (top 10% in state in all areas, top 10 in several areas.)
- JCE donated over 300 items to keep fellow Forsyth families cozy and warm this winter with our Annual Tree of Warmth. Items donated included hats, gloves, scarves, socks & undergarments.
- JCE Families Supported the Girls on the Run Pet Project. We donated estimated 75-100 blankets, bowls, leashes, treats and other miscellaneous pet items to *Pets to Be*. *Pets to Be* is a dog rescue organization dedicated to aiding abused and neglected dogs.
- JCE Robotics team: We had 9 students participate on the JCE Robotics Team. These students competed in the Forsyth First Lego League Qualifier run with Forsyth Alliance.
- JCE Chorus: approx. 125 students from 4th and 5th involved in Chorus for the 11-12 school year.
- JCE Night @ Gladiators: The chorus performed the American National Anthem at the February 4, 2012 game and raised \$1480.50 for their ticket sales efforts. The funds raised will be used to purchase four new electric guitars and other classroom supplies.
- The Place of Forsyth: Donation over 8 large boxes filled with turkey gravy for The Place of Forsyth County during the Thanksgiving season.

- Greeting from Georgia Postcards/Poppy Donations:
We sent 1300 postcards to every, out of country, Georgia soldier. We collected \$500 and received a matching contribution from our Partner in Education Cardinal Glass for \$500, for a total of \$1000 to Poppy Program for the VFW. We also collected \$106 for the USO Georgia.
- Veteran's Day: We had over 250 guests celebrate Veteran's Day with JCE. We had approximately 30 Veterans including 3 WWII Veterans and a WWII General.
- Northside Hospital Celebration of Lights: Collected \$64 to support Northside Hospitals Celebration of Lights event.
- 3rd Annual Heritage Night was a huge success. Our families learned more about the heritage of classmates, friends and neighbors. It was an amazing evening and we had over 500 attendees this year!
- Safari Leader Program: We have 54 fourth and fifth grade students who participated in our Safari Leader program. These students work weekly offering peer tutor support in reading or math to students in grades K-2 in need of additional support.
- We have 12 adult mentors who support JCE students
- Held eight--2nd Cup Coffee Parent Workshops on topics varying from the upcoming Common Core, Internet Resources, to how to help your child at home support reading and math and many more.....
- 1, 2,3 Magic Book Study/Lunch and Learn for our parents, provided by JCE counselors
- Reflections:
 - School Level Reflections Competition: 83 entries received
 - County PTA Level Reflections Competition (1st & 2nd place JCE category winners): 35 JCE entries advanced to county competition.
 - State PTA Level Reflections Competition: 10 JCE entries advanced to state competition
 - National PTA Level Reflections Competition: 1 JCE entry advancing to the National PTA level
- Change for Georgia: organized by Remington Youngblood/JCE 5th grader, our student's collected over 200 supplies for Georgia Troops in the month of February.
- Honoring our Heroes Essay Contest:
We entered 10 students, 5 of which were honored at the county celebration.

We hope you enjoy the long weekend with your families and friends.

Kindest Regards,

Alyssa & Barb

Class Placement Letters

Student placement request letters are due **Monday, April 30th**. You may send a letter to JCE attention Alyssa Degliumberto or via email to: adegliumberto@forsyth.k12.ga.us.



We would like you to know...your child(ren) is currently doing activities in Connections/Guidance with the counselors to introduce and give him/her an opportunity to explore careers. Look for a "take home" paper your child will be bringing home. Also, please ask about the activity they did and what they learned!

Researchers say grit is key to school success

What do spelling champions and West Point cadets have in common? It's a quality known as grit--the ability to stick with something even when it's hard. These days, researchers say grit is important. People who persist when a task gets challenging are most likely to be successful. To build grit:

- Teach your child to focus on how good it will feel to finish a tough task. "You did your homework. Now you can relax and enjoy yourself."
- Emphasize starting. People with grit don't put off unpleasant tasks. So help your child develop the habit of getting started. "You work on homework and I'll clean these drawers. Let's see what we can finish in 15 minutes."
- Stress effort versus ability. Tell your child that success requires dedication and effort as much or more than intelligence.

CASA of Forsyth - Light of Hope 2012 Award Nomination

JCE counselor, Onalee Flynn, nominated for the honorable CASA of Forsyth Light of Hope Award.

Congratulations, Onalee!! <http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceID=9081&ViewID=047E6BE3-6D87-4138424-D8E4E9ED6C2A&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=48183&PageID=23524>

Serenity Creations Project

JCE supports The Serenity Creations Project, a locally created project (co-founders family is one of our own). The following is from their web page. **"In the U.S. we have more than we know what to do with. We throw away things that people in poor countries would fight to have. Children in those very countries don't get gifts regularly...or ever. That's what we want to address. We provide a simple gift of hope. A statement to let these children know that some one out there does care about them and that there is good in the world."** Visit <http://www.serenitycreationsproject.com> to learn more and view photos of recent deliveries. 5013C status has been applied for.

Serenity Creations Project Volunteers provide gifts of clothing, flip flops and blankets. Sewers and non-sewers alike repurpose new and gently used T-shirts into dresses, create blankets, decorate flip flops and more. Please consider donating fabric (any amount can be used), boys and girls new and gently used t shirts, infant to size 12, any size new flip flops and ribbon. Donations accepted April 30th through May 11th at Johns Creek Elementary.

JCE Reflections Update!

Johns Creek Elementary is proud to announce that one of our students will be advancing to the National PTA level of judging for Reflections! In order to advance to the national level, the art piece must be judged 1st place in their grade level AND judged 1st place in their division. Only 24 art pieces can advance from Georgia. The winners for the National PTA level will be announced in June.

Our school winner to help represent our state of GA is:

Visual Arts: Hannah Lee - 1st place, 4th grade and Intermediate Division

We would also like to congratulate the following students for placing in their category - way to go!

Visual Arts: Brandon Koh - 2nd place, 5th grade & Christopher Park - 3rd place, 5th grade

Thank you for participating in Reflections this year! We have very talented students!

School Nutrition

Thank you to Andrea Perkins, Acting Director--Food and Nutrition Services for Forsyth County Schools, and Ellen LaChat, JCE Cafeteria Manager, for presenting at our 2nd Cup Coffee parent session on Friday March 30th. It was a wonderful presentation and so informative. Forsyth County Schools has really worked hard to ensure our students are eating foods that not only taste good, but are healthy for them. Click on **School Nutrition Elem.pdf** to view the presentation she shared with our families in attendance.

Chess Tournament

Click on link for complete details [Kid Chess SP12 Tournament Forsyth.pdf](#)

Got Books!

WANTED! USED BOOKS! Johns Creek Elementary School is having a used book sale. Please donate adult and children's books. Drop off at the front desk of Johns Creek Elementary by May 4. Feel free to shop as well to stock up on summer reading on May 8 & 9.



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 \$340.68 from January through March 2012 and has earned through the inception \$6427.89. 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.

All Sports Summer Camp @ JCE

Coming to JCES this summer...**Collegiate Prep Sports Academy** and their *All Sports Camps*.

This is an all inclusive interactive curriculum designed to get every student actively involved in becoming a valued member of a team while having FUN! Students will be participating in indoor as well as outdoor activities throughout each day while trying to earn team as well as individual cumulative points which are tallied at the end of each week for prizes.

Activities include:

- * Kickball
- * Soccer
- * Capture the Flag
- * Relay races
- * Shipwreck
- * Pacman
- * Tennis Ball
- * Handball
- * Scavenger Hunt
- * Relievo
- * Water Balloon Toss
- * Tuck Sez
- * Sharks and Minnows
- * Four Square
- * Ultimate Frisbee
- ...and more
- * Hangman
- * Checkers
- * Tic Tac Toe
- * Chess
- * Art Contest
- * Talent Contest
- * NYC Stickball

All of this for an hourly rate of just \$5.57 per hour!!! If you are interested in your child developing life skills, becoming a valued team player, being exposed to learning opportunities and motivational lessons, as well as having a great time, then this is the camp for you. For more information visit www.collegiateprep.com and select the *All Sports Camp* page. For any further questions, email admin@collegiateprep.com. Have a great summer, and we look forward to facilitating your child to the next level!

Coach Bert Tucker

Collegiate Prep Basketball Academy

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Sawnee Woman's Club

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