

# Settles Bridge Banner

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## Upcoming events:

### JANUARY

- 9 All Pro Dads Meeting  
6:45AM
- 19 MLK, Jr. Day  
(No School)
- 22 Spirit Night @ Zaxby's  
5PM – 8PM
- 23 Principal Chat  
8AM – 9AM  
SBE Cafeteria
- 30 Honoring Our Heroes  
Essay Submissions Due

### FEBRUARY

- 3 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Musical
- 7 Father & Daughter Dance
- 13 All Pro Dads Meeting  
6:45AM
- 13 Valentine's Day Carnation  
Sale (PTA sponsored)
- 16 Professional  
Development/Student  
Holiday (No School)
- 19 Internet Safety Seminar  
6PM – 7:30PM @ SBE
- 27 Bingo Night & PTA  
General Meeting 5:45PM
- 27 Spring Book Fair Begins

## Principal's Message

Happy New Year! It's hard to imagine that we are already half way through this school year! Our first semester was a roaring success, and I am looking forward to even greater happenings this semester.



As we begin this new calendar year, I wanted to share several things that we have planned. First, there will be a new state assessment this year called the Georgia Milestones Assessment. Our teachers have been reviewing the training documents and helping to prepare our students for the changes in test format from the CRCT. I will be hosting a Principal Chat on Friday, January 23 at 8:00 AM in the cafeteria to share these changes with parents. I encourage you to join us, especially if you have a child in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grades who will be taking this assessment in April. In the meantime, you can review information about the Georgia Milestones from the Georgia Department of Education website by clicking [here](#). On that site is an informational video, as well as the Content Weights and Assessment Guides for each grade level. This is information I will review at the meeting.

On February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, we will have one of the Forsyth County deputies speaking with parents about Internet Safety. As a parent of 5<sup>th</sup> graders, I am concerned about the dangers they can encounter, especially as they are getting older, and I want to ensure I have set up appropriate safeguards at home and on their devices. Deputy Campbell will provide great suggestions for us. I hope to see you there!

I also want to encourage you to complete a survey from the state regarding our school climate. The results from this survey will be used to calculate our School Climate Star Rating as part of the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) – our new accountability measure. If you have not already done so, please click [here](#) to give your feedback. The survey contains 24 questions and will be open until February 27, 2015.

I wish you a happy and healthy 2015! Thank you for entrusting your children to us. As always, we strive to provide them the best education possible, and your support is vital to their success.

Respectfully,  
*Lee Anne Rice*  
Principal

**IMPORTANT!!**

**NEW** system for  
Kindergarten Registration!!

## Kindergarten Registration for 2015-2016 school year!

**March 2 – 6, 2015 at the Hill Center  
(not at the school!)**

Kindergarten Roundup for the 2015-2016 school year will now take place at the Hill Center, **not at the school**. Forsyth County Schools has scheduled a specific week for each school in the county whereby parents of that designated school are to register their child/children for Kindergarten.

Settles Bridge Elementary Kindergarten registration is March 2 – 6, 2015. Early morning and evening appointments will be available to accommodate various parent schedules. If you have any questions, please refer to Forsyth County School's Kindergarten Roundup webpage at: <http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/KKroundup>

Information regarding this new system for Kindergarten registration will be communicated via flyers and emails sent home. Information will also be posted on the Settles Bridge Elementary website and Facebook page. If you know neighbors who will be registering their children for Kindergarten, please be sure to share this information with them. Thank you!



## Principal Chat

**January 23, 2015  
8:00AM – 9:00AM  
SBE Cafeteria**

Join us for an overview of the Georgia Milestones Assessment, which is replacing the CRCT. We will discuss changes to the state assessments and answer questions you may have regarding these changes.

We look forward to seeing you!

### Attention Parents!

Mark your calendar and attend  
“Internet Safety at Home”

*Parents/Guardians/Adults Only*

*Presented by*

**Deputy A.G. Campbell**

Forsyth County School Resource Officer

At

**Settles Bridge Elementary School**

**February 19th, 2015**

**06:00 - 07:30 PM**

#### Topics Addressed:

- Basic Internet Safety
- Cell Phone Safety
- Online Predators
- Cyberbullying
- E-mail, IM & Chat Rooms
- Gaming
- Inappropriate Content
- Revealing too much Information
- Sexting
- Social Networking  
-and Substance Abuse
- Apps to Watch Out For  
-Apps that hide apps and  
other content



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# Spotlight on our Stars



On Friday morning, January 9<sup>th</sup>, a school-wide Spelling Bee took place in the SBE Media Center for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Classroom Spelling Bee winners and runners-up! The Spelling Bee was broadcast to the entire school so all students could watch these amazing Stars showcase their spelling abilities!

## Congratulations

# Nimish K.

SBE Spelling Bee Winner



Nimish will now represent Settles Bridge Elementary at the County Spelling Bee on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at South Forsyth High School. Good luck, Nimish!

### Congratulations to all of the 2014-2015 Spelling Bee participants:

Avvai C.  
Bella S.  
Bennett M.  
Bentley P.  
Case D.  
Caroline C.  
Caron L.  
Ford J.  
Hari M.  
Julian V.  
Kaity M.

Katie W.  
Katriina F.  
Lindsay S.  
Nathan H.  
Nimish K.  
Paul K.  
Peyton T.  
Prajwal S.  
Pranav K.  
Rhiannon M.

Ritvik G.  
Ryan D.  
Ryan M.  
Samarth S.  
Samhitha Y.  
Sanjana S.  
Sarah S.  
Sreyas K.  
Sumedh C.  
Vinayak M.



# Spotlight on our Stars

## Congratulations!!



**Fenton Kimbrel**  
(4th grade)

and

**Vignesh Minjur**  
(4th grade)

for their performance at the **Kid Chess Elementary Open** on November 22, 2014 at Brookwood Elementary. They both earned Plus Score trophies in the 3rd-5th Grade division, which had 114 players.

**Excellent job, chess players!**

For more information about chess at SBE, visit [www.kidchess.com](http://www.kidchess.com) or call 770.575.5802.



## Congratulations to our Forsyth County PTA Reflections Winners!

*2014-2015 Reflections Theme: The World Would be a Better Place If...*

The following SBE students placed 1st and 2nd place at the Forsyth County competition and their entries will now go to the State Reflections competition! Good luck to all of these SBE Stars!

- Eliana Moore (3rd grade) -- Film Production -- 2nd place
- Anish Maddineni (5th grade) -- Musical Composition -- 2nd place
- Colby Langley (5th grade) -- Photography -- 1st place
- Archis Kajale (2nd grade) -- Visual Arts -- 1st place
- Eunice Kim (1st grade) -- Visual Arts -- 2nd place
- Henry Kim (3rd grade) -- Visual Arts -- 2nd place
- Isabella Potts (4th grade) -- Visual Arts -- 2nd place
- Jay Hyun (2nd grade) -- Literature -- 1st place
- Manasvi Gupta (3rd grade) -- Literature -- 2nd place



**Application due on or before  
Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

(Turn in to either Mrs. Savage, STEM teacher,  
or Mrs. Weaver, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.)

If you are a 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grader who is fascinated with science and how things work, then consider applying for the SBE Science Olympiad Team! Teammates work together to master science concepts through experiments, research, and design!

Dates you must be available for team meetings are January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:40PM – 3:40PM. If selected to join the Science Olympiad Team, parents will be notified no later than Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, via email to the address provided on the application.

[Science Olympiad Application](#)

## Calling ALL Soccer Players!



Lambert High School's soccer program cordially invites you to participate in our 4<sup>th</sup> annual 3 v 3 Shootout Tournament on

**Saturday, January 24, 2015!**

Not only will there be fun competitive soccer, but NEW THIS YEAR is the addition of the Winter Cup Carnival including: inflatables and games; Street Gamz video game truck; great fan food from Johnny's Pizza, award winning Scott Boys BBQ, hot beverages by Starbucks, and carnival treats by the Popcorn Lady; a large heated tent area for dining and staying warm between games, select vendors for your shopping pleasure, and raffle baskets! Please go to [www.lambertsoccer.com](http://www.lambertsoccer.com) and click on "3v3" to register today!

save THE DATE!



**March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6PM-8PM**

Do you want to make quick sand or lava? Are you interested in experimenting with gummy bears or bubbles? These are just a few of the awesome centers that you will be able to choose from at Science Night!

**Registration Form and additional information will be coming home the week of February 9, 2015.**

Don't miss out on all the fun! See you there!

## Teacher of the Month

### James Pennington - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

We are excited to honor Mr. James Pennington as our Teacher of the Month. Mr. Pennington has taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Settles Bridge since 2007 and was recognized by several parents in his class for his consistent communication, academic preparation, and caring attitude. As one parent stated, "He pushes the kids to be better and really cares about each and every child in his class." Mr. Pennington has high standards for his students' work and behavior, and they rise to his expectations through his guidance and support. We are glad he is a Settles Bridge Star!



## Staff Member of the Month

### Martha Wright - Para-Pro



The Staff Member of the Month is Mrs. Martha Wright. Mrs. Wright serves as a paraprofessional in our Special Education department and has been at Settles Bridge since 2011. She works in many classrooms ensuring that all students have the support and encouragement they need. When she was presented with this award in one of her classes, the students roared with applause and shared things about Mrs. Wright that make her special: "She is nice and helps everyone in the class." "She has a caring heart." "She makes sure we understand what to do." Mrs. Wright's colleagues recognized her positive attitude, service to others, and dedication to our school. Her smiles and funny stories brighten all of our days!