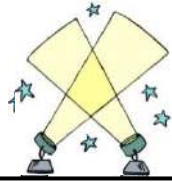


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G The Golden Bears Parent Corner

A LEGACY TO KEEP...AN IMAGE TO UPHOLD

New Year, New School New Parent Center, New YOU



The 2015 school year is well under way! We are excited about the move into the new facility and to be back home at Golden Bear land. The train of educating our scholars and preparing them for college and career is on the move. The next step is getting our parents involved and we want you to get on board!



You are invited to stop by to get engaged and involved; you are more than welcomed. The Parent Center, room 1218, is open **Monday – Friday from 10:00am – 2:00pm**. The Parent Center offers a number of resources: computers, books, pamphlets, Title I information, PTSA information, The School-Parent Compact and The Parental Involvement Policy and your Parent Liaison, Ms. M. Parkmon.

Sylvan is seeking parent volunteers and members for our **P.A.W.S** (Parents Actively Working in Sylvan) Parent Groups to help make Sylvan Hills the best environment for our scholars. Speak with Ms. Parkmon to sign up! Welcome Back parents – let's do the work!

Sylvan Hills Parent Center

1461 Sylvan Hills Rd., SW
Atlanta, GA 30310
Room 1218

Mon. – Fri. - 10:00am-2:00pm

Marleeshia Parkmon, Parent Liaison
(4040 – 802 – 6236)





WE HAVE
 THE TEACHER, THE STUDENT
 &
 THE ASSOCIATION!

WHAT'S MISSING?

Let's Put the **P** Back in
P...T...S...A

Sign up NOW to join the PTSA!

Sylvan Hills Middle School
 Parental Involvement Calendar ~ October 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 School Uniform Drive	2	3
				PAULINE BIRTHDAY		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				15	16 School-Parent Compact Party	17
11	12 FALL BREAK	13 STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Wellness Wednesday Parent Portal 12:00 noon	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Parent Night Connections & Social Studies Night 5:30pm	30 Adrianna FALCÓN Food Drive ENDS!	31

Parent of the Month



Each month we acknowledge our parents, grandparents, and guardians who dedicate time to benefit the community of Sylvan Hills.

September 13, 2015 was National Grandparents Day. It is befitting to honor one of our hard working grandparents who has been helpful to SHMS Our Parent of the Month is Mr. Robert Whitehead.

Mr. Whitehead has participated in 3 of the parent workshops/meetings held by the Parent Center. He has assisted our Media Specialist in the Media Center. If your Sylvan scholar is a car rider or walks to school, Mr. Whitehead can be seen every morning at 8:30am opening the car doors. He greets everyone that enters the school and wears his best accessory, his smile!

Thank you Mr. Whitehead for all you do!
YOU ARE AWESOME!

School-Parent Compacts & Policy/Plan AVAILABLE NOW!

Find the 2015-2016 School Parent Compact & Policy on the school website, social media pages, Main Office and Parent Center

SPORTS



More than Football... a Brotherhood

After a pair of lost seasons, the **Atlanta Falcons** are off to a 2-0 start. This success could be because Dan Quinn, head coach, has created a high-energy, love-'em-up, bromance culture in Atlanta. The result is a Falcons team that has opened the season in style, beating the Eagles and Giants.

Hopefully this bromance gives the Falcons another win on Sunday as they take on the Dallas Cowboys at 1:00pm.

-Jeffrie Chadiha

The Golden Bears Star Parent Program



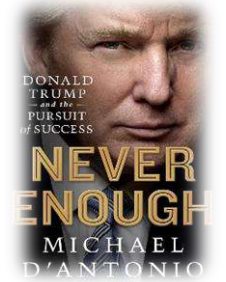
Become a Golden Bear Star Parent by involving yourself in your child's school life. Each time you complete an activity, come by the Parent Center or attend an event, you receive points. Once you have received the required points in each category, you will be a Golden Bear Star Parent!

Visit the Parent Center for more details.

LOCALWORLD NEWS

The Real Donald Trump Can the billionaire really go to the top?

The outspoken bold billionaire has already shaken up the 2016 presidential race. Donald Trump, a child of New York who inherited a real-estate business and turned it into an empire. He's living the life of a modern-day Gatsby and is only too happy to tell you all about it. But can Trump win his next challenge, being the leader of the free world?



Can Donald Trump Win the Presidential Election?

Many people believe he can. Although many people believe he is too insulting, there are citizens who appreciate when someone is consistent in that way. As a public, they accept it. His insults are almost viewed as part of the game.

But when did the election become a game? When American citizens are still faced with hardships and are struggling to make ends meet, deciding the next president of The United States is not a game. Do you believe Trump will win? The choice is up to you. Make sure you are registered to vote and tune in to keep up with the latest political news.

-Written by Tim Smart

Embrace the Fine Arts!

Did you know Sylvan Hills has a fabulous fine arts department? Your son or daughter has the opportunity to learn skills in Visual Arts, Dance, Instrumental Music and Choral Music instruction. All of the fine arts are offered during school and after school.



Even though some deadlines may have passed, if you feel your son/daughter has a natural talent and gift for one or more of these programs you may e-mail the instructors to find out what is being offered and how your scholar can begin benefiting from the specific art of interest.

Dance

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Choral Music

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the GOLDEN Glow

Each month, The Parent Corner shines some Golden Glow on scholars, administrators and staff members who are shining bright in the halls of Sylvan Hills Middle School! This month:

We would like to recognize our **Morning Broadcast Team** for during an excellent job! Special kudos to **Mr. J. Lee** and **Mrs. Mi. Jackson** for doing a great job with our scholars.

Be sure to tune in to our morning broadcast:
<http://www.esenetworks.com/page.aspx?id=14434&page-id=16131>

Kudos to **Shadonna Marhsall** for a job well done. Shadonna, we notice your effort to stay Sylvan Ready and we commend you for being a leader and making a positive change.

We also recognize **Mrs. J. Thurman** for her support of Sylvan. Thank you for going above and beyond to be an asset. We appreciate you.



Sylvan at a Glance October 2015 Calendar

October 1

Atlanta FalCAN Food Drive

October 1, 2015

Khakis for Kids Uniform Drive

October 3-31, 2015

Football

Schedule can be found on school's website

October 8-13, 2015

Fall Break

Principal's Corner

I couldn't decide if I wanted to be a police officer, a teacher, a lawyer, a counselor, a manager, a doctor, a comedian, detective or a lion tamer. I solved the problem and became all of them, I became a principal. My job is never easy, my day is never done and the task is always great, no matter how small. As the Principal of Sylvan Hills Middle School, it is a privilege and honor to serve you for the 2015-2016 school year. I am truly enthusiastic about meeting each new parent/guardian and seeing those familiar faces from last year. I know that this school year will prove to be rewarding for each and every scholar at Sylvan Hills Middle School.

The staff and I are working to achieve our shared goal of helping your scholars achieve his/her potential in a setting that is respectful, motivating, and challenging. I encourage you to work with Ms. Parkmon as she creates opportunities to unite us as a cohesive Sylvan Hills family. We remain committed to providing a school experience that teaches the whole child, academically, socially, and emotionally. Remember parents, we cannot fulfil this commitment without you. I look forward to working with you and seeing you actively participating in our school.

Mr. A. Portee, M.S.

~Principal



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