



Venetian Hills Elementary School

November /December 2012

Linking the School, Home, and

Community

A Message from our Principal

Wow! Time flies when you are having fun! We are approaching the close of our first semester. There have been great strides made here at Venetian. Our school-wide goals are:

- 1) To increase the use of technology
- 2) Tap more talented students
- 3) Increase student life activities

I am happy to report that we are seeing results in each area. We have a new computer lab in the Media Center. Teachers are utilizing immediate response devices in class and Web 2.0 tools. Additionally, students on the 4th and 5th grade halls are utilizing iPads daily. Our gifted population has doubled, and we are actively working as a school to identify more students. Lastly, we just elected our student officers for the year and will be beginning our Mr. and Miss Venetian Hills Pageant. I am so honored to be a part of this dynamic school and community. Thank you for all you do to support the school. I look forward to seeing you around Venetian.

Stellar Student



Kiara Fincher

Kiara is an 11 year old in Ms. Hall's 5th grade classroom. She has demonstrated tremendous leadership skills over the past few months. Kiara is a hard worker and doesn't mind helping others to succeed. Hats off to Kiara for a job well done!

Upcoming Events

December

- 3rd – 7th - Inclusive Schools Week
- 4th – One Academic Fair
- 7th - Principal's Roundtable (9:00 a.m.)
- 11th - **PTA Meeting is Canceled**
- 13th - Strong4Life Celebration (10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)
- 18th - Winter Program (6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
- Dec. 20th – Jan. 6th - Winter Break (No School)

National Parental Involvement Day



National Parental Involvement Day is an annual event for parents to get involved in their child(ren)'s education. Over 100 parents came out to support our school on Thursday, November 15, 2012. Parents volunteered in classrooms, assisted with art projects, met with Farmer D Organic Farmers to rejuvenate the school garden, got tips on assisting students over the Thanksgiving Break in reading and writing and discussed bullying. At the close of the event, parents recited the official National Parental Involvement Day Pledge and received a commemorative National Parental Involvement Day certificate. Thank you, Mrs. Paxton for coordinating a successful event!



Thank you, Parents!



Student Council Election



**We Voted !!!
Yes We Did !!!**



Students participated in a Venetian Hills version of the November 2012 Presidential Election. The students running for Student Council studied our President of the United States, Barack Obama, and his challenger, Mitt Romney, and learned the political process of qualifying, campaigning, and public speaking. Over 300 students voted using Activotes and the results showed that it was a very close race. The Student Council Committee gives a big shout out to Mr. Raheem for his hard work on making sure students had a seamless voting experience using the Activotes. Our officers for the 2012-2013 school year are:

- Mohamed Diallo – President**
- Sekou Savane – Vice President**
- Jasmine Dowell – Secretary**
- Janard Mabry – Treasurer**
- Maysa White – Historian**

We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Counselor's Corner

Greetings Venetian Hills Hornets,

Bullying will not be allowed in the Atlanta Public Schools (APS) System. Each student received a Student Handbook at the beginning of the school year which states the APS anti-bullying policy. Please be aware of the actions below which are considered to be a form of bullying.

Bullying is when a person is picked on over and over again by an individual or group with more power, either in terms of physical strength or social standing.

Two of the main reasons people are bullied are because of appearance and social status. Bullies pick on the people they think don't fit in, maybe because of how they look or how they act (for example: kids who are shy and withdrawn). Here at Venetian Hills we know that bullying will not be tolerated and that there is no place for hate!

Students of the Month (Nov.)

PRE-K KINDERGARTEN

ZaNiya Burnside

KINDERGARTEN

Marcus Daniels

Varshard Williams

Aden Wright

1st GRADE

Destiny Bell

Omar Manneh

De'amara O'Connor

2nd GRADE

Shavolic Trice

Danaiya Boyd

Deshante Dennis

3rd GRADE

Ke'Asia Chandler

Evelyn Navarrete

Jakiah Delapierre

4th GRADE

Samantha Mathis

Jabari Segal

D'Andre Young

5th GRADE

Fatamata Tunkara

Sekou Savane

Johnna Johnson

YOU ROCK !!!

"Reminders"

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA meets every second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Dues: \$6.00 per family

Support Your School and Join the PTA !!!

School Uniforms

Monday - Thursday

BOYS: Hunter Green or White shirt, Khaki pants

GIRLS: Hunter Green or White shirt/blouse, Khaki pants, skirt or jumper

Friday

School Spirit Day
School t-shirt and

Student Journalist



Mohamed Diallo

This year our school will have the best because I will try my hardest to help take our school to the next level. We all have to be on our best behavior and do our part everyday to take our school above and beyond!

Fellow students,

I thank you so much for electing me as your Student Council President. As president, I will do what I stated in my campaign speech such as trying to get new playground equipment and raffling tickets to

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