



# SMOKE SIGNALS

HOME OF THE JC BOOTH WARRIORS

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

*The Mission of the J.C. Booth Middle School community is to encourage and support student achievement as we strive for excellence.*



Dear parents of Booth students,

Once again I'd like to express my appreciation for the support and involvement of our parents, especially our PTO, who have been so very helpful. I'd also like to thank our many activity/athletic booster club members and our community for everything they do to support our teachers and students. If you aren't involved in one of these groups, I strongly encourage you to help us in any way you can in our efforts to make our good school a **GREAT** one!

There are a couple of innovations we have initiated in the past month that you should be aware of. First, we have opened up an outside "recess" area adjacent to the cafeteria for students to relax, socialize and play after they finish lunch. In order to keep the burden off of our teachers, the three administrators are supervising the students. We are getting great feedback from the teachers, students, and their parents on this service. Second, we have opened up the cafeteria in the mornings before school for quiet study and reading. We had noticed that students were trying to read and do school work in the gym in the morning. With the socializing and basketball games going on, it isn't a great study environment. We have moved one of our duty teachers to the cafeteria and anyone can enter the cafeteria by the exterior doors and take advantage of this quiet study hall. So far we have had a great response to this. Over 70 students were there just the other day.

The latest School Report Card from the Governor's Office of Accountability has been published. Use this link to access it: [06-07 REPORT CARD](#). We are proud of our student's achievements, and are working as a team to identify those areas that need improvement. According to one source Booth is ranked in the top 9% of all middle schools in Georgia.

At our first meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup> the **School Council** elected **Cathy Nelms** as the council chairperson. They also elected two parent-business partners to join the council; **Chip Phillips** was elected to a one year term and **Donna Pruner** was elected to a two year term. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2008, at 5:00 PM in the conference room.

Congratulations got to **Dr. Mary Ann Browning** (ESOL) and **Ms. Victoria Perez** (Art). Each received a \$1,500 grant from the Coweta-Fayette EMC for projects involving their students. We are looking for to see the results of the hard work of their students.



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We had a very successful quarterly “**Chat with the Principal**” on September 27<sup>th</sup>, at which we had a guest speaker on the new math curriculum. The next “Chat” is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, during which we will have a high school counselor discuss the new high school graduation rules which will affect our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you have a topic that you would like to hear about, please let me know.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at: 770-631-3240 or [Lombard.ted@fcboe.org](mailto:Lombard.ted@fcboe.org). I'm looking forward to working with each of you to have each of our students achieve success in every area.

Ted Lombard, principal

## **Introducing our Assistant Principal... Jennifer Couch!**

Prior to becoming an assistant principal at J.C. Booth Middle School, Jennifer taught a total of fifteen years at the elementary, middle, and high school levels in Ohio, Florida, and Georgia. Her Fayette County teaching experience includes Peeples Elementary, Starr's Mill High School, and most recently, Kedron Elementary; where she taught fifth grade math for five years.

Ms. Couch earned a bachelor's degree from Kent State University, a master's degree from the Ohio State University, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at Georgia State University. Jennifer is a National Board Certified Teacher, a 2004 Fayette County Teacher of the Year, and a 2004 National Milken Educator.

Ms. Couch and her husband, Dave, have a first grade daughter who attends Kedron Elementary School. The entire family enjoys living in Peachtree City, playing soccer, cheering on the Ohio State Buckeyes, and traveling together.



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## THE PTO BOARD

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DATE	EVENT
<b>November 2007</b>	
11/12	PTO Meeting 12:30-1:30 pm
11/12	Spirit Night @ Mellow Mushroom
11/20	Spirit Night @ Moes
11/21 - 23	Thanksgiving Holiday
<b>December 2007</b>	
12/7	Band Performance @Troy State University
12/10	Spirit Night @Mellow Mushroom
12/10	PTO Meeting 12:30 – 1:30
12/14	Winter Dance 4:00 – 6:00
12/18	Spirit Night @ Moes
12/21 – 1/2	No School

## PTO NEWS:

The school year is off to a great start. Thank you to all the parents who have supported the PTO and volunteered at Booth. The pizza and cookie dough sale went well. We earned about \$2000. We are working to put this money and more to good use and get it back into the classrooms as quickly as possible.

As everyone probably knows, JC Booth was the #1 earning school in the Kroger Earning Plus Learning Campaign. We earned \$13,864 with 478 cards linked to Booth. As of right now, we only have 317 cards linked. If you haven't already done so, please link your card and encourage your friends, families and neighbors to do so.



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## ACADEMIC RECOGNITION:

The academic recognition committee recently held a breakfast for students on the high honor roll and honor roll for the spring of 2007 semester. The committee will also recognize students as they reach the half way point of their 25 book goal, the fall semester honor roll and the end of the year 25 book celebration.

## CLINIC & CLASSROOM SUPPLIES NEEDED:

As the cold season begins, the clinic is running a little low on supplies. There is a real need for healthy snacks, small cans of 7-up/Sprite, hand sanitizer, alcohol, peroxide, cough drops, feminine products, and gently used girls clothing. Please consider helping out with these items. All of our students benefit from a well stocked clinic.

Help us keep our classrooms clean. Homeroom teachers received Kleenex, paper towels and hand sanitizer, thanks to generous donations by students' parents. But, Booth has many Connection and specialty teachers that do not have homerooms. If you would be willing to provide these items for teachers, feel free to send them in directly to a teacher, or into the office, where distribution will be coordinated by the PTO. Thank you for helping us fight germs!

## BAND:

The Symphonic Band is performing at Sound of the South. A "Preview" is scheduled on Nov 15th at the MHS Auditorium.

<http://www.soundofthesouth.org/SEUS/seus/msindex.html>

Our band is performing at the Southeastern United State Band Clinic at Troy State University in Troy, AL on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

## WINTER DANCE:

The PTO sponsored winter dance will be held December 14th from 4-6 p.m. The theme is "Winter Wonderland." Admission is \$3. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ronda Sullivan at [Ronda.L.Sullivan@delta.com](mailto:Ronda.L.Sullivan@delta.com)

## SPORTS PAGE

Please visit the [Warrior Booster Club website](#) for team sports information.



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## SPIRIT NIGHTS:

### **Booth PTO Restaurant Spirit Nights**

New restaurants and nights for this school year: Mellow Mushroom will be the second Monday and Moe's will be the third Tuesday monthly. Both restaurants will accept their Scrip (purchased through PTO) and will credit us for takeout meals, if you're in a hurry. All you have to do is tell your server or the cashier that you are there for Booth Night. So, if you are going to be eating out anyway, please include Spirit Night in your plans! Mark your calendar for Mellow Mushroom on Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 10, Apr 14, and May 12 Moe's on Nov 20, Dec 18, Jan 15, Mar 18 Apr 15 and May 20.

For comments or suggestions about Spirit Nights, please contact Lynne Lasher, 770-703-7290.

## **EASY MONEY**

Once you have linked to the **Kroger Earning Plus Learning Campaign** (see PTO News), there are other easy ways in which you can help J.C. Booth raise funds.

## **PUBLIX COMMITMENT CARD**

Obtain a Publix keychain-style card labeled for J.C. Booth at Open House (and during the school year at the front office). Remember to scan the card at check-out to contribute to the school.

## **TARGET CREDIT CARD \*\*HOT\*\***

Planning to use the new Target? If you already have a Target Visa credit card, or apply for one, you can "link" it to J.C. Booth by phone or online at Target's website at [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) and all your purchases will automatically contribute to the school. Forms will be available at Open House and during the school year at the front office.

## **SCRIP**

Purchase SCRIP gift certificates for use at hundreds of local and national retailers! All retailers contribute a percentage of your SCRIP purchases to Booth. Forms are available at Open House (and during the school year at the front office) and at [www.jcbooth.org](http://www.jcbooth.org).



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## **USED CELL PHONES & PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES**

Have cell phones or empty ink cartridges that you'd like to donate? Please drop them by the front office in the designated bin. This provides significant \$\$ to our school. Also, if you know of a business that would like to support this cause, please get in touch with the PTO - - we can arrange for regular pick-up if needed.

## **LUNCHROOM POPCORN SALES**

Every Friday, popcorn is sold in the cafeteria for 25¢. The students love it and it is an easy low cost fundraiser for the school.