



# Charging Times

Mabry Middle School  
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November 10, 2011

## Brown Family Tribute

On October 29, in conjunction with Mabry Clean-up Day, Mabry Middle School hosted a small ceremony to honor the John and Rosemary Brown Family Foundation. This organization has made very generous annual contributions to the Mabry PTSA for all years of enrollment of one of the Brown grandchildren at Mabry. On October 29, Mabry had a chance to say thank you by planting a White Oak tree in their honor.

John and Rosemary Brown were present at the ceremony along with daughter Sarah Beth Brown and grandson Johnny Maroun. Mr. Connelly thanked the family for their generosity and talked about the significance of the White Oak, also called a Charter Oak. This tree could live for 500 years! He

set a lovely plaque by the tree and read a thank-you letter on behalf of Ms. Heflin, highlighting the use of the funds for achieving school goals of excellence and engagement. Jaya Ramamurthy, PTSA co-president, thanked the Foundation on behalf of Mabry PTSA and presented the couple with a pair of candlesticks to thank them for helping to light the way. Sarah Beth Brown was also awarded the honorary GA PTA Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by Beth Anderson, for her commitment and personal generosity to the school. Mark Rowley, the president of Junior Trojan Youth Lacrosse, thanked the Mabry community and the foundation for the use of the field in their activities and for supporting youth sports in the community.

Sarah Beth Brown expressed her appreciation by relaying her parents' sentiment that it was one of the most special recognitions they have ever attended! Her quote sums it up, "Generosity is planting trees under whose shade you not expect to sit." Her words fit the occasion perfectly!

## Calendar

Nov. 14	Yogli Mogli Spirit Night
Nov. 15	PTSA EB & BOD Meeting
Nov. 15	Symphonic Band Rehearsal, 4:30-6:15pm
Nov. 21-25	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
Nov. 29	Symphonic Band Pre-SEUS Concert, 7:00pm
Nov. 30	Progress Reports
Dec. 1-2	Symphonic Band Troy
Dec. 6	7-2 Concert, Band Winter Concert, Jazz Band Concert, 7:00pm
Dec. 8	6th Grade Band Concert, 7:00pm
Dec. 15	Orchestra Winter Concert, 7:00pm



## Progress Reports

Student progress reports will be sent home on November 30. Take time to discuss your child's progress during this time and set goals for the remainder of the grading period.

## Food for Thought... News from the Mabry Café

With the goal of decreasing student and staff wait time while maintaining a focus on healthy choices, Mabry Café Food and Nutrition Services is launching a healthy vending machine. This refrigerated unit will provide an assortment of healthy food options for students and staff to use during their breakfast and lunch period. Students and staff are able to use their school meal account to purchase a variety of garden-fresh salads and cool subs that are made on site daily. Students and staff can also purchase fresh fruit, such as apples and pears, 100% fruit juice and low-fat milk. In addition, students can use the vending machine to manage their lunch accounts.



## Partners in Education Spotlight: Quiznos' Subs

We would like to announce a new Partner in Education who just joined us this month. Quiznos' Subs on Sandy Plains and Piedmont, owned and operated by Ralph Cerulli, will be helping to recognize our Teacher and Classified Employee of the Year by providing free boxed lunches twice a month for the year. They will also provide other teacher and student recognition coupons along with special discounts for teacher lunch boxes. Ten percent of all sales return to Mabry to help support our programs.



## Important Band Dates



November 15: Symphonic Band Rehearsal from 4:30-6:15 p.m. Bring your concert attire to school. Program pictures will be taken.

November 29: Symphonic Band Pre-SEUS Concert at 7:00 p.m. Bring uniforms to school. After school rehearsal till concert. Pizza provided. Bring a drink or money for a soda/water.

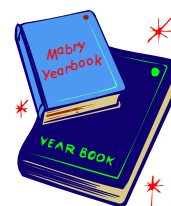
December 1-2: Symphonic Band Troy

December 6: 7-2 Concert/Band Winter Concert/Jazz Band Concert at 7:00 p.m. Students report at 6:00 p.m. dressed in concert attire.

December 8: 6th Grade Band Winter Concert at 7:00 p.m. Students report at 6:00 p.m. dressed in black pants, black socks, black dress shoes and the Mabry Band T-shirt.

## Yearbooks on Sale

Don't miss out on special memories! Yearbooks are still for sale, but now the price is \$30. To order, make your check payable to Mabry Middle School and include your child's name and homeroom teacher on the check. Students should place the money in a white money envelope labeled "Yearbook" in the grade-level money deposit box. Don't wait any longer... reserve your copy today!



## Diversity

As we wrap up our celebration of the Diwali and Muslim cultures, we next explore the rich and diverse American Indian heritage. Be sure to check out the media center for books on Native Americans. Here is a sneak peak at what's to come in the coming months.

November 15-30	American Indian
November 30 - December 15	Winter Celebrations
January 15 - February 15	Black History
February 15 - March 15	Women's History
March 15 - April 15	Jewish
April 15 - May 15	Asian Pacific

## PTSA Membership Has Its Privileges

Don't forget to take advantage of the many benefits PTSA members can receive. **PTA**<sup>®</sup> *everychild.onevoice.*<sup>®</sup> Just show your card!

**Domino's Pizza** – Buy a large pizza, get a medium 1 topping free.

**Papa Johns** – Buy one large or extra large pizza and get a free side item.

**CiCi's Pizza** – Purchase a buffet, get a free drink.

**Subway** (Lassiter HS location) – Buy a 6" sandwich and a drink, get a 6" sub for 99¢.

**G C BBQ** – Receive a free banana pudding with the purchase of a BBQ plate.

**Boneheads** – Buy 2 entrees and 2 drinks, get a free appetizer.

**Chocolate Jewels** - Get 10% off your purchase.

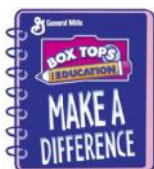
**Cheeseburger Bobby's** (Town Center) – Get a single hamburger, fries, and medium drink for \$6.

**E-Nopi** – Receive a free diagnostic evaluation of math/reading/writing.

**Three 13 Salon** – Get 13% off services; 1 free kids cut per child per year.

If you haven't used your \$10 **Aspens** coupon, use it soon because it expires November 30. The **Chick-fil-A** and **Sports Clips** coupons expire December 31. Discounts are also available through the National PTA at **Hertz**, **T-Mobile**, **Office Max**, **Met-life**, and **Sharp Electronics**.

## Box Tops Challenge Is a Success!



Thanks for helping to make the Box Top collection a huge success! Our top individual winners were Daniel Mahoney (1st place with 392 box tops), Madison Hustedt (2nd place with 276), and Ben

Wimmer (3rd place with 250). The homeroom winners were Ms. Shaw (3581 box tops), Ms. Larkin (2776), and Ms. Pennisi (1884). Our goal was to raise 10% more than last year (or \$794), and we went way over that! This year's grand total was more than 9000 box tops, many of those collected from teachers and unmarked baggies, which will bring over \$900 to benefit the school this year! Way to go! Thanks to Laine Liss for spearheading this effort and to all those who volunteered to cut, count, and bundle. We couldn't have done it without you!

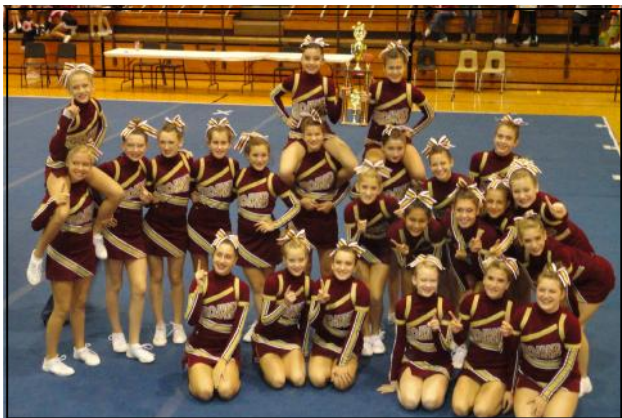
## Chip Rogers Speaks at Mabry

State Senate Majority Leader Chip Rogers spoke to 8th grade students on Friday, October 21 about the jobs and responsibilities of being a Georgia Senator or House of Representatives member. Mr. Rogers' discussion was informative, as well as interactive. He had students in the audience roll play the process by which a bill becomes a law. Students were able to see that not only is this a lengthy process, but a difficult one because the law has to work around the needs of everyone. The students really enjoyed his presentation. Special thanks go to Senator Rogers for enlightening us and to Ms. Suggs for arranging the presentation.



## Three Cheers for the Lassiter Junior Competition Cheer Squad!

Hip-hip-hooray for the Lassiter Junior Trojan Competition Cheer Squad, who won first place at the Halloween Bulldog Classic in Macon on Saturday, October 29. Way to go!



### Get Your Publix Partner Card!

Be sure to pick up your Publix Partner card at the Welcome Desk. Just show your card each time you check out at Publix, and a portion of your grocery total will be returned to Mabry to support programs for our kids. Thanks for your support!



### Help make great things happen for our school

**Our school has joined the My Coke Rewards for Schools program.** That means by drinking the Coca-Cola products your family already enjoys, you can get My Coke Rewards points and donate them to help our school.

Your donations will go towards rewards like sports equipment that will help our students learn, play and have fun.

#### It's easy to donate:

- 1 Purchase your favorite Coca-Cola products to get codes (they're on hundreds of different packages, in a variety of sizes and flavors).
- 2 Go to [mycokerewards.com/school](http://mycokerewards.com/school) & sign in (register if you aren't a member).
- 3 Enter your codes to collect points - then search for our school to donate points.
- 4 Enter the amount of points you'd like to give, then click "Donate".

#### Check out

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for more information and start turning My Coke Rewards points into rewards for our school.



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## Stock up at the School Store

Forget your pencil, notebook paper, or something else? Don't get a mark-out or lose a bill because you aren't prepared for class! Stop by the Mabry School store Monday through Friday, 8:45-9:10 a.m. for your school supply needs. We also have spirit wear, directories, and so much more!



Thank you to our students for helping to keep Mabry looking beautiful!



## Scholastic Saturdays

Texas Roadhouse Restaurant  
Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
2475 Barrett Creek Parkway

Texas Roadhouse will donate 15% of your total bill to Mabry! Simply fill out a quick form naming the school of your choice!



## Honor Roll Breakfast

The first quarter Honor Roll Breakfast receptions were held on Thursday, November 3. The Honor Roll Breakfast recognizes students who receive more A's than B's and no unsatisfactory conduct grades on their report card. There were 618 Honor Roll students for this quarter: 215 students in 6th grade, 219 students in 7th grade, and 184 students in 8th grade. Mr. Connelly and Mr. Banks were present to rally the students and congratulate them on their outstanding academic achievement. Way to go students on a job well done! Many thanks go to Audrey Donahue, Amy Hutchinson and their team of volunteers for making the breakfast so special. If you would like to assist with this event, please contact Audrey Donahue at [donahue4@bellsouth.net](mailto:donahue4@bellsouth.net) or Amy Hutchinson at [amyehutchinson@bellsouth.net](mailto:amyehutchinson@bellsouth.net).



# Red Ribbon Week at Mabry

On October 24-28, Mabry celebrated Red Ribbon Week, the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program reaching millions of Americans. Mabry students reaffirmed their pledge to be drug free by wearing a red ribbon on Monday, their favorite sports team shirt on Tuesday, a shirt or jacket turned inside out on Thursday, and red clothing on Friday.



## Clean-up Day at Mabry

Hard work yields beautiful results! Thank you to all parents, students, Lacrosse players, coaches, and teachers who came to Clean-up Day. An estimated 80 participants raked, planted, trimmed, and put down pine straw to help keep our campus looking neat. Red tulips were planted as the final activity for Red Ribbon Week, signifying a promise that will be fulfilled in the spring when they bloom. Special thanks go to Ms. Davis and Ms. Skinner for overseeing the habitat day.



## Crazy Hair and Hat Day

Mabry students hammed it up on Crazy Hair and Hat Day by donning their zaniest hats and wackiest hairstyles.



## Mabry Chorus Performance

On October 27, the Mabry Chorus gave a lovely performance at the Sandy Plains Baptist Church under the direction of Mabry's choral director, Ms. Stepp. The Mabry chorus was accompanied on piano by Dr. Jana Williams, Walton High School Choral Director.



## Preventing Underage Drinking

Cobb Alcohol Taskforce is presenting a seminar on preventing underage drinking.

Alcohol, the #1 drug choice among children and adolescents, is used by youth 10 times more than all illegal drugs combined. It contributes to the top three causes of death for young people under age 21 each year.



Please attend local PTA's and the Cobb Alcohol Taskforce Partner to Arm Cobb County Parents with Tools for Preventing Underage Drinking on Wednesday, November 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Cobb Central Library, 266 Roswell Street in Marietta. Three local experts will facilitate open dialogue and share evidence-based methods and resources that PTA's can use to help parents. **Registration has been extended to November 14.** Register online at [www.cobbat.org](http://www.cobbat.org); link is on right side of home page.

## PTA Member Day at the HIGH

Enjoy a day out with your family while exposing your students to the wonderful world of art. Join us at the HIGH Museum of Art on Sunday, November 13, for half-price admission for all PTA members. Remember to bring your PTA cards for this special price. After viewing the galleries, be sure to participate in the family workshop on sculptures being offered from 1:00-4:00 p.m., free with museum admission.

## CCYP Presents *The Pajama Game!*

Curtain Call Youth Players (CCYP) is kicking off its 2011-2012 season in pajamas with the rousing musical, *The Pajama Game*, starring 30 talented young actors! Based on the novel *7 1/2 Cents* by Richard Bissell, the story revolves around labor troubles in a pajama factory, where the workers' demands for a 7½-cent raise have gone unmet. Of course, there is a love story! When a romance blossoms between the tough-as-nails head of the grievance committee, Babe Williams, played by CCYP vet Melanie Sheahan, and the new factory superintendent, Sid Sorokin, played by Lassiter High School senior Joey Simon, things get really sticky. Students from East Cobb middle and high schools are in the cast. For tickets visit [www.ccyj.org](http://www.ccyj.org). *The Pajama Game* will be presented at The Art Place, Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road. Performances are Thursday and Friday, November 10-11 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 online (plus fees) at [www.ccyj.org](http://www.ccyj.org) or \$14 at the door.

## YMCA Middle School Nights

Middle school students can enjoy a night out of the house with their friends at the YMCA! Come participate in our dodgeball tournament, shoot hoops with your friends, and/or just hang out. The entire community is welcome. Join us at the Northeast Cobb YMCA at 3010 Johnson Ferry Road in Marietta on Saturdays, 7:00-10:00 p.m. on November 19 and December 10. Admission is \$5/person for Y-members and \$10/person for non-members.

