

CHARGING TIMES

MABRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCTOBER 15, 2010

REFLECTIONS

Reflections is a National PTA Cultural Arts Contest. This year's theme is: "***Together We Can...***" There were six categories for students to submit work that captures the theme, "Together We Can..." The categories were as follows:

Literature

Visual Arts

Musical Composition

Dance/Choreography

Photography

Film/Video Production

Students submitted a number of entries by October 11. Our winners will be announced soon. Thank you to **Carol Swan for serving as the Mabry PTSA Reflections Chairperson this year!** Any questions, contact her at johncarolswan@bellsouth.net

Stitchery for Students



Mabry students are giving back to the community by crafting items to give to teens undergoing chemotherapy. Blankets and hats are gifts to be created. Materials for knitting and crocheting will be needed to make this learning opportunity happen. Please donate yarns and needles to this phenomenal cause. In advance, thank you for your donations and for making this dream come true for teens in our area.

If you are interested in making any of these items to donate to cancer patients, please send them to me at school. Feel free to contact **Ilene Abrams** at Ilene.abrams@cobbk12.org.

HELLO MABRY HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

We had a **Bus Driver's Breakfast** on September 28th. The celebration was a big hit with the drivers - they were truly touched by the generosity of the parents and greatly appreciated it. We also enjoyed meeting our new students at our **Newcomer's Breakfast** in August, as well as the **Sixth Grade Coffee** in September. Thank you to all who supported these events!

From your Hospitality Committee Co-Chairs,

Hania Whitfield

Amy Earnest

Julie Johnston

REFRIGERATOR NEEDED

The Connections Department is in need of a new refrigerator. If you have a gently used refrigerator that you are interested in donating, please contact **Chris Doemel** at chris.doemel@cobbk12.org.

HEALTH TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

Congratulations, **Barb Spannagel**, for being named Cobb County Health Teacher of the Year for 2010-11!



Welcome to Mabry!



The Mabry PTSA, Counselors, and Administration enjoyed meeting our new 7th and 8th grade students and their parents at our Newcomer Breakfast on August 25. Thank you, Julie Johnston and Amy Ernest for organizing the refreshments for us.



Mabry Fun Run

Mabry Middle School is looking into organizing a Fun Run in late April. If you would like to be involved in helping to plan this event, come to our first meeting on October 27 at 9:30 or send your name to mabrypts@live.com.

Community Events

East Cobb Church of Christ is presenting a series of informational seminars free of charge to members of our community this school year. **Dr. Ray Hawkins** will be presenting these informative, humorous, and straightforward sessions on Sundays from 2-4. Go to www.eastcobbcoc.org for more information.

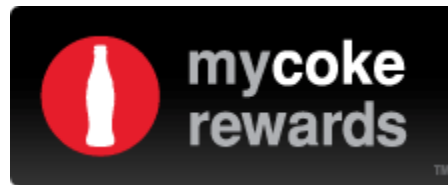
Oct 24th

An Overview of Impulse Control Disorders and ADHD

Nov 21st

Childhood Ups and Downs - An Overview of Child Depression and Anxiety

My Coke Rewards



Support Mabry Middle School by donating **My Coke Rewards** points to our school. Just register at www.mycokerewards.com/schools, enter your points from bottle caps and fridge pack packaging, and then donate to our school. It's an easy way to help our students.

Notes From the Mabry Café

Welcome **Melanie Bochert**, Mabry's new cafeteria manager. We are glad to have you here.

You can pre-pay for lunches by going to www.mealpayplus.com or by sending in cash or a check. Cash should be sent in a sealed envelope with your child's first and last name and homeroom teacher. When paying by check, make checks payable to **Mabry Café**, and write your child's name and homeroom teacher on the check. Students may charge up to \$3.50 on their account if they arrive at school without money.

If you have questions about the **Free and Reduced Lunch Program**, please call **770-590-4531** or go to www.mealapps.cobbk12.org

JUNIOR TROJAN FOOTBALL



Come support our Junior Trojan football players and cheerleaders! Home games are held at the "**Frank**" at Lassiter High School.

October 16th at *Lassiter vs. Roswell* **Cheerleaders will be collecting canned goods for MUST Ministries all day Saturday**
9:00am 6th grade; 11:00am 7th grade; 1:00pm 8th grade

October 23rd at *Northview vs. Lassiter*
3:00pm 6th grade; 5:00pm 7th grade; 7:00pm 8th grade

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**FREE Informational
Workshop at Ridgeview
Institute**

The Georgia PTA State Youth Service Chair is Pat Giuliani. Each year Pat organizes four free educational workshops held at Ridgeview Institute for parents, caregivers, school counselors and interested individuals who are working to raise children in a healthy environment.

There are monthly workshops on various issues involving teen issues. If you would like to attend any of these workshops, please check Ridgeview's website or contact Pat Giuliani
GA PTA Youth Service chair
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STAY INFORMED

Log on to the Georgia PTA website, www.georgiapta.org, go to "Issues & Action" and then click on "Capitol Watch" for more information. With over \$100 million in cuts to the Cobb County FY 11 budget and more cuts expected for FY 12, every parent and teacher needs to be informed!

**Donate Candy for Our Troops
Nov 1-5**

MABRY YEARBOOKS



Just a reminder for all students that the Mabry Yearbook is on sale all year long (unless we sell out), but the cost will increase the longer you wait to order.

- Until Christmas break the cost is \$25.00
- January, the price increases to \$30.00
- May 1, the price increases to \$35.00

Yearbooks occasionally sell out before the end of the school year, and so far, we have sold 600 plus yearbooks, so don't wait!

To order your yearbook, pay by cash or check in a white money envelope, and drop it in any black metal box located on each grade level wing entrance mounted on the wall above the water fountain.

Another black box is located in front of the school outside the guidance counselor's suite.

INTRAMURALS



Check out Mabry's

Intramurals at

<http://mabrymsblog.typepad.com/intramurals/>

Students must be dropped off at the back gym doors between 8:00-8:15 am and cannot attend any other school programs that same morning, such as; band, orchestra, chorus, study sessions, etc.

Students must sign in every morning and stay in Intramurals until it ends. Students can come on any of the 4 days of the week we offer and there is no mandatory attendance. But once they are in intramurals for that morning, they must stay there until we release them to homeroom @ 8:50.

A variety of team sports and activities are offered throughout the year including: Basketball, Flag Football, Weight Training, Racquetball, Whiffleball, Indoor Soccer, Team Handball, Volleyball and more!

****The only days Intramurals will not be offered will be on Fridays, unless there is a football league make-up game.*

EXTRA NOTES

- If you have extra items lying around your house that would be helpful to Mabry teachers or staff, please donate them. The PE Department is requesting band-aids and our Art Department can always use paper towels, old magazines, material scraps and wipes.
- Please welcome **Ms. Dempsey** to the front office staff.
- Thank you **Molly Bower** and **Shannon Chamberlain** for the front lobby improvements and replanted flowers in the pots by the front door.
- Thank you **Patty Whitmire** and **Lisa Mercurio** for organizing our dance on October 14.
- Thank you **Becky Lezaj** for coordinating our school directory which will be going home next week.



Plant the Promise.....

Help Mabry PTSA clean up the schools and plant the promise to be drug free!

On **Saturday October 23**, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., we will be cleaning up Mabry Middle School and planting red tulip bulbs in honor of Red Ribbon Week.

The **Environmental and Family Engagement Committees** are joining forces to brighten up our school and create a drug free environment for our students.

Parents, students and teachers are needed to come help us keep our school campus beautiful and show your support for Red Ribbon Week. **Red Ribbon Week begins October 25. Mrs. Davis and Ms. Skinner** would love to have your help in transforming Mabry's outdoors from weeds and branches to a more sculptured landscape.

Let's say good-bye to the bare dirt in front of the Mabry sign, in the courtyard, and in front of the

building, and give the students a colorful and greener place to learn and play!

Bring your gloves, shovels, rakes, enthusiasm, and the whole family, as we will need lots of help cleaning up campus. This is a great opportunity to volunteer at Mabry and give the kids an active role in taking care of their school. Any questions or comments, please contact **Laine Liss**, Family Engagement Committee Chair, at laine.liss@comcast.net.

Thanks and see you there!

**Conference Week Next Week
Students will be dismissed at 2:15 each day!**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



As parents and PTA members we have influence over our legislators and we have a need for information concerning the laws and policies that affect our children. My goal is to keep parents and teachers apprised of legislative issues that concern our school.

OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Our local Cobb County School Board representative is **David Banks** (Post 5), his term of office runs through the 2012 calendar year. CCSD Superintendent **Fred Sanderson** is retiring at the end of his contract this year and the Cobb County School Board is currently searching for the next Superintendent.

Our State Legislators are State Senator, **Chip Rogers** and State Representative, **Bobby Franklin**. This is a key election year at the State level as Governor, State School Superintendent, State Senate and House seats are on the ballot in 2010.

Go to www.cobbelections.org for more information.

COBB COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

October 28, 2010 Public Comment 7:00 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m.
November 10, 2010 Public Comment 8:30 a.m., meeting 9:00 a.m.

**All public Board meetings are held at the Cobb Central Office at 514 Glover Street in Marietta. Public Participation is allowed thirty minutes prior to the meeting. Sign up (required) for the public comment session begins 30 minutes prior to the public comment session. There may be additional "called" meetings that are not yet posted on the CCSD website. Public Board meetings are televised on CobbedTV (Comcast channel 24 and Charter channel 97). Also, you can watch Board meetings online at, www.cobbk12.org/board/video/.*

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Melanie Heineman
Legislative Chair