



Beecher Buzz

"Beecher Hills Elementary, where each round goes higher and higher!"

Updates from PTA President Robert Reese:

The Beecher Hills PTA has begun the school year at lightning speed! Our accomplishments to date include: a rally of support for PTA membership, an awesome start to our fundraiser campaign and several key collaborations that will help provide the PTA with corporate sponsorship to support educational enrichment projects throughout the academic year.

PTA Membership

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Terri Weekes, our membership chairperson, we have exceeded our benchmark from last

year. However, there is still much work to do!

In the upcoming weeks, you will be contacted if your child is not represented in the PTA membership. We will continue to encourage your participation and support. Remember, membership is only \$5/person/year and the rewards are priceless!

Key Collaborations

Ms. Carolyn Franklin, a local marketing professional, has volunteered to work with the PTA and Dr. Hall to create a specialized marketing plan for Beecher. The marketing proposal

will target specific businesses that would benefit from partnering with Beecher Hills. Our expectation is that these community partners will help support specific educational programs sponsored by the school. Please share your business contacts with PTA staff to expand our support.

These highlights are only the tip of the iceberg. Your PTA is planning a Rites of Passage Program for young men, a cultural awareness assembly, health-related activities, as well as other projects to educate and motivate our youth!

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Fall Festival Time Is Here!

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2007 Beecher Hills Fall Festival! The event will take place: **Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Beecher Hills Elementary School.**

Students, parents, teachers, staff, and mem-

bers of the community are invited to come and participate. Activities will include face painting, games, a haunted house, and a dance contest, just name a few. In addition to the exciting activities, there will be funnel cakes, hot dogs, nachos, and wings to satisfy your appe-

tite. Be on the look-out for flyers and posters in the coming weeks. Tickets will be sold before and during the event. It's sure to be a blast - you don't want to miss it!! Volunteers are needed. If interested, please email staceyjackson@hotmail.com.

Homework Hotline

Monday—Thursday

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

678-553-3029

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Fundraiser Facts

Way to Go Beecher!!

Thanks to your hard work and outstanding salesmanship, Beecher Hills collected over \$14,600 in sales from our Kathryn Beich Fall Fundraiser! This resulted in almost \$6,000 in profits for our school! Funds collected from fundraisers will be used to support club sponsored activities and other educational programs here at Beecher.

Cookie Dough is on the Way!
Our second Fall Fundraiser of Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough will be starting soon. We need your support to make it a great success:

Sale Start: October 22

Sale Ends: November 7

Delivery: December 11



Thank You for
Your Support!



Please send all Box Tops to your homeroom teacher with the child's name attached. Log on to www.boxtops4education.com/activitycenter for creative and useful tools for collecting box tops.

Basketball Officials Needed

Interested adults should contact

Ms. Rhonda Leach.

Season Starts: November 26

Schedule: 1 Game/Wk—11 Wks

Beecher Students Master Math

During the first four weeks of the school year, Beecher Hills 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students have received valuable math tutorial from Mr. Alphonso Carey, founder of the non-profit, *Mathematics & Technology Help, Inc.*

Mr. Carey's goal is to help students score higher on the math portion of the CRCT. As an added incentive, Mr. Carey has donated four 5-foot tall trophies to Beecher Hills to be awarded as follows: 1 per grade (3rd, 4th & 5th) to the student who achieves the highest math CRCT score, and one for the overall class with the highest math CRCT scoring average.

Mr. Carey utilizes a special method called the *Carey Method* to



Mr. Alphonso Carey provides math instruction to Beecher 4th grader Jamya McCoy.

teach multiplication and other mathematical techniques. He also travels the county teaching teachers how to teach math to young students.

Reflections Program Update:

New Deadline: 10/15/07

Thanks for your visual arts submissions. We need more language arts, videography, choreography & photography submissions!

-G. Golden Jones
Reflections Chairperson



To contact Mr. Carey for tutorial:

Carey's Center for Mathematics

3676 Stone Road

Atlanta, GA 30331

404-346-0568

Community Partners



Beecher Hills welcomes New Community Partner - **JUMPING JAMIN JELLYBEANS**, indoor inflatable playground & party center! **JUMPING JAMIN JELLYBEANS** is the place where kids have fun getting fit! It is an indoor play and fitness center for children ages 2 - 12 years, with over 13,000 square feet filled with fun and fitness activities for the entire family. They have 3 oversized private party rooms for festive celebrations, or you can rent

the entire facility for large parties of 60 or more.

Beecher Hills organizations can use the meeting rooms free of charge along with a minimal price per child for use of the playground. Amenities include a wireless internet café for parents.

Location:

**1514 East Cleveland Avenue,
Suite 110.**

**Behind East Point MARTA Station in
Wagon Works Complex**



HOURS:

Closed on Mondays

Tues - Thurs 11 AM - 6 PM

Fri & Sat. 11 AM - 7 PM

Sunday 1 PM - 6 PM

Call and schedule:

**Private Parties, Camp Field Trips,
Group or Class Parties!!**

Beecher Students Attend Academic Challenge Cluster

"Minds Wide Open – Ready to Learn!" That is this year's theme for the Atlanta Public School (APS) Program for the Gifted and Talented Elementary Academic Challenge Cluster at Campbell Academy. The Challenge Cluster helps to develop the talents and abilities of gifted students. The Georgia State Board of Education defines a gifted student as a person who demonstrates high levels of intellectual and/or creative ability, as well as an exceptionally high degree of motivation.

Twenty-six (26) Beecher students attend the Elementary Academic Challenge Cluster each Tuesday. The Cluster is located at the Lena Jean Campbell Academy. Dr. Sharon Jones is the Gifted Program Coordinator. Ms. Dot Blue is the Beecher Hills Cluster Staff contact, and Ms. Sheri Rennie is the Beecher Hills Challenge Eligibility Committee Chairperson.

Students from 35 APS elementary schools attend the Campbell Cluster weekly. 26 Beecher Hills students travel by school bus from Beecher to the Elementary Academic Cluster on Tuesday



"Minds Wide Open-Ready to Learn!"

mornings to receive a full day of Gifted Program instruction.

The Challenge Program serves gifted and talented students with a variety of programs to meet individual needs. Course material is divided into "study modules". Cluster study modules are led by Cluster Staff and include: Global Thinking, Ms. Dot Blue; Analytical Thinking, Mr. Richard Hatcher; Creative Thinking, Ms. LaToya Jenkins; Research Skills, Ms. Lesli Burton; Problem Solving, Ms.

Markii Jacobs; and Communications, Ms. Adele Pollard.

Academic Challenge Cluster classes began the week of August 28. Challenge Cluster qualification is achieved when students meet 3 out of 4 criteria for placement. The four criteria are as follows: (1) Intellectual Ability—above 96% of others tested (2) Achievement—90% & above (3) Creativity—90% & above (4) Motivation – GPA: A's and B's (primarily As).

The deadline for student referrals in Grades K – 3 is December 4, 2007. The 4th and 5th grade students have already been referred and will be testing this month (October).

Challenge Cluster Program expectations are high and require the joint efforts of students, parents and teachers. Proposed educational field experiences for the 2007-2008 Campbell Challenge Cluster include: Jekyll Island 4-H Center, U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL, Washington, D.C. and during summer 2008—China!

Welcome Aboard New Beecher Hills Staff Members!

Look for these new faces at Beecher this year:

Dr. Angela Bolin is the school Counselor. Dr. Bolin has been with Atlanta Public Schools for eight years. She has a background in Therapeutic Counseling, expertise in the Juvenile Justice System and was formerly an adjunct professor at Clark Atlanta University.

Ms. Harriet Reynolds is the Cafeteria Manager. She has been with Atlanta Public Schools for twelve years and comes to us from M. Agnes Jones Elementary.

Ms. Denise Reid is a Pre-K Teacher. She has a B.S. Degree in Education from Adelphi University and has taught Pre-K for seven years in Cobb County.

Ms. Nichole Carter is a Food Assistant in the cafeteria. She has been with Atlanta Public Schools for three months. She has worked in food service for six years.

Ms. Wanda Granger-Kleckley has been a Special Education Liaison Specialist for five years. She has been with Atlanta Public Schools for seven years. She serves two other schools along with Beecher Hills.



Front Row: Ms. Harriet Reynolds, Ms. Denise Reid, Ms. Nichole Carter
Back Row: Ms. Patricia Henderson, Ms. Wanda Granger, Dr. Angela Bolin

Ms. Patricia Henderson is also a Food Assistant. She has been with Atlanta Public Schools for two years.

Mr. James Howard (not pictured), is also new to Beecher and is the band director.

Beecher Hills extends a warm welcome to you all!!

October is a Busy Month for Prevention:

Fire Prevention



Sparky says...

Planning and practicing a home fire escape plan is a smart thing to do. Get together with your family to draw a plan of your home that includes all windows and doors.

Visit the National Fire Protection Association website at www.nfpa.org and click Sparky the Fire Dog for games and safety tips for children of all ages.



How to Prevent Cold and Flu

Tips from **say BOO to the FLU** website:

1. **Sing and Scrub:** Wash hands frequently with warm water and soap for 20 seconds—the time it takes to sing the Happy Birthday song twice.
2. **Do the Elbow Cough:** Perfect the art of the elbow cough
3. **Disinfect Hot Spots:** Phones; door handles; light switches, etc.
4. **Follow Good Health Guidelines:** Eat right, exercise, and plenty of sleep to boost immune system.

Crime Prevention



McGruff says...

It is necessary to reach children with messages about crime, violence, and drug prevention. Parents are the best resource to keep their children safe and healthy. Go to www.mcgruff.org for more information. Also, Parents & Educators looking for teaching materials can find handouts for reproducible worksheets that teach children skills to protect themselves and stay safe.

Hands on Atlanta Day at Beecher Hills!

Over 100 Hands on Atlanta Volunteers gave a big helping hand to Beecher Hills on Saturday, October 6. Volunteers from McKinsey & Company, Department of Aviation and Girl Scout Troops 8152 and 21310, as well as Beecher parents, staff and students worked under the direction of HOA Site Coordina-

tor, Jennifer Freeman and Beecher Beautification Chairperson, Dione Morton to tackle projects including: Mulching garden beds, building wooden storage shelves and benches and stage and mural painting.

Thanks for the Helping Hands!



Beecher parent, Ms. Bright and McKinsey & Company employee/volunteer Eric, mulch around sign.

Prepare for Emergencies: Pack An Emergency Preparedness Kit

National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. National Preparedness Month 2007 is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Emergency Preparedness Kit Items:

You should keep enough supplies in your home to meet the needs of you and your family for at least three days. Build an emergency supply kit to take with you in

an evacuation. The basics to stock in your portable kit include: water; non-perishable food; battery-powered or hand crank radio and/or an NOAA Weather Radio; flashlight; extra batteries; first aid kit; whistle to signal for help; dusk mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place; moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation; wrench or pliers to turn off utilities; can opener for canned food; and local maps. Keep these items in an easy to carry container such as a covered trash container, a large backpack or duffle bag.

2007 GREAT ATLANTA YOUTH WALK

The 2007 Great Atlanta Youth Walk took place on Saturday October 6, at the West End Park. Beecher students, faculty and friends raised over \$300 in pledges,

with proceeds to benefit Beecher Hills Elementary, as well as the following six (6) Southside community projects: **Another Way Out; Boulevard House, Community Care,**

Georgia Alliance for Children, Grant Park Clinic and Georgia Justice Project.

Thanks to all of our participants—We'll see you next year!

OCTOBER 2007						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Design Team Meeting	3 International Walk to School Day McDonald's Go Active Program	4	5	6
7	8 PTA Start the Art Week NO SCHOOL →	9 PTA Executive Committee Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	10 Delivery Date for Kathryn Beich Fundraiser	11 BETA Club Induction Atlanta Council Mtg.	12	13
14	15 Mid-1st Semester Reflections Deadline	16 Chat & Chew PTA Meeting	17 Report Cards to Dr. Hall Parent Meeting	18 Demonstration of Learning (Culture, Unity & Diversity)	19 Report Cards Apple Farms Field Trip (1st Grade)	20
21	22 2nd Fundraiser Begins SGA Campaign Begins GA School Bus Driver Appreciation Day	23 National School Bus Wk Red Ribbon Week	24 One Fair Workshop	25 Chat & Chew Student of the Month Yule Forest Farms Fieldtrip (Kindergarten)	26	27 Fall Festival
28	29	30 Faculty Meeting	31 Atlanta Council Reflections Deadline			
NOVEMBER 2007						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 SGA Campaign Speeches	2 Girl Scout Event →	3
4	5 Radio Disney Reading Rocks	6 Design Team Meeting Teacher Planning Day NO SCHOOL Faculty Meeting	7 2nd Grade Parent Meeting Book Fair →	8 Atlanta Council General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting	9 →	10
11	12 American Education Week	13 PTA Executive Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Deficiency Notices	14 One Fair	15 National Parent Involvement Day GA PTA Past Presidents' Luncheon—11:30 am Great American Smokeout	16 CNN Field Trip (1st Grade)	17
18	19 Thanksgiving Potluck (Kindergarten)	20 Faculty Meeting	21 Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL →	22	23 →	24
25	26 Holiday Shop Week	27	28 SGA Installation	29 Chat & Chew Student Of the Month Leadership Team Mtg →	30	

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Article Deadline: Oct. 29, 2007

Beecher Hills Elementary School Clubs and Organizations:

Beecher is a Beehive of Activity!

At Beecher Hills, we are dedicated to producing well-rounded students. To achieve this goal, we offer a variety of extracurricular activities to develop our students emotionally, socially and physically, as well as academically. Following is a listing of the clubs and organizations available to students attending Beecher Hills Elementary:

HIGH STEPPERS, Joye Bradley

CHESS CLUB, Malcolm Hinch

JOGGING CLUB, Angela Carmon

rites of passage, Lee Jones

JUNIOR BETA,
Jacquelyn Varnado

GIRL SCOUTS, Kim Brown

SOCCER CLUB, Jay Amos

BOY SCOUTS, Jay Amos



Come Join Us!



DAISY SCOUTS,

Yolanda Banks,
Jennifer Briggs
& Linda Smith

DANCING DOLLS, Mekeya Upshaw

CHEERLEADERS, Rhonda Leach

BASKETBALL, Rhonda Leach

ORCHESTRA, Spencer Brewer

BAND, James Howard

CHORUS, Letricia Henson

For more information on joining any of these clubs or organizations, please see the listed club/organization leader.

Beecher Hills PTA Mission:

"Beecher Hills Elementary PTA endeavors to provide support to the school and community through Advocacy, Volunteering, Wellness promotion, and Financial resources to ensure All Students, Parents, and Teachers have the Ultimate Educational Experience."

Principal's Corner: School Updates from Dr. Hall

Dear Parents,

It was nice to see so many of you at our last PTA meeting. Your support of Beecher Hills is phenomenal, and I look forward to continuing our strong partnership in your children's education. Several grade level meetings have been held, and the turn out has been great. This is also indicative of your commitment to playing a vital role in our educational program. We can also celebrate the successful events that we have held thus far, such as, the Kathryn Beich fundraiser, The "Go Active" Ronald McDonald

School Program and Student of the Month. We are also looking forward to The Culture, Unity, and Diversity Culminating Activity, Beta Club Induction Ceremony, Fall Festival and the election of Student Government Officers. Come out and join us for these exciting and memorable activities.

As you know, Beecher Hills has met AYP for seven consecutive years and met 76% of our APS targets for the 2006-2007 school year. In order to maintain this trend, I need your help in making sure that your children come to school everyday and on

time. Instruction begins at 8:00 a.m. and students are expected to be in their classrooms ready to work. Additionally, I am soliciting your help in supporting the Beecher's school uniform policy. Uniforms are to be worn daily (including Fridays). Uniform scholarships are available for parent application.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as each round goes higher and higher!

Dr. Robin C. Hall,
Principal