



February

# Charging Times

A Newsletter for the Mabry Middle School Chargers  
Sponsored by the Mabry Middle School PTSA



2007

## A Message from our PTSA Co-Presidents:

We would like to thank our Volunteers at Large for sending in wonderful desserts for the Teacher Appreciation Holiday Reception in December and for the ECCC Reflections Reception held in January. We could not host these events without your help. A special thank you to our All-State Quartet and Mabry 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Ensemble for providing our special Reflections guests with such wonderful entertainment. You were spectacular.

Our Nominating Committee is now in place and starting to gather names of potential candidates for the 2007 Mabry PTSA executive board. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested, please contact one of the following committee representatives: Vicki Anthes [anthes5@bellsouth.net](mailto:anthes5@bellsouth.net) 770-977-1525, Beth Monasterski [sportingmom@comcast.net](mailto:sportingmom@comcast.net) 770-641-7419, Kay Watkins [twkwjw@bellsouth.net](mailto:twkwjw@bellsouth.net) 770-552-4184, Maxine Harlemon [mharlemon@chattcollege.com](mailto:mharlemon@chattcollege.com) 770-643-0194.

Your Executive Board will soon begin to fill committee chair positions for the 2007 school year. If you are currently in one of those positions and would like to continue please contact your co-presidents. If you have never chaired one of these committees and are interested or would like more information regarding a committee, please contact Becky Johnson or Belinda Heitmeyer. We are always looking for fresh faces. We have had a very successful year due to our fantastic committee chairs. Thank you all for your dedication and time.

Just a quick reminder there is no school February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the long weekend.

*Becky Johnson and Belinda Heitmeyer, Mabry PTSA Co-Presidents*

## PTSA Community Outreach to Support the Sandlot Sports Camp

Many thanks go out to Mabry teachers and staff for donating winter gloves to the students at our sister school, Brown Elementary. Their counselor received them in early January, was very appreciative and stated that they would be put to great use!

During the week of **February 26 – March 2**, the Community Outreach Committee will be collecting **sporting and camping equipment** in support of the **Sandlot Sports Camp**. The Sandlot Sports Camp is a non-profit, all volunteer organization that offers children/youth in need of positive role models and mentoring, an opportunity for summer fun, as well as, emotional, social and physical development. We will be collecting **new and gently used equipment** based on the camp's most immediate needs. Suggested items are as follows:

- |                 |              |                 |                           |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Baseball gloves | Soccer balls | Tennis racquets | Ice Chests/Coolers        |
| Baseballs       | Basketballs  | Tents           | Bicycles (good condition) |
| Baseball bats   | Footballs    | Fishing poles   | Bicycle helmets           |
| Baseball caps   | Tennis balls | Sleeping bags   |                           |

Please look for a **flyer** in your student's backpack on **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** with more details concerning this drive, and **thanks** so much, in advance for your consideration of giving to such a worthwhile cause.

*Teresa Shank, Community Outreach Chair*

## RITMO BLU Performance This Week

On Thursday 15th, the Mabry PTSA Cultural Committee will be providing a performance for students in the Mabry theater. RITMO BLU, a musical group, will perform an extensive collection of music from all over the world. There will be three performances (one for each grade). The 45 minute performance promises to be lively and entertaining. We hope you enjoy it!

Jackie Weyrick, Cultural Arts Chair

---

### CYBER-BULLYING: WHAT, WHO, HOW AND WHY???

The Mabry PTSA invites you to an informational evening presented by Jeff Dess of Prevention Intervention on the evening of Tuesday, April 10th from 7 to 9 pm at Mabry Middle School.

Mr. Dess will be speaking to ADULTS ONLY regarding the issues surrounding cyber-bullying.

More information about this program will be sent home to parents in March. Please mark your calendars now so you don't miss this very important program.



## To ALL 7th GRADE PARENTS

Each year, Mabry's 7th Grade has traditionally sponsored a photo reception for parents and students at the 8th Grade Spring Dance. This photo reception has had special sentimental value for our outgoing upperclassmen, since Mabry has no formal graduation ceremony from middle school.

It is our sincere wish to continue this school tradition with your gracious assistance, and *with a suggested donation of \$5*, these funds will furnish food, drink, and a small memento for our 8th graders. Please remember that next year, our 7th Graders will be the guests of honor *at their own* Spring Dance Reception to honor the Class of 2008.

A locked box labeled "7th Grade Contributions for Spring Dance" will be available for your donations in the Mabry Main Office. Make checks payable to "Mabry PTSA". Please contact us with any questions or comments.

Kitty Fortanbary (678-560-4456) and Kelly Putman (770-993-5214), 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Co-Chairs

---

### New Welcome Desk Procedures

Please remember: All visitors signing out a student must have their picture ID checked. The volunteer will confirm that the adult has permission to check the student out based on the student's registration form.

Also, please remember that all guests must sign in at the front office. Thank you!



### All State Band

**Congratulations to the following students who earned a spot in the 2007 Georgia All State Bands!**

Hunji L., Eugene K., Alex L., Stephen R., Caitlin O., Megan E., Jeffrey A., Thomas M., and John L.  
Alternates are Rachel E., Nam C., and Brian B.

**This event will be held March 1-3 in Savannah.**

## **Anger Management for Children**

### **A Free Parenting Program Peachford Hospital - February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Does your son or daughter have frequent outbursts of anger and aggression?  
Are you concerned these outbursts are out of control for your child?  
Do you have trouble understanding and helping your child during these periods?**

Anger can develop for a variety of reasons. Some people are naturally more volatile and sensitive than others. Developmentally, some stages of childhood bring about increased frustration (during the toddler years or the teen years) because kids are trying to figure out their limits and boundaries in their environment. Finally, there are a variety of situations which children find stressful such as school, friends, sports and activities, or at home. These can cause additional feelings of frustration and anger.

It is important to remember that anger is usually masking some other emotion such as fear, rejection, failure or sadness. Children can learn how to manage their anger with your help as a parent or grandparent. In addition, there are a variety of things you can do to help your child deal with his or her anger.

Please join us February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Peachford Hospital to learn more about helping your child cope with anger. This program is free to the public and there is no need to register. For more information, contact Loren Eischeid, Georgia PTA Youth Services Chair at [jaelce@aol.com](mailto:jaelce@aol.com) or Sharon Frank at [sharonfrank@aol.com](mailto:sharonfrank@aol.com).

---

## **PTA Teen Job / Volunteer Fair**

The Eastern Cobb County Council PTA has been awarded a grant from the United Way to host a Teen Job/Volunteer Fair on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at the Northeast YMCA off Johnson Ferry Road from 10 – 2 pm. ECCC PTA provides leadership to 35 PTA/PTSAs of the schools located in the East Cobb area of Marietta. We provide workshops which train parents how to be leaders in their schools, we host programs to encourage fine arts within our students, we celebrate accomplishments made by teachers and administration in our area, and we work with local merchants to help promote GA PTA membership drives during the school year.

ECCC PTA is currently inviting local merchants, churches, hospitals and service organizations to reserve a place at the Teen Job/Volunteer Fair. Interested parties should contact, Pat Giuliani, 404-409-9112 or [pat.giuliani@parentcorps.org](mailto:pat.giuliani@parentcorps.org) before February 28<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost to participate in this fair and ECCC will provide table space for you to bring job applications or information about summer volunteer opportunities within your organization, along with notification signage for your company or organization and refreshments for those individuals working each station. Working together as a community we can continue to make East Cobb a family oriented environment to raise our children.



# BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION CONTEST!!!

February 15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

**It's time to turn in all those Box Tops you've been saving!**

- **Top student** will receive a \$5 gift card to Smoothie King.
- **Top 10 students** will receive a voucher for a free cookie at the Mabry Café.
- Also, for **students turning in 20 or more box tops**, we'll have a drawing for 10 students to win cookie vouchers.

Turn your box tops in to your homeroom in a Ziploc bag **clearly marked with your name** and **your homeroom teacher's name**. Box tops need to be turned in by **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** in order to be eligible for the contest. Winners will be announced the week of February 26<sup>th</sup>.



**A great time was had at Mabry's Sports-A-Rama Night!**

Thanks to all those who attended.



Be on the look-out for **Lassiter Jr. Trojan Spring Football** information, coming soon. There will be signs as well as flyers. Registration forms will also be available on the Lassiter High School website – Jr. Football Trojans.

## Do You Love to Dance?

Have you always wanted to dance with a team? **The Lassiter Junior Trojan Dance Team (LJTDT)** may be just the thing for you! Prior dance experience is not required.

The team will be holding an informational meeting on **Wednesday February 28, from 7-8 p.m.** at the Mountain View Library on Sandy Plains Road. Tryouts will be held at the Centre Stage School of Dance **March 15 - 17.**

For more information, flyers are available in the front office or you may email Fiorenza Smith at [Tim.Smith7@comcast.net](mailto:Tim.Smith7@comcast.net). Hope to see you there!

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

Please continue to check the Lassiter High School website [www.Lassiter.org](http://www.Lassiter.org) for updated information regarding your 8<sup>th</sup> grader's "move" to Lassiter in the Fall. Time has really flown by, hasn't it ???.

## Do you enjoy being creative on the computer? Would you like to become more involved in the Mabry PTSA but don't know how?

Please consider being next year's **Charging Times Newsletter editor!** It's easy, you can do it around your own schedule, and it's a great way to know "what's happening" at Mabry Middle School. Contact Patty Allen at 678-560-5708 if you have questions or would like more information.

# Mabry Middle School Calendar \*

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>14</b>		Distribution of Progress Reports, <u>Charging Times</u>
	<b>15-23</b>		Boxtops for Education Contest
	<b>16</b>		School Council Meeting
	<b>19</b>		NO SCHOOL – Presidents’ Day
	<b>20</b>		NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workday
	<b>24</b>		Honor Band Auditions (at Mabry)
	<b>26-March 2</b>		Community Outreach Sporting/Camping Collection
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>1</b>		Deadline for March 21 <sup>st</sup> <u>Charging Times</u>
	<b>1-3</b>		All State Band – Savannah, GA
	<b>5-9</b>		7 <sup>th</sup> grade trip to Jekyll Island
	<b>7</b>		Early Release
	<b>12</b>	8:30 a.m.	PTSA Executive Board Meeting (Media Center)
	<b>12</b>	9:30 a.m.	PTSA Committee Board Meeting (Media Center)
	<b>15</b>		End of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 wk grading period
	<b>16</b>		Block Parties
	<b>21</b>		Distribution of Report Cards/ <u>Charging Times</u>
	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>2-6</b>	
<b>9</b>		8:30 a.m.	Executive Board Meeting (Media Center)
<b>9</b>		9:30 a.m.	Committee Board Meeting (Media Center)
<b>10</b>			Academic Reception 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks
<b>10</b>			PTSA General Meeting - Election of Officers, Jeff Dess
<b>16-25</b>			CRCT Testing
<b>24</b>			End of the 4 <sup>th</sup> 4.5 wk grading period
<b>27</b>			Distribution of Progress Reports / <u>Charging Times</u>
<b>30</b>			Rising 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting
<b>TBA</b>			Film Festival
<b>MAY</b>		<b>1</b>	
	<b>8</b>		PTSA General Meeting (announcement of new officers)
	<b>8</b>		7 / 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert
	<b>10</b>		Choral Concert
	<b>17</b>		Choral Department Musical
	<b>24</b>		8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
	<b>25</b>		Last Day of School
	<b>TBA</b>		Teacher Appreciation Week
	<b>TBA</b>		Spring Book Fair
	<b>TBA</b>		6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day
	<b>TBA</b>		7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>4</b>		Report Cards Mailed / <u>Charging Times</u>

- Updated 2/12/07. These dates are subject to change.

The next Charging Times will be distributed with students’ Report Cards on **Wednesday, March 21st**.  
The deadline for submitting articles for this newsletter is **Thursday, March 1st**.

Please email articles to [sspallen@aol.com](mailto:sspallen@aol.com).