



January

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:

Happy New Year! We hope you had a fun, safe and memory-filled holiday and winter break.

Your PTSA Executive Board and Mabry administrators have granted 30 mini-grants to Mabry teachers. Be sure to ask your children how this has impacted their classrooms. We are a school of excellence and it shows with how we support our school in our classrooms and with our volunteers. We could not do it without everyone's involvement.

We have ordered a new reception front desk for our volunteers when you come into Mabry to check your student in or out. Beginning immediately, **ALL VISITORS wishing to enter the school building, including PTSA volunteers, must obtain a visitor's pass from the main office.** NO visitor passes will be given out at the welcome desk. In addition, **a picture ID will now be required to obtain a visitor's pass.** This change is being implemented for the safety of our students and staff.

We have many events planned for 2007. Please watch for information regarding these events on the PTSA blog (on www.mabryonline.org), in future newsletters and in emails for our Volunteers at Large. If you would like to become a Volunteer at Large, please contact our Vice President of Volunteers, Diana Young at dyoung6@comcast.net.

Becky Johnson and Belinda Heitmeyer, Mabry PTSA Co-Presidents

Reflections Winners at East Cobb Level

All of Mabry's first and second place Reflections winners were forwarded to the East Cobb County Council PTSA to participate in an additional level of judging. Over 700 entries were judged at the East Cobb County level, comprised of winners from the local elementary, middle schools, and high schools.

The Mabry PTSA is very proud to announce that three of our sixth grade Reflections winners also won at the East Cobb County level! Tayllor and Renee won for Literature, and Ryan won for Photography. Tayllor, Renee, and Ryan's entries are now being judged at the Georgia state level. Winners will be announced in February 2007.

Please join the PTSA in congratulating these talented students!

Wendy Sullivan, Reflections Chair



Mark your calendars for Mabry's next **Sports-A-Rama Night**

Friday, January 26, 2007 -- 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Music, Games, Food, Fun!

Mabry Middle School Calendar *

JANUARY	12		Distribution of Report Cards, <u>Charging Times</u>
	13		All State Orchestra Auditions
	15		NO SCHOOL – MLK Holiday
	17		8 th Grade Writing Test
	18		8 th Grade GMEA Prep Band Concert
	19-20		All-State Chorus Rehearsal
	20		Final All-State Band Auditions (Macon, GA)
	22		7 th Grade Performance Series Testing
	23		Reflections Reception
	24-25		8 th Grade Band Trip to Savannah
	26	7:30-9:30 pm	Mabry Sports-A-Rama Night
	30		Academic Reception for 2 nd 9 wks Achievement
	FEBRUARY	1	
5		12:45 pm	Lassiter Presentation to 8 th grade Students (at Mabry)
5		6:30 pm	7 th grade Parent Meeting for Jekyll Island Trip
8			End of 3 rd 4.5 wk period
8		6:30 pm	Lassiter Open House and Curriculum Fair for all 8th grade (Rising 9 th grade) parents <u>and</u> students
12		8:30 am	PTSA Executive Board Meeting (Media Center)
12		9:30 am	PTSA Committee Chair Meeting (Media Center)
12			Honor Orchestra Auditions
14			Distribution of Progress Reports, <u>Charging Times</u>
15			8 th Grade Parent Meeting at Lassiter
16			School Council Meeting
19			NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day
20			NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workday
23			Rising 9 th graders' registration materials due to Lassiter
24			Honor Band Auditions (at Mabry)
MARCH	5-9		7 th grade trip to Jekyll Island
	7		Early Release
	12	8:30 a.m.	PTSA Executive Board Meeting (Media Center)
	12	9:30 a.m.	PTSA Committee Board Meeting (Media Center)
	15		End of the 3 rd 9 wk grading period
	16		Block Parties
	21		Distribution of Report Cards/ <u>Charging Times</u>

- Updated 12/18/06. These dates are subject to change.



The next Charging Times will be distributed with students' Progress Reports on **Wednesday, February 14th** .
The deadline for submitting articles for this newsletter is **Thursday, February 1st**.

Please email articles to sspallen@aol.com or fill out a Newsletter Request Form, available in the Mabry front office.