



March

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

Have you noticed our new Mabry Middle School bus entrance sign? If not, take a ride past it on Steinhauer Rd. We would like to thank Paul Nielson, an Eagle Scout from Troop 714, for all of his hard work and time. Paul started this project in February and with hard work, dedication, and a little help from other scouts completed the sign by the first part of March. We would also like to thank Doug Carney from the Parks Department for helping Paul gain access to water, and Roman Auxier for his expert advice on the sign lettering. The sign and the landscaping add class to our entrance. What a great job!



From left to right: Paul Nielson, Patrick McNealy, and Peter Nielson

We have several events coming up in the spring: The Consequences of Crime Field Trip on March 22nd, our Academic Reception, PTSA General Meeting and guest speaker on April 10th, and the Mabry Middle School Film Festival on April 24th. If you would like to volunteer for any of these events, it is not too late! Please give us a call and we will put you in contact with the right person. ALL volunteers welcome.

Our Nominating Committee has been busy compiling a new slate of officers for the 2007-08 school year. This slate of officers will be presented to you at our General PTSA meeting on April 10th. We will also have a wonderful guest speaker on that evening, Mr. Jeff Dess. He will speak to us about cyber-bullying. Please keep your eye out for more information.

The board is currently looking to fill our committee chairman positions for the 2007-08 school year. If you are interested in becoming more involved at Mabry and would like more information on available positions please give us a call.

Becky Johnson and Belinda Heitmeyer, Mabry PTSA Co-Presidents

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 and other internet issues facing youth culture**.

Please note that **NO CHILDREN** will be admitted to the theater.

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this very important program.



Box Tops for Education

Thanks to all of the students and teachers who participated in the Box Tops for Education contest in February. We collected almost **4000 box tops** during the week!

Congratulations to our top winner, Rachel W. in Ms Baylor's homeroom, who brought in 232 box tops and earned a gift certificate to Smoothie King. Winners of the free cookie coupon were Caroline K., Suzanne P., Alex L., Madeline R., Ben Mc., Eric A., Joseph W., Emily M., Keegan C., Mary Kate Mc., Taylor R., Wade M., Matthew R., Mya G., Bobby R., Hunter H., Jeffrey A., Beth B., and Tammy K.

Please continue to save your box tops and turn them in to the box in the front office or the cafeteria. Thank you again for supporting this program.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Spring has sprung and so have student tardies. Just a reminder that homeroom starts at 8:45. Announcements start and attendance is taken at 9:10. If a student arrives at 9:10 or later, they must stop at welcome desk to sign in. When the line gets long, it takes time for the students to actually get to their lockers and then to class. School officially starts at 9:15 in 1st period and many are missing the beginning of instruction because they have to stop to sign in.

When a student arrives with time to organize their materials they are much more likely to have a good start to their day than those rushing in at the last minute. Please plan to get your children here by 9:00 to avoid the late sign-in delay.

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Congratulations to **Ryan Holt** for being selected as a **Reflections State Winner** for Sixth Grade Photography!

Ryan will be honored at the Georgia PTA Arts and Scholarship Reception on March 25th. We are very proud of Ryan, as well as all of our Reflections participants.

Cartridges for Kids

Thank you to everyone who continues to bring your used inkjet, laser, fax, and copier cartridges as well as your old cell phones and PDAs for the Cartridges for Kids program. These items translate into funds for PTA sponsored programs at Mabry. The collection box is in the front office.

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.

We also need 7th grade parent volunteers on the night of the dance. No students will be assisting this year, so parent participation is a necessity.

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



DRIVER'S PERMITS

If you turn 15 before August 13th, and are planning to get your driver's permit this summer, the State of Georgia Department of Public Safety requires a Certificate of Attendance. These forms are available at Mabry's attendance office at a cost of \$2.00. If you have a summer birthday, you may get this form the last week of school through June 1st. You will not be able to get this certificate for summer birthdays past June 1st, so plan ahead.

National Engineers Week Future City Competition

On January 27, 2007, Mabry sent a team of Eighth Grade students to compete in the Future City Regional Competition at Southern Poly Technic State University. Mabry's team was the only team from Cobb County Public Schools that attended. Competing against mostly private schools, they received an award for the Most Efficient Use of Energy. Congratulations!



Mark your Calendars for the
Mabry Spring Book Fair!
May 7th – 11th
in the Mabry Media Center

Watch for details in the
 April Charging Times Newsletter.

BONJOUR Y'ALL!
PTA Week at the High
April 1 – 8, 2007

Don't miss this opportunity to take your entire family to the LOUVRE ATLANTA exhibitions!

Special offers with your PTA membership card:

Free admission for children with paid adult admission (up to 2 free children with each adult paid admission)

Purchase a discounted Museum Membership:
 Individual \$55 (regularly \$65), Family or Dual \$75 (regularly \$90), Contributing \$125 (regularly \$150).

Admission and memberships must be purchased in person at the High Museum of Art.



**Cobb County Town Hall Meeting
 On Underage Drinking**

**Monday, March 26, 2007
 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Southern Polytechnic State University
 Joe Mack Wilson Student Center Theatre
 1100 South Marietta Pkwy

Alcohol + Kids = Bad News

29% of Cobb youth ages 12-20 have used alcohol in the past 30 days. Please answer this "Call to Action" by attending.

Youths and adults will deliver multi-media "realities" presentation. Exhibitors will provide prevention resources.

Hosted and supported by:

**Georgia Department of Human Resources
 Cobb Underage Drinking Task Force
 The Council on Alcohol and Drugs
 Georgia Underage Drinking Prevention Initiative**



Addictions in Young People

Peachford Hospital Parenting Program

**Wednesday, March 28, 2007
 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

Based on SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use & Health, in 2004, persons aged 12 or older who lived in metropolitan areas were more likely to abuse or be dependent on alcohol or an illicit drug during the past year than those living in non-metropolitan areas.

Please join us at Peachford Hospital to learn more about helping your child cope with addiction. 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 or Sharon Frank, RN, MN; Peachford Hospital, at sharonafrank@aol.com.

**Peachford Hospital Conference Center
 2153 Peachford Rd., Atlanta, GA 33038**

Helpful websites: www.samhsa.gov
www.teen-anon.com
www.drugfree.org



Lassiter Band Golf Tournament

The 13th Annual Lassiter Band Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Saturday, April 28th** at the Town Lake Hills Golf Club. Anyone can play!

We will have box lunches, dinner from Zappoli's, and a raffle.

To register, to sponsor (business sponsors are needed!), or for further information, go to our website at www.LBBA.org or contact Angie Huelster at www.golf@LBBA.org.



Lassiter Color Guard DVD Packets in Front Office for 8th Graders

Lassiter Color Guard Information packets and DVDs are available in the front office of Mabry Middle School. These are the same DVDs that were handed out at the Lassiter Freshman Night. **Any 8th graders going to Lassiter next year interested in joining the Lassiter Marching Band's Color Guard should pick up an information packet.**

Students are invited to Friday practices in March from 5-8 at Simpson Middle School to see what it is all about. Auditions will be announced in late April.

If you'd like to get more involved at Mabry Middle School, please consider chairing a **PTSA Committee** for the 2007-08 school year! Please call any PTSA Officer or Committee Chairmen if you have questions or would like more information.

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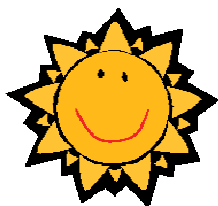
MABRY PTSA COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN Spring 2007

Academic Achievement	Kim Cross	(770) 552-2650
Book Fair	Mary Ciesielski	(770) 977-3165
	Jean Kahn	(770) 509-0307
	Vicki Gunnels	(770) 509-7181
Box Tops/Cartridges	Karen Lind	(770) 594-7369
Community Outreach	Teresa Shank	(770) 672-0363
Copy Volunteers	Jodi Smith	(770) 321-4909
Cultural Arts	Jackie Weyrick	(770) 587-3656
Dances / Block Parties	Joann Maloney	(770) 592-2235
	Frances Weissert	(770) 643-0814
Directory	Patty Allen	(678) 560-5708
Family Development/ Youth Services	Marty Slone	(770) 998-5668
Grounds - Interior	Susan Sargent	(678) 795-9956
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Newsletter	Patty Allen	(678) 560-5708
Office Volunteers	Ava Simmons	(770) 640-1811
Reflections	Wendy Sullivan	(770) 321-5375
School Store (Supplies)	Debbie Baker	(770) 578-0811
School Store (Volunteers)	Sandi Malloy	(770) 578-6460
Sport-A-Rama	Denise Ankerholz	(770) 321-0530
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Webmaster	Chris/ Cindy Hugh Sam	(770) 643-0794
8th Grade activities	Theresa Hauser	(678) 461-5950
	Nadine Johnson	(770) 926-3450
8th Grade BBQ	Nadine Johnson	(770) 926-3450
7th Grade activities	Kitty Fortanbary	(678)560-4456
	Kelly Putman	(770) 993-5214

Mabry Middle School Calendar*

MARCH	22		Consequences of Crime Field Trip
APRIL	2-6		Spring Break
	9	8:30 a.m.	Executive Board Meeting (Media Center)
	9	9:30 a.m.	Committee Board Meeting (Media Center)
	10		Academic Reception 3 rd 9 weeks
	10		PTSA General Meeting - Election of Officers, Jeff Dess
	16-25		CRCT Testing
	24		Mabry Film Festival
	24		End of the 4 th 4.5 wk grading period
	27		Distribution of Progress Reports / <u>Charging Times</u>
	30		Rising 6 th Grade Parent Meeting
MAY	1		6 th Grade Band Concert
	7-11		Spring Book Fair
	8		PTSA General Meeting (announcement of new officers)
	8		7 / 8 th Grade Band Concert
	10		Choral Concert
	17		Choral Department Musical
	24		8 th Grade Dance
	25		Last Day of School
	TBA		Teacher Appreciation Week
	TBA		6 th Grade Field Day
	TBA		7 th Grade Field Day
	TBA		8 th Grade Field Day / BBQ
JUNE	4		Report Cards Mailed / <u>Charging Times</u>

The next Charging Times will be distributed with progress reports on **Friday, April 27th**.
The deadline for this newsletter is **Thursday, April 12th**. Please email articles to sspallen@aol.com.



Have a fabulous Spring Break !!!