

McGinnis Woods Buzz



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The latest buzz . . .

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11/3	3rd Grade Atlanta History Center
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11/11	New Student Open House
11/13	PreK High Tech—High Touch
11/13	Parents Night Out
11/17- 11/20	Service and Sweets and Feasts
11/23- 11/25	After School Only
11/26- 11/27	Happy Thanksgiving

McGinnis Woods Mission Statement

*Our mission is to provide
superior academics
through hands-on
approaches, which foster
self confidence and self
esteem that inspire a life-
long love of learning.*

A Message From Ms. Mary

Each year our staff attends the Georgia Independent School Association Conference on the first Monday of November. This conference provides a plethora of workshops, speakers and opportunities for our teachers to recharge and collaborate with other teaching professionals. The workshops that we attend cover a wide range of current educational topics which are then shared and discussed at our monthly staff meetings. This year, attendees have signed up for sessions with titles like “Instructional Strategies for Creating a Culture of Grit and Growth”, “Technology Tips to Enhance Your Classroom”, “Raising the Reading Bar”, and STEAM Projects: Art and Design in STEM Projects”. These topics are relevant to 21st Century Learners and it is our goal to always be on the cutting edge of instruction. Two members of our team will be attending the AdvanceEd Georgia Conference during these days so that we remain informed of all of the latest accrediting information and trends throughout our state and nation.



Also with November, we look forward to one of our favorite McGinnis Woods traditions, the Thanksgiving Feasts. Mark your calendars to join us for the feasts and Service and Sweets which will be held on November 17-20. Be sure to respond to the Sign-up Genius invitations which will be sent early in the month, so that we know how many family members to expect and what you will bring to share during the meal. We look forward to sharing lunch or dessert with you!

Please enjoy this issue of McGinnis Woods Buzz. It is jam packed with interesting information and wonderful updates about our students and the many opportunities that we share with them each day.



Parent Association Update



Hello McGinnis Woods Family!

October has been an incredible month for the McGinnis Family! Whether it was family portraits with Tanner photography, donations for the Fall Festival baskets, or raffle ticket purchases...we have been busy and our families have been generous. Did you see those baskets??! Congratulations to our winners! What a fun way to build community and raise funds for our school. Now for a look ahead to November...

With November being the month of Thanksgiving, our minds naturally turn to helping others. As we have done in the past, the PA Board is working hand in hand with North Fulton Community Charities and adopting families for the holiday season. Our trees go up shortly, in the entrance of both the preschool and the elementary school building decked out with ornaments indicating wishes from those without this holiday season. Please grab an ornament and help us make the holidays special for another family. It is a great opportunity to teach our children what philanthropy really is all about!

It is almost time for our Annual Holiday Shoppe! Our PA Board elves have been working long and hard in the workshop to prepare for our shop this year. This year the famous MCGW Holiday Shoppe will be open from Monday, December 7th to Friday, December 11th.

For those of you who are new to the school, the Secret Holiday Shoppe is a “store” set up for the students to purchase items on their own for family, friends, teachers or even themselves. Younger shoppers will have the guidance of a parent volunteer while they shop. The items will be wrapped for the kids. The majority of the items are priced from \$5 to \$20. Each class will have a designated time to shop. As parents, you are of course welcome to shop too!

We will have a preview table during the Thanksgiving Feast events, so you will see a selection of wonderful gifts we have in stock. You’ll be able to guide your child’s shopping by filling the shopping form and decide the amount and the recipient of the gifts.

As you can imagine we need lots of volunteers to make this event the “Best Holiday Shoppe” ever! If you have an hour or two to help us and specially to help the kids shopping, we would appreciate it. We will send a Sign-up Genius soon.

We are very excited about our Holiday Shoppe. We hope that you will choose to participate. It is both a fun and educational experience for the kids, whether they observe a gift-giving December holiday or not. And all proceeds will go towards the purchase of items needed for our new gym.

If you are interested in helping out or have any questions regarding this “Holiday Shoppe” do not hesitate to contact us.

November is a time to be thankful. Why not share your talents with our board as a way to demonstrate your gratitude for the incredible school McGinnis Woods is? Nothing feels better than giving back and nothing is better than the smiling faces of our students when they see their parents or their friend’s parents spending time at the school.

Preschool Corner



The Preschool has taken on a new look! The floors throughout the preschool have been replaced with beautiful, colorful flooring that brighten the decor. We are so excited about this addition to our school. Be sure to stop by and see how fantastic it looks!

The teachers and staff in the Preschool continue to provide our little children with excellent lessons and fun opportunities for growth. During Fire Safety Week the children learned all about firemen, fire trucks and what to do in case of a fire. We want our children to be prepared in case of an emergency and to feel safe and comfortable around firemen and the big red truck, so we had some firemen and one of the engines come and visit us here at school.

Our Traveling Around the World Week was a week filled with adventure! The children made their own passports and flew on “planes” to far away countries and destinations unknown. They had fun pretending to pack their suitcases and explore the Seven Wonders of the World, too.

During our Spotlight Author week we learned about Ed Emberley author of “Go Away Big Green Monster”, “Bye Bye Big Bad Bullybug”, “Glad Monster Sad Monster” and “If you’re a Monster and you know it.” After hearing all of these great stories, we had a monster mash filled with lots of projects and fun about monsters.

Halloween Fun week was spooktacular! We made snakes, spiders, jack-o-lanterns and more. We finished our week with our preschool



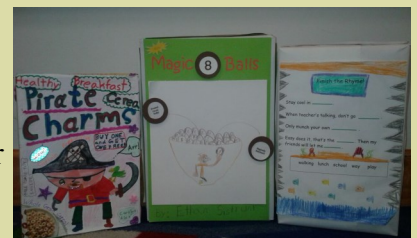
wide parade and fun class parties. Thanks for donating items to the parties!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming Book Fair during the week of November 9. We will have books to suit every interest and age and all proceeds help us to purchase more books for our class libraries.



Book Report Creativity

There are new cereals on the shelf in Second Grade! The students had fun working on Cereal Box Book Reports earlier this month. The new cereal boxes were inspired by books that the students chose and read, with the front of the box having a catchy title and picture and the back featuring an interactive game. The sides of the boxes included a brief summary of the story and listed the ingredients of the story, which were the characters. Each 2nd grader created their box at home and prepared a commercial that was presented in class. Many of the commercials were videoed and sent home for student’s parents to enjoy. The Second Graders were very proud of their hard work, creativity and reading achievements.



Wildcat Chat With Coach Croom

Our Cross Country team included 4 girls this year. We were shy one runner to make an official team, therefore, our girls competed individually. Our four runners were Madison Aber, Emerson Aber, Olesja Vasina, and Bryn Milder. Middle school cross country runners race two miles in their competitions. Each of the girls improved their times throughout the whole season. A big thank you goes to Coach Lisa Aber as she coached and prepared our girls for their races. Lisa is no stranger to the running community as she supports her children in their running club. We appreciate her sharing her time and knowledge of the sport with our runners. Our Championship Meet was held at Jim Miller Park in Marietta. The terrain consisted of woods, grass and road. We finished remarkably well as



two of our own finished in the top 10. Madison finished fifth with a time of 15:12 and Emerson finished 10th with a time of 15:47. Bryn ran her best time of the season with 20:22. Way to run girls!



Our soccer team had 13 enthusiastic players. We worked hard and learned a great deal about soccer. We want to thank Coach Roger Gallivan for coaching our team this year and bringing us up to a new level. We are a young team and it was a re-building year. However, even if the record doesn't show it, we were close to a victory in our tournament game. We played Faith Lutheran in the tournament at Brandon Hall to finish our season. Our team played the best soccer that game as they all worked together and utilized the skills that they had learned throughout the season. We were very proud of our Wildcats! We ended our season with a team party at CiCi's Pizza where we thanked Coach Gallivan for a great season!

Our Volleyball team had an extremely successful season! Coach Sam Beckman and Coach Jenn Evangelista have created a love for volleyball within our Lady Wildcats! This season we really loved playing in our own gym and having home court advantage. We had 9 wins and 5 losses this season. The games that we lost could have gone either way. We were always in every game and the excitement and enthusiasm was contagious. Our fans really enjoyed watching our girls play this season. We only have one 8th grader on our team, Molly Hamann, who will be missed next year! We look forward to another strong and successful year next year, as our Lady Wildcats return. Thank you Coach Sam and Coach Jenn for a great season!



Now it is Basketball Time! We just started practice this week and our teams are looking good. Our boys' team is small, but mighty. Their new coach this year is Chason Smith. He played high school basketball and has worked numerous basketball camps in the past. Chason is excited to be working with our boys and has even met with his former coach to discuss drills and plays to run with this team. Our girls' coaches are returning from last year to continue their success. Coach Brittany, a former SEC basketball player, and Coach Robyn will be out on the courts again with our girls. We have a lot of girls on the team and are looking forward to another great season.

Our first girls' game is November, 11th at home against Cornerstone at 4:00. Our first boys' game is November 12th at home against Atlanta Academy. Come out and support our WILDCATS!

Parents Night Out on October 2nd



The next Parent's Night Out is on Friday, November 13th, from 5:45-9:30 pm. We will have a Thanksgiving theme for the evening! We will watch the movie "Free Birds", have dinner, make turkey crafts, play games and more!

The children may wear their pajamas, bring sleeping bags and pillows to make watching the movie even more fun. This is a great opportunity for playdates so invite friends to join the fun, too! If you have further questions please ask Ms. Sam and Ms. Wendy (sbeckman@mcginniswoods.org and whamann@mcginniswoods.org).

We hope you join us at Parents Night Out!

Mr. Dan, Art Teacher Extraordinaire



Mr. Dan was honored to be chosen as Teacher of the Month for October. This is his ninth year teaching, and second year as the art teacher at McGinnis Woods. Mr. Dan enjoys working with the bright and creative students and watching them become fine young artists.

Mr. Dan is an award winning graduate from Paier College of Art with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. As an illustrator, he has published Smithsonian books including Backyard/Oceanic Collections, along with other freelance ventures in Connecticut and New York City. As a fine artist, he has exhibited art work throughout Southern Connecticut and in Rhode Island. Samples of his work can be viewed on his website, www.stegossstudios.com.

In addition to teaching and painting in his studio, Mr. Dan enjoys spending time with his wife, Amy, and their two children, Olivia (9) and Sam (7). They enjoy fairs, festivals, hiking, movies, and traveling up to New England. Mr. Dan loves Alabama "Roll Tide" football and watching the bad news Chicago Bears. He is looking forward to another successful year in art!

Sharing With Our Community



Every holiday season McGinnis Woods families show their generous spirit by donating items to the North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC) Adopt-A-Family Program. This program assists families in providing basic needs and gifts for the holidays.

Our school “adopts” families in need to ensure they have a special holiday. Each year, wish lists of families in need are distributed to our school community. Wish list items include household gifts, toys and clothes. All of the donated items are then collected and delivered to NFCC.

Our adopted families are always thankful and show their appreciation by writing thank you notes to everyone involved.

Please join us this holiday season by donating to this worthy cause!

Book Fair 2015



It's almost here! It's almost here! Our Scholastic Book Fair is on its way and will be here November 16th-20th in our school library. We will have a variety of books for younger students, middle schoolers, and adults. You're bound to find something to delight your brain!

For a special sneak peek you're invited to visit our online Book Fair homepage at: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/mcginniswoods>. Also, before you visit, be sure to download the Book Fairs app to help you find the perfect books your reader. For more information, visit: scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!

2015 First Lego League Robotics Club: Trash Trek Challenge

The First Lego League Robotics club has been having so much fun! The students have been learning how to build robots, attach each of the four sensors (touch, ultrasonic, light, and color) to their robots, and program their Lego Mindstorm NXT robots by using special software to make them function.

We have an exciting challenge this year called Trash Trek. For this challenge, we must identify a problem with trash or recycling in America or our community and come up with some solutions on how to fix the problem.

We also are in the process of building exceptionally advanced robots to complete as many missions as possible to gain as many points as we can at the competition in December. Our talented students on the FLL Robotics team are working together to create a better future for us all!



Middle School Students Halloween Fun

October 30th, the middle school students had a Halloween costume contest. Students that participated were able to enter in one of four categories: scariest, silliest, most creative and most unique. The middle school social committee judged the event. The overall winner was then chosen from the finalists.

The social committee has been hard at work and have already planned November and December Socials. November 5th will be an afterschool Social for a middle school basketball tournament and electronics. December 4th marks the one year anniversary of the Middle School's ribbon cutting ceremony. To celebrate, the middle school will have a spirit day! Students can wear spirit shirts or any other green and yellow. December 18th, the middle school students will participate in a gingerbread decorating contest. We will also be choosing second semester committee members in December.

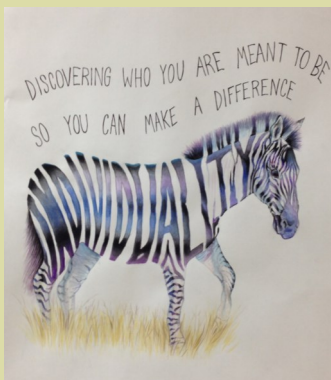
2nd Session of Discovery Clubs Begins Soon

The second of four discovery club sessions will begin the first week of November, if the club is offered on a Tuesday through Friday. Monday clubs will begin November 9 since there is no school on November 2. All clubs will end the week of December 14, just before Winter Break.

We are pleased to offer some new clubs this session: Arts & Crafts of the Season with Ms. Sam, Comic-Con Art featuring Star Wars, DC, Marvel and Disney with Mr. Dan, Football with Mr. Josh, and Animation Club with Ms. Sammi. We will once again offer Jr. Robotics, Cooking, Cheerleading, Morning Band, STEM, Chess and Drama. New students are still being accepted for Drama club during this session only. Auditions will take place in December for The Lion King show which will be performed in the spring.



Word of the Month: Individuality



This month's Chick-fil-A word of the month is Individuality. The students are learning that individuality is defined as discovering who you are meant to be so you can make a difference. Students have focused on the meaning and importance of individuality throughout October during the morning announcements. Teachers are constantly on the lookout for exceptional students showing their individuality in a positive way throughout the day. These special students were awarded a Chick-fil-A coupon at our recent Pep Rally!

1st Grade Teachers Build a Strong Foundation

The First Grade Team at McGinnis Woods Country Day School is made up of fun-loving, hard working, creative teachers who teach the students much more than the basics.

Wendy Hamann and Megan Spann teach the first grade Cats. This is Wendy's ninth year of teaching at McGinnis Woods. She loves science and enjoys working in the gardens here at school. She has two children: Molly (13 years old) and Benjamin (7 years old); both are students at McGinnis Woods. She has been married for 14 years to her wonderful husband, Mike. She graduated from Virginia Tech (go Hokies!) and completed her Masters of Education at the University of Richmond.

Megan Spann also teaches in the 1st Grade Cats. This is her second year at the school and in the First Grade Cats. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in art at Valdosta State University. She enjoys spending time with her dog Cowyn along with painting dog portraits when she has time. Her creative talents are invaluable to her class of 1st graders.

Mr. Josh and Ms. Laura are the teachers of the 1st Grade Falcons. Mr. Josh was born and raised in Buffalo, NY. He received two undergraduate degrees (Human Communication and English Literature) from Fredonia State University of NY. Then he decided that his true calling was teaching, so he went back to school at Mercer University in 2003 and eventually completed his Master's Degree in Elementary Education. He was happily married in June of 2007. He and his wife, Jill, have three children: Violet, Benjamin and baby Max. They all go here to school! Josh loves football and is a big Falcon's fan and Buffalo Bill's fan.

Laura Woolbright has been at McGinnis Woods for two years and enjoys working with Mr. Josh and their 1st graders. She is originally from Long Island, New York. She attended St. Joseph's College in Patchogue and received her B.A. in Early Childhood Education. She taught Pre-K for 3 years at a private school in Setauket before leaving to start her own family. She has 3 children, Daniel, 21, Tyler, 17, and Riley, 13. She moved to Suwanee in 2004. In 2007 she received her Georgia certification and began substitute teaching in Forsyth schools. She is a NY Giants fan, but she's become a Falcons fan in recent years. She loves to read and her favorite vacation spot is Disney World!



Science Olympiad Comes to McGinnis Woods

McGinnis Woods is happy to launch our Science Olympiad Team for the 2015-2016 school year. Our elementary team is made up of third through sixth graders who love to learn, build, and investigate.

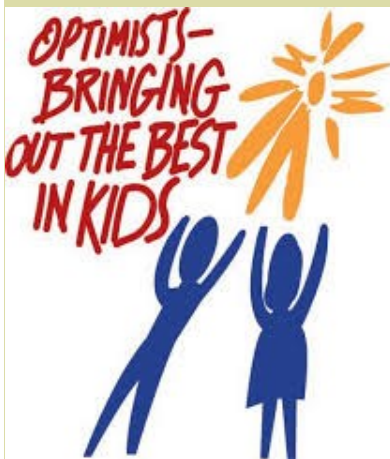
Science Olympiad challenges are designed to spark the imagination and inspire creativity, all while working to solve a problem. Some of the challenges our team will work on are Straw Egg Drop, Water Rockets, and Barge Building. Other events our team will participate in are Don't Bug Me, Starry Starry Night, and Wildlife Safari.

All Science Olympiad events involve team members researching a topic and becoming an "expert" in that subject. We have had a tremendous response to this club and are very excited about this opportunity to uncover the skills and passions of our young scientists.

Our team meetings begin the first week in November, and will continue through the end of school, culminating at the Elementary Science Olympiad State Tournament at Kennesaw State University, on May 14, 2016.



Oratorical Club Starts November 12th



Beginning Thursday, November 12th, from 3:30-4:30 McGinnis Woods will be leading an Oratorical Club for 3rd through 8th grade students. Students will learn how to recite historic speeches, research topics of interest, craft original 3 to 5 minute speeches, and practice their delivery under the excellent guidance of Ms. Cecilia, club sponsor.

The goal of our Oratorical Club is to equip our students with public speaking skills and to give them the confidence needed to speak in front of an audience. We know that our students have something to say, and we believe their voices will benefit our community and impact our world.

This is a great opportunity for children to learn a life skill that will increase logic, poise, and confidence. Competitions and opportunities to learn from students at other schools will also be a part of this exciting experience.

Fall Festival Fun

Fall Festival 2015 has come and gone and we had another incredible fall day together, with our families here at The Woods. What a gorgeous, sunshine filled day we enjoyed as the playgrounds were filled with games and activities for all ages.

Hopefully you made the rounds and were able to throw footballs with Mr. Josh, eat cotton candy with Ms. Pam, have your face-painted with Ms. Sammi, Ms. Megan and Mr. Dan, and jump in the Jurassic Bounce House with Ms. Natalie and Ms. Trish. The pony rides were back this year, along with the ever popular spider bungee jump and Spooky Haunted Hallway in the Elementary building, too.

Festival goers came in their October best and made a great showing for the Costume Contest. We were fortunate to have several alumni students on hand to help us judge the contest and award prizes to costumes that were scary, cute, original and of course the best overall. The arts and craft activities, carnival food and a cake walk added to the festive atmosphere. Thanks again to the PA for their wonderful job with the PA Raffle Baskets which helped to make the winners day!

We hope you enjoyed the day with your McGinnis Woods family and we look forward to seeing you back on campus sometime soon.



McGinnis Woods Sponsors Run United Forsyth 5K



On Sunday, October 18, McGinnis Woods sponsored the Run United Forsyth 5K and staff members and their families participated in the run. The 5K was held at Lanier Technical College in Cumming.

The McGinnis Woods team included Ms. Tanya, her son Tate, Ms. Kammy, Ms. Christy, Ms. Sonia and her husband Jeremy, Ms. Trish, and Coach Cynthia and her husband Mike. The McGinnis Woods team placed 3rd overall in the team category. Ms. Sonia, Ms. Trish, and Coach Cynthia also received medals in their individual age groups.

We are proud of our staff and their efforts to support and represent our school and the communities that we serve.



4th Graders Learn About the First Americans



In 4th grade this month, the SUNS and the HEROES learned about 6 Native American tribes; the Inuits, the Kwakiutl, the Pawnee, the Hopi, the Seminole, and the Nez Perce. Research of each of the tribes provided fascinating information that the 4th graders were eager to use in their in-class projects.

In the SUNS class, after learning about each tribes territory, how they obtained food, type of clothing, and shelter, the students designed different shelters that represented the Native Americans. Students worked in groups and brought in materials needed to create a replica of an igloo, plank house, longhouse, chickee, teepee, dome-shaped home, and a pueblo. They also created Native American dolls. All of their materials were brought from home or collected from outside around school or home. We tried to be as resourceful as the Native Americans were by using what we already had when building our projects.

The 4th grade HEROES created a lot of hands on activities based upon various Native American tribes. Students designed and engineered their own teepee complete with Native American symbols used by the Indians of the Great Plains and some heroic symbols too! They also researched totem poles of the Kwakiutl tribe and how each part of the huge construction told a story about their family. They created a totem pole for our class by using some common symbols used by the Kwakiutl tribe and some of our own, too. The HEROES concluded their unit on the Native Americans by creating dioramas of their chosen Native American tribe which included their shelters, how they produced/caught their food, and their environment in which they lived in.

The students learned a great deal about Native Americans and their different cultures while learning to collaborate and have fun in the process.



Red Ribbon Week: Respect Yourself, Be Drug Free!



We kicked off Red Ribbon Week with a balloon launch led by our Student Council at last Friday's Pep Rally. As a school, we set aside a week each year to honor the lives of men and women who have fought to curb the use of drugs in our community and to focus on the dangers of drugs.

This year, students were taught that a drug is a substance you put in your body that changes the way it works. We discussed how medicines, when taken properly, are good drugs and that there are also drugs that are bad for your body. We also discussed what some of those drugs are and looked at the importance of staying away from them.

In addition to learning about drugs and their effect on the body, student council planned some very fun activities for the students. All activities centered around our theme, "Respect Yourself, Be Drug Free!" There were theme days including, Being Drug Free is Our Superpower and I Dream of a World that is Drug Free.



Students also enjoyed a decorating contest where they made a mural to show their commitment to being drug free. There were two winners in each age group, PK and Kindergarten, First through Third, and Fourth through Eighth.

The winners from each category were:

1st Place : Kindergarten Pandas

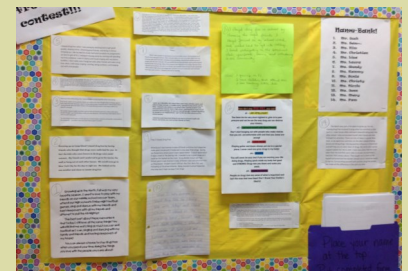
2nd Place: Kindergarten Tigers

1st Place: 1st Grade Cats

2nd Place: 2nd Grade Leopards

1st Place: 6th Grade Frogs

2nd Place 4th Grade Heroes



Teachers also wrote paragraphs about how they stayed drug free. Students then used the clues in the paragraphs to guess the teacher who had written them. Classes worked together to make their guesses in PK through 4th, but individual students guesses in grades 5 through 8. The class or student with the most correct answers earned a prize as well.

Overall, Red Ribbon Week was a lot of fun for all of our students with many surprises being awarded. Most importantly, our students learned to be safe in the world they live in.



Health and Safety Tips from Nurse Penny



There are a lot of fun events going on this month and I know as parents, you feel the impact of scheduling them all. Please try to allow for rest periods and down time as you plan your schedules. We tend to see more student illness when families are constantly on the go and not allowing time for proper nutrition and enough rest.

A questions I often hear is “How do you tell if my child has a COLD or the FLU”? Listed below are a few basic guidelines to help you assess what virus your child is experiencing. Please do not let a list take the place of a physician’s visit. Also, the CDC recommends that all children, over the age of 6 months, receive a Flu Vaccine to minimize contracting it and to minimize its symptoms should you contract it.

COLD

- Symptoms are gradual
- Low grade fever may occur
- Body aches rare
- Headache less common
- Stuffy nose/sore throat common
- Cough is hacking, bringing up mucus
- Chest discomfort is mild

FLU

- Symptoms occur quickly
- Fever of 100F or above is common
- Body aches common
- Headache common
- Stuffy nose/sore throat less common
- Cough is dry, tickly, unpredictable
- Chest discomfort often severe

Reference: MY MAGAZINE-“Stay Well. Get Well”.

Symptoms	Cold	Flu	Allergies
Aches & Pains	Yes	Yes	No
Cough	Yes	Yes	Maybe
Exhaustion	No	Yes	Maybe
Fatigue, Weakness	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fever	Maybe	Yes	No
Headache	No	Yes	Maybe
Itchy watery eyes	No	No	Yes
Rash	No	No	Yes
Sneezing	Yes	Maybe	Yes
Sore Throat	Yes	Maybe	Maybe
Stuffy Nose	Yes	Maybe	Yes

Let’s beat illnesses by eating right, getting plenty of rest, and washing our hands often.

Halloween Candy Collection

Too much Halloween Candy at your house? Please bring it to school. We are collecting candy for our US troops. We think they need a little treat from home for all they do.

Please bring in all extra candy the week of November 3-6, and donate to a great cause. Drop off boxes will be located at both school entrances.

Thanks for helping us let our troops know that we are thinking of them.



Spooky Science, A Ghoulishly Good Time



Our annual Spooky Science Event took place on October 27th. These young scientists with Ms. Sam and Ms. Wendy's help completed some creepy experiments!

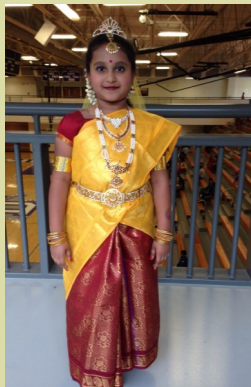
We applied a brain eating fungus to our face cup, and the fungus "ate" off the top of the heads. We then made ghosts appear using a combination of soda and a secret ingredient called Pop Rocks. It made the ghost balloons come to life! Our last experiment was to make ghosts using baking soda and shaving cream. We then made them disappear and fizz with vinegar.

At the end of our class, those who dared ate a yummy snack of florescent green ghost slime and dirt (green pudding and crushed oreos). We had an eye-opening time filled with chemical reactions and fun!



Siblings Place in Local Contest

McGinnis Woods is a wonderfully, diverse group of learners and we like to celebrate the accomplishments of our students with our school community. Whether our students have excelled in a sporting event, a poster contest, or a drama performance, we like to share about their many successes.

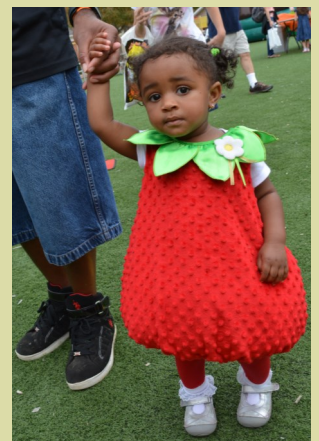


Kavya and Kavin Bharathi participated in the Greater Atlanta Tamil Sangam competition on Saturday, October 24 and won prizes in a number of categories. Tamil is one of the longest surviving classical languages in the world. The focus of the competition was to demonstrate knowledge of the language and all that it encompasses.

Kavya won 1st place in the poetry recital, in which she spoke Tamil, 2nd place in the speech competition in which she shared about the competition theme "*Tamil is more than just a language it is an identity*", and 2nd place in the fancy dress competition. Her older brother Kavin placed 3rd in the poetry recital for his age group.



Pictures from Around the School



Don't Miss This Night of Ocean Art!



**Join us for the
McGinnis Woods ART SHOW!**

The show will feature the ocean-filled, creative art work of
McGinnis Woods Country Day School Students framed,
on display and ready for purchase, \$28 per framed masterpiece!

SAVE THE DATE!

November 10th, 2015

5:00pm to 7:00pm

McGinnis Woods Country Day School

