

McConnell Minute

Principal, Mr. Clent Chatham

5/24/2010



Report Cards

Report Cards will be mailed after school is over. However, **children with outstanding cafeteria balances, media center books or textbooks will not have their report cards mailed home.** A parent/guardian will be required to pick it up in the front office.



Meal Charges

All cafeteria meal charges must be paid by Wednesday, May 26.



Archer Community School

Archer Community School will be offering a Summer Session including youth classes, summer camps and adult/teen classes. Flyers will be going home with students or can be picked up in our front office.



Rising 9th Graders

Archer's Freshman Convocation will be on August 5, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Archer Gym. After the meeting, students will receive their schedules, meet teachers and have an opportunity to tour the school. We hope all rising freshmen and their parents/guardians will be able to attend. Have a great summer, Tigers!

Archer's PTSA Newsletter, which contains useful information, can be viewed on McConnell's web site or by opening the attachment below.



Rising 8th Graders: The WRITE Camp for You!

Attention Rising 8th Graders: The WRITE Camp is a summer program for students who want to improve and enhance their writing abilities. The goal of the program is to develop our talented youth by providing them the necessary skills needed to excel on the 8th grade writing test. This program is designed especially for students entering the eighth grade who want to prepare for their upcoming school year and for the academic experiences that lie ahead in high school. Students attending the WRITE camp share a common desire to improve their writing skills, strengthen their educational background, and have fun. The camp offers small class sizes for more individualized teacher attention and expanded classroom participation.

The session is one week long, June 14-17, and costs \$75. It runs from 8:30 – 11:30 AM and is packed full of fun writing activities, including the use of computer labs. Group activities, classroom instruction, and independent practice are combined for a very exciting week of learning. Contact either Andrea M. Fowler or Anne Thompson at McConnell Middle School if you are interested in signing up.

Anne_Thompson@Gwinnett.k12.ga.us
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2nd Annual Measuring Stick 5K+Fun Run/Walk

Come join us for a run through the trails of **Tribble Mill Park** on the **Cross Country Course** to celebrate the opening of Cross Country Season! One mile fun run is on paved course. All proceeds benefit the Archer XC Teams.

Date and Location: July 31, 2010 @ Holly Pavilion at Tribble Mill Park,
Lawrenceville, GA

Race Start 8am-1 mile Fun Run, 8:30 5k Race Day Registration/Check
in: 7am-8am

Cost: only \$10 to race, race and shirt only \$17, 5 person team (with shirts)
only \$60

Awards: Overall, Age Group for male and female, and a 5 person Team
Competition. The male and female team competition will count your 5

runners towards the team total. If you don't order a shirt and change your mind, don't worry! You can buy one at the race! Register at @ www.active.com or mail the attached form.



Textbooks

If your child has a second set of textbooks at home "due to special consideration," please note ALL 5 textbooks are now past due. Please return any textbooks and/or audio CDs to McConnell immediately. Should you have any questions, please contact Sherry Keys/Textbook Coordinator. Invoices will be mailed out for those who have outstanding textbooks or CDs.



Attendance

It is very important you plan for your student to attend through the last day of school. We will have Final Exams on Tuesday, 5/25 and Wednesday, 5/26.



End of the Year Mailings

To help us cover the costs incurred with end of the year mailings, we are requesting \$1 per student be sent in to your child's homeroom teacher. We appreciate your help with this!



Archer Summer Baseball 2010

Important Dates

May 27th Team A Practice—5:00 by invitation

Team B Tryouts—6:00—All upcoming 9th, 10th, and 11th graders interested in playing for Archer High School next year are invited to tryout.

In order to try out for our summer baseball team, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Must have a completed and up to date physical and consent form which can be found on the Archer Athletics website.
2. Must be academically eligible for the 2010–2011 school year.
3. Must be enrolled at Archer High School.

There is no cost to tryout, but for all players who make the team, there will be a fee of approximately \$250.

Our summer baseball activities will take place during the month of June. Each team will participate in 5 weekend tournaments. We will only have one or two practices at the beginning of the summer and then we will only play games.

Team A Tentative Schedule

- May 28—May 30 Grayson Memorial Day Tournament
- June 3—June 6 Oconee County/Athens Area Tournament
- June 10—June 13 Blount Memorial Tournament—Hosted by Archer High School
 - June 17—June 20 Mid–Summer Classic
 - June 23—June 26 Old Hickory Wooden Bat Tournament

Team B Tentative Schedule

- June 3—June 6 Oconee County/Athens Area Tournament
- June 10—June 13 Blount Memorial Tournament—Hosted by Archer High School
 - June 17—June 20 Mid–Summer Classic
 - June 23—June 26 Old Hickory Wooden Bat Tournament
 - June 30—July 3 County Seat Classic



Gwinnett County Parks & Rec

Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation is planning a public input meeting to seek information regarding a future Passive County Park for a 75 acre portion of Vines Park Site. The meeting will be held at the Grayson High School Theater on Thursday, May 27 at 7pm. For more information, call Gwinnett County Parks & Recreation at (770) 822-8840.



Rising 9th Graders

Summer Learning Opportunities: Rising 9th graders may register for Introduction to Health and Introduction to Lifetime Fitness (PE). Both classes are required for graduation. Students may choose to take these classes in the summer to make room for electives in their regular schedule. Flyers are available in the front office.



PTA News

McConnell Middle School PTA is proud to present our 2010-2011 school year PTA Officers.

Co-Presidents: Colby Willhite and Christie Williams

Co-Vice Presidents: Annie Bell and Rose Anne Fritts

Recording Secretary: Kristie Boyd

Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Myers

Treasurer: Candice Williams



Archer Start Time Change

Archer High School start time will move to 7:20am for the 2010-2011 school year.



Attention 8th Grade Parents

All rising Archer Tigers have an opportunity to sign up for Archer High School's online newsletter, *Tiger Stripes*. Just click on the Archer website below and there is a link at the top of the page where you can sign up for the email newsletter. This newsletter will provide our 8th graders with information about school events and announcements at Archer High School. Begin getting familiar with your High School now!

<http://www.archerhighschool.com/index.php>



Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, 5/25	Final Exams
Wednesday, 5/26	Final Exams
Last day of School	



Check Out

Student check outs are not permitted after 3:30pm. In order to be counted as present for the day, students must check in before 12:35pm. Students who check out before 12:35pm and do not return to school will be counted absent.



Bus Change Request- Permanent or Emergency

For student safety, behavior management on the buses and to avoid overcrowding, McConnell Middle School will not allow students to ride a different bus or to get off at a different bus stop unless there is a permanent bus change or an unexpected family emergency (i.e. serious illness or death in the family, accident, etc). For an emergency temporary or a permanent bus change, please contact the child's community office with a written note or phone call the morning of the request. Be sure to include a phone number where a parent or guardian can be reached to discuss the request.



Early Arrival to School

J. P. McConnell does offer morning study hall for those who arrive early to school. Students may be dropped off no earlier than 8:00 am. All students must report to the cafeteria. If scheduled to attend Help Day or another function, they will be dismissed from the cafeteria. Please do not drop off anyone prior to 8:00 am as we do not have staff members available to monitor students. We put the safety and security of your child first!



School Office and Staff Hours

Our front office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Staff hours are 8:15 am to 4:15 pm.



Help Day

Help Day is every Wednesday morning from 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.



HOMWORKNOW

Ever wondered what your student had for homework?

Visit our website, <http://www.mcconnellms.org> and click on the link to Homeworknow.com to see the assignments for your child's classroom.



Please thank our current School Business Partners with your patronage: Publix-Grayson Village, Summit Chase Country Club, Vulcan Materials-Grayson and Texas Roadhouse-Snellville. Thank you partners!