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IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Sep 19-23—ITBS/ITED testing, Gr 3-10
- ◆ Sep 22—PK Hot Dog Party
- ◆ Sep—Let's Move Day has been cancelled and will be rescheduled in the spring.
- ◆ Oct 5—Fall Picture Day
- ◆ Oct 6—Farm Field Trip
- ◆ Oct 11—Teacher In-Service Day, No School
- ◆ Oct 21—End of 1st Quarter

Hopefully, most of you weathered the storms this week without too much trouble. Traveling has been a challenge for some of you, but fortunately no major difficulties have been reported.

TRAFFIC Please note the following requests from our traffic crew in order to facilitate pick up and drop off. Parents, when you pull into the PU/DO zone, remain in your car. Students must be able to undo their seatbelts by themselves and exit with the adult help present in the mornings and afternoons. Parents getting out of the car to assist students or to bid them a final goodbye slows down traffic for everyone. Please have your children ready to hop out quickly. Some parents are continuing to speed on campus. If you are having to speed because you are running late, leave earlier. It is as simple as that—and very important for the safety of our children. It has been called to our attention that when Mrs. Peeke is out front, parents behave; when she's not, they misbehave. Sounds like some of our kids, doesn't it?

BEFORE SCHOOL HOURS Some families are needing morning care to begin earlier than 7:00 a.m. in order for them to get to work on time. Be aware this service is now available. An additional \$3.50 will be added to morning care for students arriving before 7:00 a.m. The additional charge is the only way we can cover the salary of our morning care staff.

BAND STUDENTS All 5th and 6th grade students who wish to play a band instrument should have an instrument by now. If your child wants to play in the band and you don't have an instrument yet, please procure one by Monday. Band practices begin on Monday.

FIELD TRIP SHIRTS Logo shirts and sweater shirts have been ordered. We will notify you when they arrive.

HOT LUNCHESES Eighth grade has begun their lunch fundraiser. Burritos are available on Wednesdays and pizza on Fridays. Remember, orders must be in 24 hours before the scheduled meal.

ALEKS Several students have requested an ALEKS online math subscription. The order for ALEKS will be placed next week. If you are interested, get your money into the office quickly. A 10-month subscription is only \$35. That's \$3.50/month. ALEKS curriculum covers math for Grades 3-10.

LUNCH REMINDER Just a quick reminder that meat is not to be sent to school in student lunches. For purposes of clarification, meat includes all flesh products such as beef, pork, fish, and fowl. It also includes products that contain things such as chicken pieces or chicken broth, like most of the noodle soups contain. Thanks for adhering to this school policy.

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Home and School News

Merchant Reward Programs

Please click on the links below to help Atholton earn extra funds and educational items! If you registered your store credit card or supermarket savings card during last school year (2010-2011), you must re-register for the 2011-2012 school year. Imad Madanat is the chairperson for the Merchant Rewards Programs.

- 1) Giant (School Code: 01005) - www.giantfood.com/aplus
- 2) Safeway (Group ID: 6471161) - <https://secure.escrrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>
- 3) Harris Teeter (School Code: 8602) - http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx
- 4) Target (School ID: 7998) - <https://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-005158>
- 5) Bloom (School ID: 02065) – <http://www.bloomforyourschool.com/cardno.php>
- 6) Food Lion (School ID: 211379) - http://www.foodlionmvpwards.com/mvp_registration/cardno.php
- 7) Box Tops - Please provide labels to the school office. List of eligible Box Top products: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=3878>.
- 8) Labels for Education - Please provide labels to the school office. List of eligible products: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/assets/pdf/EnglishParticipatingProductsPage.pdf>
- 9) My Coke Rewards – List of eligible Coca-Cola beverages: http://www.mycokerewards.com/participatingBrands.do?WT.ac=mnuHIW_BAP

Sign in and enter the codes from the above products at this site: http://www.mycokerewards.com/mcrSchools.do?WT.ac=mnuS_DTS#search_and_donate

10th Anniversary of 9-11

This Sunday marks the tenth anniversary of the 9-11-01 terrorist attacks. Please visit www.911day.org/volunteersearch/5/1 for information about volunteer projects in and around Howard County. The nonprofit group organizing the events hopes 9/11 will become “the single largest day of charitable service in United States history.” Also, 911Memorial.org has created a resource for parents about how to talk with children about September 11th. This can be accessed at http://www.911memorial.org/sites/all/files/TalkingToChildren_FINAL4.pdf.

Reminders:

1. AAA has adopted Hattieville SDA Elementary, Belize, Central America, as our sister school. Hattieville students are in need of shoes and school supplies. Donations of these items can be placed in the marked red boxes located at the school office entrance and at end of the hallway by the student backdoor entrance. Our goal is to collect 100 pairs of children's shoes (new or gently used) by this November.

2. Home & School will be sponsoring its 1st AAA Spelling Bee! The Co-Chairpersons for this program are Susanna McPhaul and Heba Antwan. We are looking for volunteers to be part of the Spelling Bee committee to help organize this event. If interested please contact me via the school's email or my phone# below.

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful weekend!
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