



SEDALIA PARK PANTHERS

What's Happening at the Park

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Events and Reminders

Bring the Kids to Santa's Shop!

Come and enjoy the spirit of the holidays with Santa at the Park. You can have a photo taken with Santa, shop for your family, and have breakfast! All while supporting a good cause. Sponsored by the Sedalia Park/Eastvalley Relay for Life, all proceeds from this event go to the American Cancer Society to support cancer research and programs.

Cost: Gifts are priced from \$1 to \$15 and wrapping is included. Pictures with Santa are available for \$5.00 and breakfast is available for \$3.00.

When: Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon in the cafeteria.

Send in Some Toys for Tots! The Sedalia Park Student Council has elected to work on a second service project this year. We will collect NEW, UNWRAPPED toys for the Toys for Tots program.

When/Where: Send your donations to school from Dec. 5 through Dec. 16. Place them in the drop box in the school lobby.

Come Caroling! Sedalia Park has had a longstanding tradition of caroling around the neighborhood surrounding our school. We'd love to have you join us in this musical celebration.

When: Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Meet Mr. Wehr on the front porch for hot cider and cookies.

Calendar at a Glance

This Month at The Park...

- Dec 5-16: Student Council Toys for Tots Collection
- Dec 5: Zaxby's Reading Night 6:00-8:00pm
- Dec 6: Governing Board Meeting 6:00pm
- Dec 8: Chuck E Cheese Spirit Night 3:00-9:00pm
- Dec 10: Relay for Life Santa Shop 9:00am-12 noon
- Dec 12: Last day for Park parents to submit *Get Involved* stories
- Dec 20: Caroling 6:30-7:30pm
- Dec 23-Jan 9: NO SCHOOL – Winter Holiday

Early Next Month...

- Jan 10: School Back in Session
- Jan 10: Governing Board Meeting 6:00pm
- Jan 13: Student Council Meeting 7:1 am
- Jan 13: Spirit Day (wear your Park Panther shirt)
- Jan 13: Spelling Bee (Grades 4 & 5) 8:30am

Holiday Hint! Check out the Specials page on the school website (sedaliapark.typepad.com/specials/) for a list of fun learning web sites!

Did You Know?

We Need Your Best "Get Involved" Moment!

The Georgia Department of Education needs your help in capturing your best GET INVOLVED moment and we want Sedalia Park parents to share their stories.

Look for a form coming home with your student soon!

Make sure that your story provides details including:

- What happened
- Who was involved
- Why it was your best involved moment

Please return completed forms to Frances Jaramillo, Parent Liaison by **Monday, Dec. 12.**

Holiday Happenings are coming soon!

Sedalia Park's winter holiday parties are just around the corner. For dates and details check your grade-level newsletters on The Park web site (sedaliapark.typepad.com) -- Click on your child's grade under Park Blogs in the column of links on the right side of the page.

Volunteer opportunities abound! Be sure to sign-in as a volunteer in the office to get your volunteer hours for the year! Call the office for more information: 770-509-5162. Here are some opportunities:

- Lunchroom monitors: any day, 10:30am - 1:30pm
- Carpool line: every morning, 7:15-7:50am
- Organize donated uniforms: any day, 8am - 2:00pm
- One on one student support in classroom (check with your student's teacher): any day, 8am - 2pm
- Help shelve books in the library: any day, 7:15am - 2:20pm

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Reading is a Great Holiday Break Activity

The winter break is a long one. Help your children keep up their reading skills by encouraging them to read a wide variety of books during the break. Here are some ideas to keep reading fun:

- **Pick a Library Day and visit your local library:** Give plenty of time for browsing books and let your child check out as many as possible. Getting your child his or her own library card can be an exciting activity and good incentive for future reading. Check out a book yourself and show your child that reading is an important activity in your home.
- **Read WITH your child:** For younger students, reading with Mom and/or Dad is an enjoyable time. This gives you an opportunity to read a book which might be at a higher level than your child is reading. Be very expressive when you read, and make your voice change with the characters. Children will imitate this and it encourages understanding of the story.
- **Read TO your child:** Children and adults of all ages enjoy hearing a good story. Select a chapter book and read some of it each day. Like a weekly TV show, a daily chapter of a book can be just as exciting.
- **Listen to audio books:** Every library in Cobb County has a selection of audio books (books on tape or CD). A good audio book can be enjoyed by everyone in the family. If you are on a long car ride, try an audio book.
- **Establish a reading time:** Set a daily reading time when everybody in the family finds a comfy spot to read. Put all chores, phone and other activities aside while the family reads!

You Can Make a Difference at The Park

We need your help with a PTA Nominating Committee! PTA is looking for those interested in joining the Nominating Committee that helps select the right people for officers of Sedalia Park PTA (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). If you would like to be a part of the Nominating Committee, please reach out to Melissa Rogers (rogers.melissalee@att.net).

Are you interested in a leadership role in the 2012-2013 PTA? If you are interested in becoming a PTA officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer) or learning more about what is involved, please reach out to Melissa Rogers (rogers.melissalee@att.net).

Happy Holidays from the Sedalia Park PTA & Staff!

To all of our Park families: Enjoy your time with family and friends! School is out from Friday, December 23 through Monday January 9. **We will see you back at school on Tuesday, January 10 ready to continue a year of great learning!**