



SEDALIA PARK PANTHERS

What's Happening at the Park

A Title I Distinguished School, AYP Eight Years

Events and Reminders

Kindergarten Sneak-A-Peek gives new Kindergarten parents an opportunity to meet administrators, tour the building and visit Kindergarten classrooms.

When: Wednesday, January 12 from 8:30-9:30am.

Second Nine Weeks Report Cards are coming home. Standards Based Report Cards provide information about whether your child has met or exceeded state standards on the Georgia curriculum.

When: Tuesday, Jan. 17

More information: www.georgiastandards.org

Ready...Set...Read! Yes, your child can read his/her way to Six Flags. Students who read at least six hours or 360 minutes and document it on the provided log will earn a FREE ticket to the Georgia amusement park.

When: The Six Flags Read to Succeed Program will begin January 17. Readers have until February 22 to read and turn in their signed log to their homeroom teacher.

Panther Pride Awards Assemblies Please join us to celebrate students who have made Character Club, Honor Roll, Enthusiastic AR Readers, and more!

When: From 8:00 to 8:30am on the following dates:

1st Grade: Monday, Jan. 23

2nd Grade: Tuesday, Jan. 24

3rd Grade: Wednesday, Jan. 25

4th Grade: Thursday, Jan. 26

5th Grade: Friday, Jan. 27

Uniform Source Annual Sale Start the New Year off by saving 20% on school uniforms during the annual winter sale at . Uniform Source.

When: Sale runs from Jan. 2 through Jan. 31

More Information: Shop in store (2141 North Cobb Parkway, Kennesaw, 30152) or online (www.uniform-source.com)

Calendar at a Glance

This Month at The Park...

- Jan 10: School Back in Session! Welcome Back!
- Jan 10: Governing Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Jan 12: Kindergarten Sneak-A-Peek Orientation
- Jan 12 & 17: 1st Grade Science Experiments with High Touch High Tech
- Jan 13: Spirit Day (wear your Park Panther shirt)
- Jan 13: Spelling Bee (Grades 4 & 5) 8:30am
- Jan 16: NO SCHOOL: MLK Holiday
- Jan 17: Report Cards Home
- Jan 17: Chick-fil-a Spirit Night, 3pm-8pm
- Jan 23-27: Panther Pride Awards Assemblies

Early Next Month...

- Feb 2: PTA Meeting, 2nd Grade Performs 6:00pm
Target Open House 5:30 pm
- Feb 3: Spirit Day (wear your Park Panther shirt)
- Feb 6: Zaxby's Reading Night, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Feb 7: Governing Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Feb 14: Parents Invited to Volunteer Luncheon

Target Open House This is an orientation meeting for parents of students who qualified for the program in January 2012.

When: Thursday, Feb. 2, 5:30 pm.

Note... The Student Council Meeting that was schedule for Jan. 13 has been cancelled!

Did You Know?

Sedalia Park's talent show is coming soon... and we want to see your acts with an 80s theme! That's the 1980s in case you were wondering. Google it – or ask your parents or grandparents if you have to! Look for permission slips and more information coming home mid-January, but now is the time to come up with a 2-minute act that fits the theme and be ready to audition toward the end of January. We encourage all students to participate. Acts can be solo or done as a group. The talent show will take place on Friday, Feb. 24.

Sedalia Park values your opinion. Look for a survey coming home with your student this month. This survey will be used to develop our school's Parental Involvement Policy and Activities Action Plan. Please complete and return to Frances Jaramillo, Parent Liaison in the front office.

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School Closings & Delays

It is winter in Georgia and with that comes the possibility of school closings and delayed starts. School closings and delays are reported promptly on local news and radio stations as well as the Cobb County School District's website (<http://www.cobbk12.org/>).

If we have a two-hour delay, buses will run exactly two hours later than they normally do and breakfast will not be served – so make sure your child eats breakfast at home on days with a delayed start. Please do not call the school to confirm what you hear on the news. There is no one in the office to answer your calls because staff also reports two hours later.

Your child's safety is very important and is the driving factor in making any decision involving school closings.

As the temperatures cool, please remember to send your children to school in clothing that matches the temperature outside. Sweatshirts, jackets, blazers and sweaters worn during the day in the school building must be solid white, navy, light blue or dark green. Write your child's name in the sweater or jacket so it can be returned if lost. Please consider donating gently used uniforms, school color sweat shirts or sweaters.

We offer English classes for adults! Are you interested in taking english classes at Sedalia Park? Sign-up for basic english classes on Tuesdays from 9:00-10:30 am beginning 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21 and 2/28. Look for a flyer coming home with more information.

Helping Children Learn is a newsletter distributed to Sedalia Park parents each month. Each edition is packed with tips and information families can use to help children do better in school, interesting Q&A topics and even a Parent Quiz! The January edition focuses on these topics and more: Ways to teach your child more responsibility, How to keep track of the calendar, How to support your child's teacher, What to do when children dislike school.

More Information: Visit the Parent Involvement Blog (http://sedaliapark.typepad.com/parental_involvement/) to learn more about Parent Resources available for Sedalia Park families. For more information call Frances Jaramillo (frances.jaramillo@cobbk12.org), Parent Liaison (770-509-5162 Ext 243).

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, 7:15-7:50 am
- Organize donated uniforms: any day, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
- One on one student support in classroom (check with your student's teacher or office)
- Help shelve books in the library: any day, 7:15 am - 2:20 pm

PTA Highlights

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 (roger.melissalee@att.net).

Don't miss the first PTA meeting of the new year – including a performance by the 2nd grade! Join us on Thursday, Feb. 2 for pizza starting at 6:00pm, followed by the 6:30 pm meeting and performance. PTA will hold an **Officer's Forum from 6:00 to 6:30 pm** in the cafeteria for anyone who wishes to discuss anything before or during the meeting. We encourage you to visit your 2nd grader's classroom between 5:45 and 6:15 pm to discover what your student is learning this period.

If you haven't already joined the PTA, you can sign up at the meeting. A PTA membership costs only \$5 and comes with coupons and discounts that more than cover the cost! All money raised by PTA goes to fund a wide variety of programs and projects for all Sedalia Park students! Remember, you can go to sedaliapark.typepad.com/pta for meeting minutes and much more.