

BLACKWELL

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October:

- 4th - Board of Directors Meeting
Domino's Pizza Night
- 14th - Fall Festival 5pm - 7:30pm
- 19th - Snow Cones for perfect attendance
- 20th - Carpool Chick-fil-A
- 21st - Hat Day
- 24th - 28th - Conference Week
School will be released each day at 12:30pm

31st - HAPPY HALLOWEEN

FULL CALENDAR FOUND AT
www.parentteacher.net.login.asp

Blackwell PTA's 411 Stay Current & Informed!

- * Sign Up for General Volunteer Opportunities
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www.parentteacher.net.login.asp
Organization Code: blackwellpta

It's time for Fall Festival
Friday October 14th
5pm - 7:30pm

Inflatables, Face Painting, Hair Spray, Games, Cookie Walk, Sand Art, Hot Dogs, Pizza, Popcorn, Cotton Candy and much more!

**FLYERS WILL BE COMING HOME SOON SO,
AVOID THE LINES AND PURCHASE EARLY!!**

We also need donations per grade level:

Kindergarten - Hot Dog Buns

1st Grade - Small prizes for games - check the Dollar Store for jacks, cards, toys, etc.

2nd Grade - Bottle water

3rd Grade - Individual bags of chips

4th Grade - Canned sodas (please send in Coke, Diet Coke, or Sprite or like off-brands)

5th Grade - Canned sodas (please send in Coke, Diet Coke, or Sprite or like off-brands)



Cookies, Cookies, Cookies

The Cookie Walk takes place at the **FALL FESTIVAL**. To make it a success, we need cookie donations.

Please send in 12 cookies in a Ziploc Baggie with a description of the cookie on the outside.

Cookies can be store bought or homemade.

Blackwell Foundation Silent Auction at Fall Festival Friday, October 14, 2011



It's almost time for the 2011 Blackwell Elementary Fall Festival. This is always a fun night for the whole family. The Blackwell Foundation is once again sponsoring a silent auction that will raise money to increase technology in our classrooms. **We'd like your help in filling themed baskets for the silent auction!** Please send in something that relates to any of the themes listed below – or, if you would rather contribute financially, we will purchase appropriate items. **Send the items (or financial donation in a sealed envelope) to the front office marked Blackwell Foundation / Silent Auction.** Your help is greatly appreciated!

Please send all donations in by Tuesday, October 11th.

Basket themes include: Littlest Pet Shop, Ice cream, Lego, Tailgating/picnic, game night and arts & crafts ... be creative!

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If your business would like to donate any items for the Silent Auction, please contact Julie Hale at hale620@bellsouth.net by October 11th.

Or, do you have a special talent? Baking? Gardening? Painting? Consider some of these creative ideas to donate for bidding –

- If you are a professional painter, donate your time to paint a room
- If you cook or bake, donate "dinner for 4" or "dessert for 12", etc.
- If you like to do yard work, donate two hours of yard clean up
- If you own a vacation rental, donate a weekend stay

Please let us know by October 11th if you have anything to donate!
Thank you for your support.

Announcements:

Until further notice, Stevie B's School Night has been suspended. Due to change in ownership, Stevie B's on Barrett Parkway will no longer honor their agreement.

Please replace the email address:
president@blackwell.ptsamail.com
with
coral407@comcast.net

Home Party Update:
Thank you to our first representatives for signing up: Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Amway, and Thirty-one gifts!

THE BERT SHOWS

BIG THANK YOU

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR TROOPS!

along with Q100
Blackwell Bulldogs will say,
"Thank you!"
to our troops.

- All letters must be on 8.5" x 11" paper or smaller.
- Do not use glue, tape, staples, cardboard, glitter or otherwise attach anything to the paper.
- Decorate using crayons, pencil, etc.
- Use both sides if you like, but use one page per letter only.
- Do not send cards or photographs.
- Feel free to include your mailing and email address, and you may get a response. Individual letters should not be sealed in envelopes

Write your letters and make our cards at home then return the letters to your teachers, Mrs. Haire or the box in front hallway.

Our Troops Need Our Support!
All the letters will be delivered on Thanksgiving.



Kids Korner

Writing Contest is coming...

Starting in November's issue, we will be adding a "Kids Korner" to our Blackwell Bulletin. Please read below for the details.

1. We will reward a prize for the highest class participation for each grade.
2. We will have an entry form for each month's submission. There will also be a theme that your child will have to write about. November's theme will be about Thanksgiving.
3. There will be a winning student for each grade. Prizes will be announced at the beginning of each month.
4. We will have volunteers for each grade that will be responsible for distributing the monthly entry forms, reading all of the entries and selecting the winner.
5. All students would be eligible to win one time throughout the year.
6. Kindergarten teachers will help us set guidelines for this age.

SAVE THE DATE – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH OUR FIRST "ONE STOP HOLIDAY SHOP"

Blackwell PTA will be hosting its first home party. Direct selling companies like Pampered Chef, Mary Kay and others will all be under one roof. There will be door prizes and many great items. Just in time for you to do your holiday shopping.

We are looking for home consultants or vendors!!!

Are you a Pampered Chef consultant? Do you sell Godiva Chocolate? Do you sell items that you make?

If so, then sign up to be a vendor at the "One Stop Holiday Shop" on November 10th.

If interested please contact
Maria Huggins - coral407@aol.com for more information.

Vendors WANTED:

**Are you a direct seller for companies like Avon? Mary Kay?
Pampered Chef?**

Do you make and sell your own products / crafts?

**Then Blackwell PTA's Home Party
is the place for you!**

**We are hosting our first ever "home party" at Blackwell to bring our
Blackwell Families & Community together with our direct HOME sellers!**

Instead of selling to 5 people in a house,

come and sell at Blackwell home to 700 families!

**Blackwell PTA's Home Party will be on Thursday,
November 10th from 5PM – 7PM.**

**To receive and application and guidelines, please contact
Maria Huggins at coral407@comcast.net.**

Registration begins for Blackwell PTA members on 9/29/11 to 10/12/11.

Open Registration starts 10/13/11



Run Girls Run is not just a running program; it's a program designed to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. Coach Peek started a running program for girls seven years ago and this is the 3rd year of "Run Girls Run".

The Blackwell "Run Girls Run" for girls in grades 3 -5 began on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:45 AM on the track. All Blackwell Run Girls Run laps, Road Race miles, 12 minute Run/Walk laps and the Blackwell Walkmania score will be added together throughout the year. The girls' number of completed laps are recorded each morning. The more laps completed the more shoe tokens they earn. Parents will be invited to a Celebration in January, 2012.

**"Run Girls Run" meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from
6:45–7:20 AM, Schedule will continue until Dec.1st.**

Some of the races the Girls will run (parents and boys are welcome to join us, see Coach Peek for application):

- **Saturday, October 08, 2011** - Cobb County Make a Wish 5K - Marietta Square
- **Saturday, Nov, 12, 2011** - Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation 5K @ Piedmont Park – In honor of Jackie Turner , former Run Girls Run dad
- **Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011** – Gobble Jog 5K – Marietta Square
- **Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011** - Sleighbells on the Square 5K
- **Saturday, Jan 28, 2012** – Polar Bear Run 5K- Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta GA
- **Saturday, May 12, 2012** - Peachtree Jr – for girls and boys ages 7 -12 – Piedmont Park, Atlanta, GA

Special thanks to the following teachers who volunteer to serve on Tuesday and Thursdays: Mrs. O'Dell, Ms McKeehan, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Zurkuhlen, Ms Ansley, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. France and Mrs. Chandler. And Special thanks to our sponsors Resurgens Charitable Foundation, PowerUp! And Peek Design Group!

October's Volunteer Opportunities: Fall Festival and Conference Week

We all want our children to receive the best education possible but how?

One answer is PTA!

PTA is Parents & Teachers coming together to BUILD the best education for our children & THEIR FUTURE.

With all the budget cuts to education, PTA picks up some of the MISSING BLOCKS by providing...Art and Music Supplies, Science Education Program, Crime & Punishment Cultural Program, Field Day Assistance, Clinic Supplies, Communication from the School, Classroom Supplies & Agenda's!
(just to name a few).

What Can You do to Help?

Join PTA...for \$7

There is NO TIME COMMITMENT
(unless you want to help)

By Joining PTA you are just saying you support the effort to better educate the students of Blackwell Elementary.

It is that Easy!

PUT YOUR CHILD'S PICTURE ON THE CAFETERIA WALL!

VOLUNTEER 3 HOURS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE SCHOOL.

THEN SEND IN YOUR BLACKWELL STUDENT'S PICTURE TO BE DISPLAYED IN THE CAFETERIA'S VOLUNTEER WALL OF STARS.

PLAN AHEAD AND SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT
WWW.PARENTTEACHER.NET
(ORGANIZATION CODE:
BLACKWELLPTA)

WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO SIGN UP AND VIEW ALL GENERAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.

October's Showcased Parental Involvement Opportunities

Studies have shown that parent involvement in their child's school can help improve the overall education of the child. We are asking each parent to volunteer 3 or more hours a school year. We welcome any additional time you can devote.

Please contact Maria Huggins at coral407@comcast.net for more information.

On-site:

1. Classroom Helpers - assist different classes as needed which may include projects, writing, and math on a weekly basis. If you are available on Wednesday's from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM, please consider volunteering.
2. Lunch Bunch – Assist in the cafeteria as needed between 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Anytime that you can give during the hours specified would be truly appreciated.
3. Copy Crew – make copies as needed on a weekly basis. . If you are available any time on Monday's, please consider volunteering.
4. Art Aide – assist art teacher in the classroom; no art experience needed.

Virtual (from home):

***Prize Finders - solicit businesses for donations (cash, food, or door prizes) (monthly)

Become a Blackwell PTA member by October 31st and win a Staycation right here in Atlanta! We will be drawing one name at the General Meeting of PTA members only to win a 2 night complimentary weekend stay at the Melia hotel and dinner at Rays on the River.

PTA MEMBERS!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S PTA PROGRAM!

DAWG PRIDE

- Lucretia Elliott
- Steven Elliott
- Cathy Larson
- Peter Larson
- Melissa Mckeehan
- Cara Plugge
- Russ Plugge

BULLDOGS

- Amy Alexander
- Chelle Blancato
- Frank Blancato
- Justin Chandler
- David Comai
- Kim Comai
- Derek Gwaltney
- Jennifer Gwaltney
- Julie Hale
- Tom Hale
- Eileen Hemmati
- Manouch Hemmati
- Maria Huggins
- Mike Huggins
- Keith Kendrick
- Teresa Kendrick
- Maurico Nascimento
- Nicole Overmeyer
- Manish Parag
- Kamal Parag
- Greg Price
- Kelli Price
- Regianne Samora
- Jack Sandberg
- Sharona Sandberg

BLUE LEVEL

- Elizabeth Byrd
- Jason Byrd
- Hyon Chung
- Jae Chung
- Shannon Finley
- Kristine Goldstein
- Michael Goldstein
- Rhonda Kreitz
- Heather Laird
- Jeff Laird
- Brandy Nesmith
- Cliff Pepper
- Virginia Russell
- Jack Sandberg
- Wendy Sandberg
- Darla Spire
- Rob Spire
- Shannon Thompson

WHITE LEVEL

- Jessica Abbott
- Ryan Abbott
- Siva Athiappan
- Marie Barrett

- Christie Bybel
- Tony Bybel
- Adalidys Cabarcas
- Jamie Danford
- Lynn Danford
- Deana DeLaBarre
- Amy DeWit
- Rich DeWit
- Joey Dizenhouse
- Tracy Dizenhouse
- Irina Elizarov
- Willy Elizarov
- Pamela Farina
- Becky Fleming
- Paul Fleming
- Zack Foster
- Mike France
- Sheri France
- Larry Gardinier
- Michelle Garinier
- Kimberly Gore
- Robert Gore
- Jennifer Goodner
- John Goodner
- Frances Hedrick
- Josh Hedrick
- Dany Horton
- Lynn Huntington
- Rachel Hutton
- Waltina Lonon
- Craig Lonon
- Scott Love
- Wendy Love
- Matt Mangan
- Yessie Mangan
- Esther Mburu
- Susan McGary
- Wayne McGary
- Laura Miller
- Niru Murthy
- Geoff O'Neill
- Joanna O'Neill
- Merinda Parsons
- Richard Pearson
- Stephanie Pearson
- Chadeth Phanhourath
- Laura Phanhourath
- Rob Phillipps
- Tracey Phillipps
- Corey Piggott
- E'Dwina Piggott
- Bernadette Quartermont
- Jayachitra Ramasamy
- Kristie Rometo
- Stephen Rometo
- Sarah Soback
- Dedra Stanfill
- JD Stanfill
- Leslie Summerour
- Connie Wolff
- Patrick Wolff
- Allan Yurchak
- Laurie Yurchak

SINGLE

- Dave Adkins
- George Alexander
- Vennie Allen
- Holly Babcock
- April Barton
- Phillip Barton
- Jeff Benincosa
- Tiffany Benincosa
- Kaci Berry
- Ingrid Binkley
- Denise Black
- Diane Blackmore
- Laurie Bradford
- Linda Brafford
- Elana Brooking
- Charlie Brooks
- Greg Brown
- Nikki Brown
- Clay Bullock
- Dawn Burke
- Natalia Castellanos
- Julianne Cheatham
- Michael Cheatham
- Karen Chung
- Shung Chung
- Michelle Collins
- Heather Correll
- Denise Cortez
- Shirley Crosby
- Karen Cunningham
- Karen Davis
- Ann Dennis
- Elaine Devan
- Mahesh Devan
- Wendell Dobson
- Jane Doe
- John Doe
- Phyllis Donn
- Andrea Drake
- Patsy Engleman
- Nick Evans
- Mr. Farina
- Jana Ferguson
- Beth Ficarro
- Tom Ficarro
- Dhorea Flynn-Randle
- Jill Fowler
- Jay Frankel
- Alpa Gaiera
- Jay Gamba
- Jeff Gerdes
- Kim Gerdes
- Irma Gil
- Christen Gilmartin
- Christopher Gilmartin
- Renee Glass
- Michele Goggins
- Steen Goh
- Tricia Granger
- Abraham Grant
- Jana Grant
- Lynn Grier
- Fred Griffin
- Kelly Griffin
- Patti Griffith
- Laurie Haire
- Desy Hairetis
- Nikki Hanak
- Nancy Hart
- Russel Harty
- Laurie Henderlong
- Erik Hess
- Kelly Hess
- Monica Hodges
- Judy Hrabak
- Lang Juang
- Carrie Jenkins
- Mary Jolicoeur
- Emily Joliff
- Krystal Karlish-Gamba
- Priscilla King
- Cindi Kosior
- Maruine Kozol
- Nancy Lawrence
- Amanda Leonard
- Janine Lock
- Suzzette Loggains
- Tovah Martin
- Amber Mathe
- Melody Matthews
- Leslie McClure
- Thomas McClure
- Lynn McGee
- David Mitchell
- Theresa Mixon
- Dan Moll
- Kateryna Moll
- Stephen Moon
- Jacob Muniz
- Jennifer Myers
- Jessica Nalbandian
- Pat Nassar
- Yasuo Nogomi
- Yuko Nogomi
- Debra O'Dell
- Doug O'Dell
- Steve O'Hara
- Michele Oldham
- Jorge Pajares
- Jo Parsons
- Katherine Partridge
- Alyce Paul
- Stephanye Peek
- April Porter
- Steve Porter
- Amy Potts
- Traneice Quinn
- Chester Ransom
- Stephanie Reeves
- Brain Rianhard
- Kelly Richardson
- Marcy Rosado
- Dian Rosenberg
- Greg Ruddock

CON'T....

- Michele Salas
- Ralph Salas
- Cathy Sandy
- Srividya Satya
- Shannon Ser
- Janeen Sheard
- Donna Silva
- Pat Smith
- David Sobierai
- Coni Soliday

Nikki Spangenberg
Christine Springer
Jennifer Stevenson
Elaine Still-Sobieraj
Andy Sullivan
Colene Sullivan
LaTonya Taylor
Emma Uyena
Angela Velella
John Velella
Jennifer Valez
Jennifer Wagner
tonya Walentowski

John Wallin
Kelly Walls
David Watson
Taeko Watson
Myra West-Allen
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Sherry Wright
Abbly Zeineddine
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HotShotRC Raceway and Hobbystore is located in Marietta, GA. We feature indoor race tracks for RC racing.

These include onroad, offroad, and a mini car track. Hot ShotRC also offers sales and repairs of RC vehicles, helis and airplanes. We are an authorized Novak, Horizon Hobby, Kyosho, CRC, Mylaps, and Great Planes dealer. Our facility is state-of-the-art with ROAR spec tracks, WiFi and a gaming lounge for the kids. We offer Family Fun at a Fantastic price!

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