

# BLACKWELL

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### November:

- 8th - School Holiday
- 10th - Chick-fil-A Biscuit Carpool  
5th Grade Picture  
Home Shopping Party
- 11th - Veteran's Day
- 14th - Stevie B's Night
- 14th - 18th - Book Fair Week
  
- 21st - 25th - Thanksgiving Break  
No School

FULL CALENDAR FOUND AT  
[www.parentteacher.net.login.asp](http://www.parentteacher.net.login.asp)

## Blackwell PTA's 411 Stay Current & Informed!

- \* Sign Up for  
General Volunteer Opportunities
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Organization Code: blackwellpta

*You are cordially invited to Blackwell's Home Party,  
Your One Stop Shop!*

*Thursday, November 10, 2011  
5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.*



*Gift ideas for every one on your list! Representatives from  
Pampered Chef, Mary Kay  
Thirty-one Gifts, Biltmore Inspirations  
Creative Memories, Scentsy Candles,  
Lia Sophia, homemade Jewelry,  
Wood Craft, Disney Vacation Cruise Planner, and more!  
PS - Bring a friend or two!*





Thank you to the following  
companies for donating  
items to our silent auction  
at the Fall Festival!

- California Dreaming
- Anytime Fitness
- Chick-fil-A
- Cici's Pizza
- Shannon Stallard Jewelry
- Evan Conn, Financial Planning
- Glamour Girls Day Spa
- Green Mountain Coffee Co.
- Mary Kay – E'dwina Piggott
- Bernadette Quartemont
- Scott Love
- Desy Hairetis
- Outdoor Lazertag
- Portfolio Salon
- Ray's
- Residence Inn – Buckhead
- Rita's Italian Ice
- Taco Mac
- Home Depot – Roswell Rd
- Julienne's Salon
- Yellow Umbrella Beach Rental

We also greatly appreciate the individual donations  
for the themed baskets and ALL THE BIDDERS! Thank you!



Ms. McKeehan, Art Teacher at Blackwell, is our  
**California Dreaming Teacher of the Month!**  
Thank you for all your work on the creative art projects  
that were sold and auctioned at the fall festival!  
We're glad you are a Blackwell Foundation Friend. :)

Blackwell Parents – Thank you for making Conference Week a huge success! Our teachers definitely felt appreciated. The staff and teachers enjoyed a variety of delicious entrees and desserts for lunch every day of the week from Blackwell PTA and Parents.

A special THANK YOU to Kristine Goldstein, Chair of the Blackwell Bakers. She organized all of the meals, helped set up and breakdown each day, while maintaining a great smile all week. Thank you as well to Lucretia Elliott, Nicole Overmeyer, and Connie Baucom, who gave Kristine a lending hand cleaning the countless crockpots and assisting her as needed. Of course, thank you to all of the parents that took the time to cook or bake. We couldn't have done this without you!

# THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Blackwell's BOOK FAIR is coming and it's going to be out of this world!

There will be over 1000 titles available at the Book Fair this year!

Please visit our Book Fair website at:

[http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/  
homepage/blackwell](http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/blackwell)

You will find:

operating hours, Thanksgiving Feast hours,  
book info & Book Fair volunteer info!

## Kids Korner is COMING SOON!

We have had to delay the beginning of our Kids Korner, but please be on the lookout for more information.

Starting in December's issue, we will be adding a "Kids Korner" to our Blackwell Bulletin. Please start talking to your child about what they may be thankful for as our first theme is: "I am Thankful for..."

Each month we will have a theme that the kids can write about. Then the PTA will consider it for publication in our Blackwell Bulletin. One student per grade will be featured and win a prize. The class with the highest participation for each grade will also be given a prize. An entry form will be sent home with your child to turn in.

## NOVEMBER'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](mailto:CORAL407@COMCAST.NET) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### ON-SITE:

1. **BULLDOGS R' US** – ASSIST IN SELLING TO STUDENTS SCHOOL TYPE SUPPLIES ON TUESDAYS AND/OR FRIDAYS FROM 7:15 AM – 8AM. PLEASE CONTACT KELLY GRIFFIN AT [KELLY@GISS.COMCASTBIZ.NET](mailto:KELLY@GISS.COMCASTBIZ.NET) FOR MORE INFORMATION.
2. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE** – MEET ON AS NEEDED BASIS TO SUPPORT BLACKWELL IN ITS EFFORT TO BE AS "GREEN" AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE CONTACT STEVE GOH AT [STEVENGOH@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:STEVENGOH@HOTMAIL.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.
3. **COPY CREW** – MAKE COPIES AS NEEDED ON A WEEKLY BASIS. **OPEN SPOTS AVAILABLE ANY DAY OF THE WEEK.** PLEASE CONTACT NICHOLE WALLIN AT [NICHOLE.WALLIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NICHOLE.WALLIN@GMAIL.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.
4. **MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE** – MEET ON AS NEEDED BASIS TO HONOR BLACKWELL'S DIVERSE COMMUNITY. PLEASE CONTACT SAMIA BOYKIN AT [DOLPHINS786US@YAHOO.COM](mailto:DOLPHINS786US@YAHOO.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### VIRTUAL (FROM HOME):

**PRIZE FINDERS** - SOLICIT BUSINESSES FOR DONATIONS (CASH, FOOD, OR DOOR PRIZES) (MONTHLY). PLEASE CONTACT MARIA HUGGINS AT [CORAL407@COMCAST.NET](mailto:CORAL407@COMCAST.NET) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

# Fall Festival was a tremendous success!

It surpassed our goal for this year by almost \$2,000.00. Since the PTA does not ask parents to do fundraisers that require door to door selling, this is our main fundraiser of the year that pays for almost all of the items on our budget. For example: at the beginning of the year, we gave grants to each grade level of \$500 to assist in a program the grade level deemed important, but didn't necessarily have the funds to acquire. Not only did we grant the different grade levels, but we also awarded \$150 to the different specialties: Gifted, Special Needs, and ESOL. This is just one of the ways the PTA supports Blackwell.

Therefore, THANK YOU Blackwell Parents for supporting our Fall Festival! We appreciate the talent, treasure, and time given so generously by you. We had so many parents willing to volunteer; we had to turn some people away. What a way to show our Blackwell Pride!

A special thank you goes out to the Fall Festival committee for tirelessly working to get donations and doing everything possible to ensure there was a Fall Festival! Our Fall Festival committee consisted of Lucretia Elliott, Krystal Karlish-Gamba, Tammy Ross, and Elide Sanstead. They did such a terrific job; please thank them if you see them.

Special recognition also goes out to Teresa Kendrick, Nichole Wallin, Kelly Griffin, Ms. Donn, Chad Phanhourath, Mrs. Karlish, and Kristine Goldstein! As well as, Mr. Manouch Hemmatti for graciously allowing us to borrow his grill and grilling all of the hot dogs!

Although, we can't forget our community and business partners! Without them, we wouldn't have Padded Sword Fighting, Hot Dogs, Fire Truck, and so much more. Thank our business partners by supporting their business.

**A BIG thank you to the companies listed below that donated items or their time and service:**

**Publix at Hawkins Store Road, Rays on the River Restaurants, Kroger, Marietta Martial Arts (ASP's Karate Company), Hot Shots RC Raceway & Hobby Store, Hot Wheels, Rita's, Shogun, Glamour Day Spa Game Truck, Logomotion, Tax Express, New York Life Insurance Co., Portfolio Salon, Red Hot Fire Truck Events, Massage for Health, JJ Daniel – Games, Kell H.S. JV Football Team –Volunteers, Sprayberry H.S. - Volunteers**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Plan ahead and sign up to volunteer at [www.parentteacher.net](http://www.parentteacher.net) (organization code: blackwellpta), which allows you to sign up and view all general volunteer opportunities.

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.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities: Blackwell's Home Party, Scholastic Bookfair, Reindeer Lane, Classroom Holiday Party

When you become a Blackwell PTA member, everyone wins!  
Contact Maria Huggins at [coral407@comcast.net](mailto:coral407@comcast.net) and Join Today!



### The COW is coming

to our Chick-fil-A biscuit fundraiser in morning carpool!

**Thursday, November 10, 2011**

\$3.00 chicken biscuit and water

\$2.50 chicken biscuit

\$1.00 butter biscuit

For our VIBs who prepaid, don't forget to come get your biscuit!

Thanks from your Blackwell Foundation and the Cows!!

### Did you know?

Each month, the staff at Blackwell whose birthday falls on that given month is celebrated with a special luncheon.

Suzzette Loggains organizes these wonderful lunches with the assistance of the Blackwell Bakers.

### Announcements:

\*\*\*Stevie B's School Night is back! Starting on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will resume our fundraising night at Stevie B's on Barrett Pkwy with the same "perks" as before.

\*\*\*Congratulations to our PTA Members that won prizes at our General Meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Special congratulations to Michelle Salas for being the Grand Prize Winner of the night. She won a complimentary 2 night, weekend stay with breakfast and dinner at any Rays on the River restaurant.

\*\*\*Hot Chocolate and baked goodies along with more prizes will be given away during December's General Meeting on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 6:30 PM!

### Blackwell PTA's Featured Business Partner

## StructureMedic of Atlanta

Stephen and Lucretia Elliott, owners of StructureMedic and Blackwell parents, have been donating their time, treasure, and talent to every event hosted at Blackwell starting with the Welcome Back to School Breakfast for Teachers and Staff! Their support is seen at each and every event at Blackwell and we appreciate all the time and monies they spend to make Blackwell a better school.

StructureMedic of Atlanta specializes in cleaning up homes and businesses after fire damage, water damage, sewage backups, and flooding. Their services also include smoke removal, water removal, sewage cleanup, carpeting cleaning and mold removal and mold testing.

You may view their services or contact them at

<http://www.structuremedic.com/>.

## 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 Phanthourath
- Laura Phanthourath
- Rob Phillipps
- Tracey Phillipps
- Corey Piggott
- E'Dwina Piggott
- Bernadette Quartermont
- Divle Quartermont
- Jayachitra Ramasamy
- Kristie Rometo
- Stephen Rometo
- Sarah Sobeck
- Dedra Stanfill
- JD Stanfill
- Leslie Summerour
- Connie Wolff
- Patrick Wolff
- Allan Yurchak

Laurie Yurchak

### **SINGLE**

- Mr. & Mrs. Abbott
- Dave Adkins
- George Alexander
- Vennie Allen
- Tina Anderson
- Mary Ansley
- Holly Babcock
- April Barton
- Phillip Barton
- Jeff Benincosa
- Tiffany Benincosa
- Kaci Berry
- Ingrid Binkley
- Denise Black
- Diane Blackmore
- Abigail Boyd
- Laurie Bradford
- Gretchen Bradley
- Linda Brafford
- Elana Brooking
- Charlie Brooks
- Greg Brown
- Nikki Brown
- Melissa Brown
- Clay Bullock
- Dawn Burke
- Cynthia Cassidy
- Natalia Castellanos
- Julianne Cheatham
- Michael Cheatham
- Karen Chung
- Shung Chung
- Michelle Collins
- Heather Correll
- Denise Cortez
- Shawnay Crime
- Shirley Crosby
- Karen Cunningham
- Karen Davis
- Ann Dennis
- Elaine Devan
- Mahesh Devan
- Wendell Dobson
- Jane Doe
- John Doe
- Phyllis Donn
- Felicia Dottin
- Andrea Drake
- Patsy Engleman
- Nick Evans
- Mr. Farina
- Jana Ferguson
- Beth Ficarro
- Tom Ficarro
- Dhorea Flynn-Randle
- Jill Fowler
- Jay Frankel
- Mark Freeman
- Yasuko Fujimura
- Alpa Gaiera
- Jay Gamba
- Jeff Gerdes
- Kim Gerdes
- Lisa Gibson
- Irma Gil
- Christen Gilmartin
- Christopher Gilmartin
- Renee Glass
- Mr. & Mrs. Goforth
- Michele Goggins
- Steen Goh
- Tim Golea
- Tricia Granger
- Abraham Grant
- Jana Grant
- Lynn Grier
- Fred Griffin
- Kelly Griffin
- Patti Griffith
- Laurie Haire
- Desy Hairetis
- Nikki Hanak
- Tanya Haney
- Nancy Hart
- Russel Harty
- Mr & Mrs Heeth
- Laurie Henderlong
- Erik Hess
- Kelly Hess
- Amanda Hobbs
- Monica Hodges
- Judy Hrabak
- Lang Juang
- Carrie Jenkins
- Alli Jenson
- Mary Jolicoeur
- Emily Joliff
- Maytal Kaiser
- Krystal Karlish-Gamba
- Loreen Khan
- Lisa King
- Priscilla King
- Cindi Kosior
- Maruine Kozol
- Jessi Kraus
- Nancy Lawrence
- Amanda Leonard
- Mrs. Lima
- Janine Lock
- Suzzette Loggains
- Danielle Lopresti
- Laura Lowry
- Tovah Martin
- Mr & Mrs. Massey
- Amber Mathe
- Melody Matthews
- Shannon Mosier
- Leslie McClure
- Thomas McClure
- Lynn McGee
- David Mitchell
- Theresa Mixon
- Dan Moll

# CON'T....

- Assecta Salaam
- Michele Salas
- Ralph Salas
- Cathy Sandy
- Chiaki Sato
- Srividya Satya
- Shannon Scepaniak
- Shannon Ser
- Janeen Sheard
- Donna Silva
- Pat Smith
- David Sobierai
- Coni Soliday
- Nikki Spangenberg
- Christine Springer
- Vickie Staton
- Jennifer Stevenson
- Elaine Still-Sobieraj

- Andy Sullivan
- Colene Sullivan
- LaTonya Taylor
- Emma Uyena
- Angela Velella
- John Velella
- Jennifer Valez
- Mr. & Mrs. Valverde
- Elizabeth Vititoe
- Carmen Vicente
- Jennifer Wagner
- tonya Walentowski
- John Wallin
- Kelly Walls
- Ana Walters
- David Watson
- Taeko Watson
- Myra West-Allen
- Laurie Wheeler
- Mr. & Mrs. Wilburn
- Jennifer Wilkinson
- Brigitte Williams

- Tersa Windmann
- Barb Wittekiend
- Sherry Wright
- Abbly Zeineddine
- Heather Zequeira
- Kelley Zurkuhlen