



Learning for All

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# Creekland Times

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## Black History Month in the Media Center



February is Black History Month throughout the country. In observance of that ask your child about the scrolling bulletin board that plays during lunch each day. Various significant African Americans will be displayed along with a brief biography. In addition, one of the squares on each grade level's bingo card is "Read a biography of a famous African American". Our collection has so many to choose from it's difficult to recommend just one. Ms. Meyer is reading a biography of Jackie Robinson.

She grew up in a household that mourned the loss of the Dodgers when they moved from Brooklyn to Los Angeles, and has always wondered about the man who led the integration of Major League Baseball.

For the military minded there's Colin Powell. Literary buffs can choose from Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, or Alex Haley. Sports enthusiasts can read about basketball star Julius Erving. Students who are interested in more recent events may enjoy reading about Rosa Parks or Ruby Bridges. For a local connection try Charlene Hunter-Gault. All these and more are available in the CMS Media Center.

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## 6th Grade Beta Club

Congratulations to the 260 sixth graders who qualified for Beta Club! We kicked things off with a meeting last Friday in the cafeteria. Students learned about the purpose and requirements of Beta Club, followed by the election of officers. Thanks to the Creekland community, our sixth grade Beta club was able to donate a mountain of winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves to the Lawrenceville Salvation Army. Next meeting: Friday, February 19, at 8:15 in the Cafeteria.



Those students who participated in the FIRST Lego League competition (both TSA & 8th Grade Robotics class students) will be honored at a breakfast on:

Friday, February 12

at 8:00 am.

Parents are invited to attend.



Please RSVP to Mr. Kraushaar at [Bob\\_Kraushaar@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:Bob_Kraushaar@gwinnett.k12.ga.us) by Wednesday, February 10.

### Special points of interest:

- Basketball Feb. 11
- Rising 9th grade parent meetings Feb. 18 & 25.
- Still time to order year-books!!  
[www.ybpay.com](http://www.ybpay.com)  
1-800-857-7088
- Morning Tutorials every Tuesday and Thursday
- The Parent Portal is scheduled to 'go live' in the Collins Hill cluster Feb. 10

# 180 Days of WOW!

## World's Finest Chocolates

Dear Parents and Students,  
We are about to begin an important fundraising project selling **World's Finest Chocolate Boxed Chocolates**. We hope you will join our efforts February 11<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> to raise money and support our school. Our school keeps 50% of each item sold so every sale counts. In requesting your support, what exactly are we asking of you? We would like each student to sell a minimum of 5 boxes of chocolates selling for \$5 each. Money raised will be used to fund school programs that will benefit all our students. **We appreciate your support of this voluntary program!**



## Upcoming Events

Feb 8:

4:30 Drama Club

Feb 9:

8:15 8th Academy Grade Tutoring

8:15 Literary Arts Magazine/ Future Teachers of America

4:30 STEP Practice

Feb 10:

8:00 Readers Rally

4:30 Math Counts/Art Honor Society

Feb 11: World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Begins

8:15 6th & 7th Grade Academy Tutoring

4:30 Math Counts/Art Honor Society

5:00 CMS vs. Jones MS @ Mill Creek HS

Feb 12:

7:45 Cheerleading Practice

Feb. 13:

Middle District Honor Band @ Toccoa

## Literary Arts Magazine Deadline Extended

The deadline for submitting material to the Creekland Literary Arts magazine 2009-2010 edition has been extended!! For your convenience, the deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, February 10.**

Hurry! Submit your poems, short stories, and artwork.

Just think, you could be a published author!

Turn your submissions into Ms. Buckelew in Wing C or Mrs. Gordon in Wing D.

## Rising 9th Grade Parent Meetings



Thursday, February 18 @ 7:00pm meeting for parents of students in the Gifted Program

Thursday, February 25 @ 7:00pm meeting for parents of students in the SPED program

**\*\*All meetings are for Parents ONLY.\*\***

Future Teachers of America will meet Tuesday in Mrs. Collins' room. The guest speaker will be a school counselor. You must attend this meeting if you want to participate in the Shadow a Teacher activity.



## Collins Hill High School Volleyball—3rd Annual Junior Skills Clinic

**Who:** Grades 4 - 8

**Date:** June 21-24

**Time:** 10:00am-2:00pm

**Cost:** \$100

### To Register Contact:

Collins Hill Community School  
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George\_Pringle@gwinnett.k12.ga.us or  
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### For Questions Contact:

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Did you miss your chance to buy a yearbook at school? Don't worry - there is still time to buy one by visiting [www.ybpay.com](http://www.ybpay.com) or calling 1-800-875-7088. Orders will be accepted via website or phone until February 28th.

## PTA Meeting & Important Dates

Parents, mark your calendars! PTA will have a General Membership meeting on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. New officers will be elected AND the Georgia Bureau of Investigation computer crime expert will speak with parents about internet safety. Also, a film will be shown about Facebook, My Space, texting, etc. and how we can protect our children from the dangers that come with these technologies. This program is geared especially for parents, it is not appropriate for children.

### Important PTA dates:

February 10	PTA Parent Seminar – Does My Child Have an Eating Disorder? Ridgeview Institute, 3995 S. Cobb Drive, Smyrna, GA - 10 to 11:30 am
February 11	PTA Board meeting 6:30pm Lower media center
February 23	PTA Day at the capitol
March 4	PTA Board meeting 6:30pm Lower media center
March 11	General membership meeting - elect officers and parent seminar 6:30pm cafeteria
March 21	Reflections reception
April 15	Final PTA Board Meeting
May 6	“Green Summit” and final PTA general membership meeting, officers will be installed