

November 9, 2018

**Important
Dates**

Nov 15
Local School
Council Meeting

Nov 16
Superintendent
Visit

November 19-23
Thanksgiving
Break

Belief:
We are each
responsible for
EVERY child.

Mission:
Empowering Young
Minds for a Bright
Future.

Goals:
Our goal is to
create and foster
critical thinkers
who are risk
takers, tenacious in
their learning, and
set high goals,
while accepting
responsibility for
their own learning
and life choices.

Outcome:
The FCS Learner
Profile becomes a
reality for all
students.



Coal Mountain Elementary

Mining For Coal

Discovering Diamonds



Kimberly Davis, Principal

Robin Castleberry, Assistant Principal

Diamond Details

Dear Parents,

This time of year reminds us of all the many things for which we are thankful. I am thankful each day for the amazing community at Coal Mountain. So many special events have happened lately and we have been excited with all of the participation. From Homecoming Week to Red Ribbon Week to Thank It Forward Week, we have truly been overwhelmed with the support.

Veterans Day is such a wonderful tradition at Coal Mountain. We are thankful for all of the volunteers and coordinators who make it possible to honor our heroes. We also appreciate the flexibility everyone showed when we needed to adjust the location of the celebration. This partnership is extended with North Forsyth High School JROTC, as we will begin collecting Toys for Tots.

Students did a great job creating artwork for our PTO Impressions Art Contest. The work was based on the theme " My Favorite Place". Thank you again to all who participated and judged.

Also, a reminder the car rider line closes at 7:35 to allow students enough time to get to their classrooms before the bell rings. As you know, we have packed days with lots of incredible activities and lessons for the students. Thank you for your help and support!

It is time again to give us your feedback. Please visit the [website](#) to answer a few questions, of which the data is reported directly and anonymously to the Georgia Department of Education. Below is a QR code for your use, if that is easier than the website.



Warmest Regards,

Kimberly Davis

Forsyth County Schools' Learner Profile



Growing Leaders for Success



Pursue Continuous Learning

- Master and apply academics for college and career success
- Make connections to discover new knowledge and ideas
- Develop talents, interests, and passions
- Use technology effectively to access information and to display learning



Exhibit Strong Personal Qualities

- Display integrity, perseverance, and drive to achieve personal goals
- Accept responsibility for personal actions
- Advocate for self, others, and the community
- Maintain wellness and balance in life



Utilize Creative and Critical Thinking

- Define problems and create solutions
- Apply knowledge and skills to real-world situations
- Embrace innovation to adapt to an ever-changing world



Engage and Contribute

- Connect to be a world-wise person
- Develop relationships across boundaries and cultures
- Interact in a multilingual community
- Demonstrate civility and respect differences in others



Interact Effectively

- Communicate responsibly through reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- Work collaboratively with others
- Cultivate and maintain positive relationships



Bottoms Christmas Tree Farm is excited to once again be working with TREES FOR TROOPS for the 2018 Christmas season. This will be our 14th year in a row to partner with this fantastic fundraiser to support military families!

- ***Who?*** *Our School, FedEx, & Ga Christmas Tree Growers Association*
- ***What?*** *Donating Christmas Trees for Military Families in Georgia*
- ***When?*** *Now thru November 16th, 2018*
- ***Where?*** *Right here at our school!!*
- ***Why?*** *To show support for our military families*
- ***How?*** *Easy!! Send donations in envelope to child's teacher*

Send any amount you wish to donate. Our classes will make cards to accompany our donated trees to the military base.

The trees you are purchasing are being discounted by Bottoms Tree Farm. Each \$50 collected will purchase a 7-8 foot tree that will be cut, wrapped and delivered to FedEx for delivery to a Georgia military base.

For more information please visit the Tree's For Troops website at <http://www.christmasspiritfoundation.org/> or our website at www.bottomstreefarm.com



Information from Mrs. Carver

Email address: lfcarver@forsyth.k12.ga.us

When.... November 12 - 16 during regularly scheduled PE class (K-5).

DONATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018

Introduction... Dr. Jeff Bearden, Superintendent of Forsyth County Schools, and the American Heart Association have challenged every school in the county to aid in the mission of saving lives! While the participation of these activities is voluntary, there are many character building and community relations benefits in addition to supporting a worthy cause. When we choose to participate in Jump Rope for Heart, we not only aid the AHA in their mission to end heart disease and stroke but we also stimulate healthy eating habits and instill the importance of physical fitness early in a child's life. With childhood obesity on the rise, schools are viewed as a critical link to improving children's health. A number of studies reveal increased physical activity is linked to better school performance and we all know when you feel well, you do well.

Coal Mountain Elementary School has participated in JRFH for over 30 years and our students have raised more than \$210,000 in the past to support AHA. In addition to supporting the AHA with dollars that are critical to the development of lifesaving research, students will also have fun while learning new fun jump rope skills, the importance of physical activity, how their heart works and the importance of community service. If you need one more reason to support the AHA, here it is - Depending on the amount of contributions collected, gift certificates to purchase physical education equipment are raised for our physical education program. I call that a win/win situation!

Prior to the event...Students received a collection envelope at the kick-off celebration last week. Collection of donations is optional, but appreciated, as every child will participate in the JRFH program and centers in PE class the week of November 12 – 16.

How students can help...Students who feel led to join the fight against heart disease and stroke are encouraged to collect donations (either online, check or cash) from people that they know (family, friends, church friends, neighbors, ball park friends, parent co-workers, local businesses, etc.). Since all donations are tax deductible, we encourage students to collect online, cash or by a check made payable to the American Heart Association or A.H.A. Many large companies and corporations are glad to make large donations and many have matching programs. All you need to do is ask!

Online Fundraising... Online fundraising is easy, fun, and leads to more donations and saves time. Here are the EASY DIRECTIONS:

Step 1 – Register Online and earn the FREE GLOW Wristband * Go to heartorg/KidsHeartChallenge, search for your school. The rest is easy! Or download **the Kids Heart Challenge** mobile app.

Step 2 – Send EMAILS, ECARDS or TEXTS to friends and family to ask for donations.

King and Queen... The girl and boy in each grade level who collect the most donations will be named King and Queen of the event. The King and Queen will be recognized on the Miner Morning news, receive a crown and have their picture taken for the school website.

Prize Distribution.... In addition to the Heart Hero Crew that students were introduced to at the kick off assembly, Prizes can be earned based on the amount of contributions collected by each student. The prizes are described on the collection envelope and will be distributed approximately four weeks after the event, just before winter break.

The week of November 12 - 16 ... All students will participate in a Jump Rope unit the week of November 12 - 16 regardless of whether or not they have collected donations for the AHA. Students will learn new jump rope tricks, see cool jump rope teams, listen to popular music and be recognized for their accomplishments!

**All donations are due the week of
November 12 – 16.**

Thank you for your support.





SMALL COUNSELING GROUPS

The Coal Mountain Elementary Counseling department believes in the personal potential of each and every student. We are pleased to offer several (optional) small group counseling opportunities throughout the year to assist students to reach their full personal and academic potential.

We are currently forming a session of small groups for Kindergarten, First and Second Grades. These groups will begin ASAP and will meet between 4 and 6 sessions. If your child has participated in a small group at CME previously, it is typically not helpful to participate in the same small group again unless there are extenuating circumstances. If you have questions or would like to discuss your specific situation, please contact Deana Brown: debrown@forsyth.k12.ga.us. I am happy to help!

We will make the following small groups available:

Peer Relations and Social Skills, New Comers, Self Esteem, Anger Management, and Changing Families/Divorce

(Each group requires a minimum of 4 students)

Please see a brief description of the groups listed below.

* The Peer Relations and Social Skills groups will focus on assisting students that are struggling with making (and keeping friends) and the potential resulting consequences. Adequate social skills are critical for students to achieve personal success and help each student to reach his/her highest level of learning. Some of the concepts that will be discussed include:

1. The importance of healthy self-concept in relation to others
2. Skills necessary to interact well with others (respecting personal space, Recognizing/responding to verbal and nonverbal cues etc...)
3. How to respect self and others
4. Practicing reciprocal dialogue (learning not to monopolize discussions)

*New Comers group for newly enrolled first and second graders will focus on helping our new members of the Coal Mountain Elementary family to get settled and feel connected to our school community. We will have an opportunity to meet other new students as well as explore/learn about the school in a nurturing, low stress and encouraging environment.

* **The Self Esteem** group will focus on assisting students that are struggling with healthy self-concept. We believe that students that lack personal self-reliance and confidence are less likely to perform to potential personally, academically, and socially. Some of the concepts that will be discussed include:

1. We all have strengths and growth areas (Individuality)
2. How to use communication skills to ask for help when needed
3. Accepting mistakes as essential components to the learning process
4. How to articulate feelings of competence and confidence
5. Identifying attitudes and behaviors leading to successful learning

* **The Anger Management** group will focus on assisting students that are struggling with frustration tolerance and expressing feelings of anger. Students that struggle with anger expression may have a tendency to allow anger to "get out of control" which can negatively impact academic, personal, and social functioning. Some of the concepts that will be discussed include:

1. Everyone gets angry
2. Anger versus fear
3. Recognizing personal signs of anger
4. Stop/Think/Act technique as well as Relaxation techniques
5. How to ask for help

* **The Changing Families/Divorce Support** group is designed to assist students in family transition. It has been our experience that children seem to cope better with changing families (including separation and divorce, parent remarrying, parent moving out of state, big brother/sister moving out etc...) when they have a chance to share their feelings with others going through similar experiences. Some of the concepts that will be discussed include:

1. Acknowledgement of various family structures.
2. The expression of feelings regarding family transition.
3. The child is not to blame for transition (including Divorce).
4. All feelings are acceptable and need to be expressed.
5. Healthy ways to release/express uncomfortable emotions.

I give my child, _____, permission to participate in the following small group (*please choose only one group per session).

_____ Peer Relations/Social Skills _____ Self Esteem _____ Anger Mgmt. _____ New Comers _____ Changing Families

Parent/Guardian Signature

Teacher's Name

Date

Parent/Guardian email (please include the email of all parents that should receive updates)

****Please return the form to Dr. Brown by Friday November 16th (you should expect to receive an email to confirm receipt).**

Please provide a brief explanation regarding why you believe this group will benefit your child:

From the Coal Miners Café

November's Harvest of the Month:
Citrus and Sweet Potatoes



We will also be celebrating Mickey Mouse's birthday in the café on Friday, November 16th. Please wear your favorite Mickey Mouse shirt or Mickey colors.



Parents please continue the great job you do focusing on S.O.A.R. safety procedures when students are getting on/off the bus. It is so important for students to be S.O.A.R. safe when waiting at bus stops, getting on/off the school bus, or when crossing a road to load/unload the school bus.

SOAR Student Safety Brochure:

<https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/cms/lib3/GA01000373/Centricity/Domain/34/FCST%20Brochure.pdf>

THANK YOU!!
North Synergy
Holiday Canned Food Drive
CMES COLLECTED
212 CANs of CORN



Thank you for your generosity!!

All donations benefit our
local community through

 **The
Place**
Of Forsyth County, Inc.

15th Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Festival at Lanier Tech

For complete festival information
visit our website...

www.SawneeArt.org

Join us for our 15th year bringing one of the largest
indoor arts & crafts festivals to Forsyth County!

- Family oriented fun, Outdoor Activities (weather permitting)
- The Elf Corner—where only kids can shop!
(All items \$5 or less and gift wrapping included!)
- Food Vendors
- Local Charities & Organizations

The Forsyth Conference Center
at Lanier Technical College
3410 Ronald Regan Blvd.
GA400 - Exit 13
(RT 141)



Nov. 10th - 9am to 5pm
Nov. 11th - 10am to 4pm

Photos with Santa

Capture your child's visit
with Santa using your own
camera for a \$5 donation

FREE Admission

Christmas Arts & Crafts Festival

SAA wishes to Thank the following vendors for participating in the 2018 festival...

Hosted by: The Sawnee Association of the Arts
This event was sponsored in part by a grant from the
Forsyth County Arts Alliance and additional sponsors.

A S Lindsley
Achieve Make Believe
Akorn Hill Boutique
Alchemy Store
Allen Money Woodcrafts
An Aspen/Hal Schwab/Trudi McClain
Angelcraft Soap Bath & Body Boutique

Ashley Lynn Fotos
Axes Pottery
Back Porch Pottery
Basket Case
Beaded Gems
Bees N' Bill
Bonedance Jewelry
Born Again Creations
Bruce Bulau
Carlee Glass
CDG Designs
Coal Mountain Panjo
Coming Up Crafts
Crafts by Pat Lewis
D & B Crafts
Darlene Sudderth
Decorative Additions
Farmhouse Foundeacres
Forget Me Not
Fran's Fun Flowers
Girly Gifts
Gone to the Dogs
Hans Wooden Puzzles
Heaven's Sweet Tooth
Homespun Gathering
It's Sew Pretty Silk Ribbon
Ivy Mint Candles
Jeanne Mack
Jeannie Sullivan Art
Jenny Moore
Jerold Sanders
Jewelry by Emile
JH Pottery
Joan's Jems
Just Us Crafts
Kaye's Handmade Hats
Knitting 4 You
Linda Ledbetter & Belinda Swift
Little Lili Rose
M H Forge
Malsnee Pottery
Mermaids Baskets
Mimi's Mini's
Nancy Walter Photography
Nereida Rodriguez-Perez
Not Your Momma's Fannyback
Our Button Shop
Pottery by Mac

Quilling Around
Robin Bird Smith Pottery
Sandi's Eye Candy
Scribbler Experiment
Spicy Chicks Gourmet
Still Moments Art Studio
Stones To Wear
Sts RNI Greek Orthodox Church
Tami's Lighted Décor
The Carved Painting
The PRL's Dang It & Angel Dolls
Twisted Tails
Vanessa Nabors Artisan Jewelry
Vintage By Tosi
Withrow Woodworks
Wooden Treasures
Woods & Wreaths

Numerous Non-Profit Organizations
Participating in the SAA Community
Outreach Program

Children'sSM
Healthcare of Atlanta
Forsyth

CRYSTAL JOHNSON
HEALTH

DREAM DINNERS.
HOMEMADE. MADE EASY

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Advisors

Expedia[®]
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Conroy 21 Results Family Services
Cynthia Kaczmarek - Realtor

Forsyth County Arts Alliance

HEALTH
ADVISORS

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

MORROW
FAMILY MEDICINE
Bringing care back to healthcare
in Cumming & Millen

FIVE STAR
PAINTING
a neighborhood company

ARISE
FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC

BERKSHIRE | Georgia
HATHAWAY | Properties
Haskins

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Technology Services

Technology and Information Services Department

Forsyth County Schools is excited to share the opportunity for students and employees to purchase HP Chromebooks (11 G5 EE) through the district's vendor at a discounted rate of \$177.



Additional Purchase Options:

- Etched Name on Device: \$15
- 3 Year Warranty: \$35
- Carry Case: \$45
- Case Around the Chromebook: \$59



**Questions/to order contact
Luke Stebick
858-566-1900 x4225 or**



**Coal Mountain Elementary
Birthday / Special Occasion Book Club**

We will be changing our birthday / special occasion book club at Coal Mountain. This is a great way to help out our school library and at the same time honor the birthday / special occasion of your child. At the beginning of your child's birthday / special occasion month, your child will be able to choose a book from a special new book collection. The book will receive a unique inscription inside with your child's name and birth date. Your child will be the very first to check it out from the library. In addition, a picture will be taken of your child with their book and hung on the Birthday/Special Occasion Book Club display in the lunchroom.

(We will honor June and July birthdays / special occasions in May, and next years August birthdays / special occasions in September.)

Please complete the form and return it with \$17.00.

(Checks made out to Coal Mountain Elementary and please include your phone number on the check)

All Birthday / Special Occasion Book Club Donations are due by the end of the month before your child's birthday / special occasion.

Please return to Coal Mountain Elementary Media Center

Child's Name as you wish it to be inscribed (please print):

Child's Birthday/ Special Occasion:

Teacher's Name / Grade: _____

Click on the website for more information:

<http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/4294>



Coal Mountain Elementary School Business Partners

