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JUNK?

A Note from your PTA Co-Presidents...

It's hard to believe that the Holidays are already here! This past semester has flown by and we have had a GREAT year so far!

We want to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday and enjoy your time off. The eBee will also be taking some "time off" too, so be on the lookout for our next edition on Sunday, January 5. School is not back in session for our little Bees until Tuesday, January 7 - see you then!

Have a safe and Happy Holiday!

Anna Godwin and Jennifer Rogers

Brandon Business Supporters - THANK YOU!

We'd like to THANK our WONDERFUL Brandon Business Supporters! They generously donate \$250-\$1999 a year to our school...please support them!

**Caribou at West Paces - Lovie's BBQ - Pero's - Sherwin Williams at Howell Mill
- Starbuck's at West Paces - Verde - West Paces Ferry Orthodontics - WSB-TV
- Yogurtland at West Paces**

Holiday Performance Schedules - PC & MC

Below are the schedules for the Holiday Performances. All performances will begin at 8:30am.

PC Performance Schedule:

1st Grade Only

Tuesday, December 17: Kenimer, Charnitski, Allman, & Bouldin

Wednesday, December 18: Blease, Phillips, Hudson, & Ledford

MC Performance Schedule:

Thursday, December 19:

2nd Grade – Guttery, Hoekstra, Thorpe, & Fellows

3rd Grade – Leathers, Dimas, Salinas, & Lane

4th Grade – Dennis, Daniels, Hydrick, & Freeman

5th Grade – All

Friday, December 20:

2nd Grade – White, Ingram, Gholston, & Rubado

3rd Grade – Ramsey, Kemp, Byrd, McKinley, & Visel

4th Grade – Friedrichs, Waters, Steigerwalt

5th Grade – All

*NOTE: Parents of 5th grade students can choose either day to attend the MC performance - all 5th grade classes will perform both days at the MC.

And the Winner is.....Morris Brandon! From Big John's Christmas Trees!

Remember when we mentioned in the eBee that the school with the highest sales will receive a cash bonus from Big John's during the Spirit Week at Big John's???

Well...guess what? Morris Brandon had the highest sales in all of the schools in the Northern cluster and we received a little money thanks to ALL OF YOU!

Donate Your Clothes and Shoes On Campus Now!

You know all those old clothes, shoes, toys, bedding, and other textiles that you don't need any more? This holiday season Morris Brandon is making it easy for you to put it all to excellent use! The PTA Bee Green Team has arranged a partnership between the Atlanta Public Schools and two fantastic programs -- and the Student Council is taking charge!

The first program is with American Textiles Recycling Services. The organization has already placed a large white collection bin at the back of the Main Campus parking lot on Howell Mill Road. The bin will accept ANY textiles, shoes, and toys starting now. The stuff in good condition will go to The City of Refuge homeless shelter downtown, as well as to people in need overseas. The stuff in poor condition will be shredded and recycled into other products. It's a win-win for the community and the environment!

The second program is with Shoebox Recycling and it will kick off in January. This program will accept all 'gently worn' shoes and provide them to people in need (no tears, holes, flip-flops or winter boots). The Student Council will be putting out a bin in the hallway near the lobby of the Main Campus after they get back from vacation, so make sure to send your good shoes in then!

Save for School - Box Tops!!

Please, please, please keep saving those Box Tops! Each one is worth 10 cents and the money adds up quickly. Last year, for example, we raised over \$1,600 with Box Tops. We will start our fun class competition NEXT semester, so keep collecting them and stay tuned for more details about the Box Top promotion.

Roots and Shoots 3rd Annual Toy Drive for Joey's Toy Box

Tuesday, January 7 through Friday, January 10, Both Campuses

Roots and Shoots would like to challenge all students to set aside one of the new toys they receive during the holidays for Joey's Toy Box. Joey's Toy Box is an organization that was started by a young cancer patient here in Atlanta named Joey Doolittle. His organization provides toys for kids who are going through treatment for cancer at local hospitals. Toys must be new and something that would be easy to play with in the hospital. Please do not run out and buy anything, but encourage your child to do the giving! There will be bins at both campuses during the week of January 7 - 10 to collect the toys. For more information, go to www.joeystoybox.net or email Lina Ellis (linaellis@bellsouth.net) or Elizabeth Lyon (elizabethslyon@gmail.com).

Ice Skating and Roots & Shoots at The Park Tavern

Saturday, January 25, 11am-2pm, The Park Tavern

Calling all Brandon Bees to come to the 1st annual "Skate for School" family event! The date Saturday, January 25 from 11am-2pm at Park Tavern's THE SOUTHWEST RINK. Your family will enjoy a special afternoon filled with fun: ice skating, Roots& Shoots crafts & community projects, delicious hot chocolate & sweets - **all while raising money to help support our PTA!**

Park Tavern's The Southwest Rink will be open exclusively for Brandon families from 11am-2pm. Families are encouraged to purchase tickets online prior to the event to ensure their skate reservations. Day-of skating registration will be available based on skate availability. All children are encouraged to bring their own safety helmets, and other padding is highly recommended. Skates can be rented, but bring your own if you have them!

50% of all skate ticket proceeds will be donated to BRANDON. So save the date and get your tickets now! Then, get ready for the coolest fun in town – at Park Tavern's SOUTHWEST RINK!

TICKETING INFORMATION:

Advance on-line ticketing & Insurance Waiver forms available [here](#). This is the Main Ticketing Page and you will find the waiver in the top right hand corner. Select Jan. 25 and insert promo code (**roots**) for Brandon benefit. For additional Insurance Waiver Forms, click [here](#).

ALL SKATERS MUST PROVIDE A SIGNED INSURANCE WAIVER PRIOR TO BEING ALLOWED ON ICE!!

For Brandon to receive the 50% donation on your tickets, **BE SURE TO USE THE promo code: roots**

ROOTS & SHOOTS

Winter Clothing Drive for our Sister School Scott Elementary and Making Cards for Soldiers

When you come to skate, please bring gently used or new winter clothes, such as coats, hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, shirts, and pants. These will be donated to the kids at our sister school Scott Elementary. Also, stop by the Roots and Shoots table to make a card for a soldier!

Feedback Needed: APS Surveys: School Calendar AND Perception

Atlanta Public Schools would like your feedback. Please participate in the calendar development process by offering your input on the district's calendar for the next three school years. Also, tell us what you think of the services the district provides by completing the perception survey.

School Calendar Survey

Three years of proposed APS calendars have been released for community input: 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17. **[CLICK HERE to take the survey.](#)**

Year	Option A	Option B

2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar to 2013-2014 school calendar • Mid-week start on Wednesday • Students have two-day breaks in October and February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start on first Monday in August • Students have three-day breaks in October and February
2015-2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-week start on Wednesday • Students have three-day breaks in October and February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start on first Monday in August • Students have five-day breaks in October and February
2016-2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-week start on Wednesday • Students have three-day breaks in October and February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start on first Monday in August • Students have five-day breaks in October and February

[Frequently Asked Questions about Calendar Development in APS](#)
[Current Atlanta Public Schools calendars are available here.](#)

Questions about the school calendars may be directed to Rebecca Kaye, Policy Office at rkaye@atlantapublicschools.us or 404.802.2897.

Perception Survey

Provide your opinion on the district by department in the perception survey:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/APS_Perception_Survey

Coaches Needed for Spring Girls On The Run (GOTR)

Girls on the Run is looking for volunteers to help coach GOTR at Morris Brandon this spring. The GOTR program is for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade girls. Girls on the Run is a running program that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. The program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K running event at the end of each semester. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness. Running experience is helpful, but not necessary.

If you would like more information on being a coach please contact Sandy Dean at sandy@girlsontherunatlanta.org.

Save-the-Date: PC Night of the Arts

Thursday, March 27

Petite Picasso's coming in March! Get ready to celebrate our little Bees at the PC. Details coming soon.

Grade Level News - check it out!

To View the Kindergarten News, click [HERE](#)

To View the 1st Grade News, click [HERE](#)

To View the 2nd Grade News, click [HERE](#)

To View the 3rd Grade News, click [HERE](#)

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To View the Sutton Cougars News, click [HERE](#)

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Please email Bee articles to Lani Preis at ebec@morrisbrandon.com. The eBee is published each Sunday. The deadline for submitting material is Monday by 5:00pm one week prior to publication.

<u>Upcoming Key Dates:</u>	Location	Date	Start Time
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Holiday Break	BOTH	December 23- January 3	All Day
No School - Teacher Work Day	BOTH	January 6	All Day

Classes Resume	BOTH	January 7	8am
Collections for Joey's Toy Box	BOTH	January 7- January 10	All Day
Jersey Mike's Spirit Event	Jersey Mike's on Howell Mill	January 11	11:00am - 3:00pm
School Council Meeting	MC	January 15	7:30am - 8:30am
No School - MLK Day	BOTH	January 20	All Day
Skating and Roots & Shoots Event	Park Tavern	January 25	11:00am - 2:00pm
Cafe at Pharr Spirit Event	Cafe at Pharr, Westside	January 31	11:30am - 1:30p

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