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Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Carl E. Sanders YMCA at Buckhead,
West Stride, Willy's Mexicana Grill, 1-800- GOT JUNK?

Your Bee Fund At Work

The Morris Brandon Elementary School Foundation (MBESF) is already hard at work reviewing proposals to fund the programs that make Morris Brandon great.

At the August meeting, the Board approved funding for two very important curriculum items: *Saxon Phonics and Spelling*, and *Shurley English*. Saxon Phonics and Spelling is used by kindergarten through second grade and Shurley English (funded solely by the MBESF) is used by third through fifth grade. These programs support our children's literacy development; allowing them to acquire the skills necessary to become strong readers and writers in every content area. Both programs were in place at Brandon for the 2012-13 school year. The Foundation funding allows these programs to continue for 2013-2014, enhancing your child's education beyond what APS is able to provide.

These are two great examples of your Bee Fund donations at work. Please **Bee The Key** and make your donation today to support these and all the worthwhile programs and projects that come before the MBESF.

[CLICK HERE](#) to donate to the Bee Fund Today

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the Bee Fund donors as August 29

Please contact Laura Balch, ljbalch@comcast.net or Jennifer Irvin, jen.irvin@yahoo.com with any questions. We want you to BEE they Key!

Wrap It Up! Wrap It Up!

Innisbrook Gift Wrap Sale Ends This Friday, September 6!

1. Register your child at <http://ez1.orderinnisbrook.com/external/schoolcode.php> (school code: 101516)
2. Sell, Sell, Sell
3. Collect Money (Have checks written to you)
4. Enter your child's orders on EZ at www.innisbrook.com
5. Print Voucher
6. Return voucher and your check for total sales to Morris Brandon PTA in Innisbrook envelope

EZ Innisbrook Orders will ready for pickup on October 28 and 29. Reminder: orders placed online ship directly to the customer.

Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser for Morris Brandon PTA.

Check your bus routes - changes have been made!

Please take a minute to check your bus route TODAY - changes have been made.

Here is the link to the bus routes - <http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/domain/6213>. OR, you can type in your address at this link and see what your bus route is - <http://aps-edulog.apsk12.org/edulog/webquery/>. If you have any questions, please contact Brandon's Bus Liaison, Valerie Egan at vegan@coca-cola.com.

Scholastic Book Fair in September – Order Bee Bucks and Sign Up to Volunteer Today!

Monday, September 9 – Friday, September 13, Primary Center and Main Campus

Primary Center/Main Campus students and their families are invited to Morris Brandon's Scholastic Book Fair, Monday through Friday, September 9-13. The Book Fair is lots of fun for our kids, and it's a great way for parents to get involved!

We need your help to make the Book Fair a success! Sign up to volunteer at the Book Fair: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050D4DAEAF2F4-morris/1592716.

If you haven't ordered Bee Bucks for your child yet, there's still time to order by the September 6 deadline. Download and print the form from the Morris Brandon [website](#) and send your completed form/payment to your child's teacher or place it in the Bee Box ON OR BEFORE September 6.



Book Fair hours at Main Campus are 7:30am-3:00pm, Monday-Thursday; 5:30-8:00pm on Thursday (during the Family Backyard Dinner Night); and 7:30-10:00am on Friday. Please note that the Main Campus will NOT have a preview day on Monday, so Main Campus will be open and able to sell books that day.

Book Fair Hours at Primary Center are 7:30am-3:00pm Monday (this is a Preview Day only - no purchases this day); 7:30am-3:00pm, Tuesday-Thursday; and 7:30-10:00am on Friday.

Questions: Main Campus Book Fair: Contact Catherine Spillman, catherines404@gmail.com or Suzann Moore suzannwardmoore@gmail.com. Primary Center Book Fair: Contact Katie Newton, dearkatienuwton@gmail.com or Ashley Hill, ashleyhill@bellsouth.net.

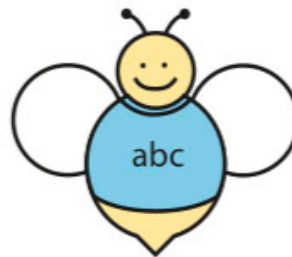
Parents of Children with Learning Differences: Support Group

Thursday, September 5 at 11:30am

The Samaritan Counseling Center of Atlanta in Midtown is proud to offer a support and share group for parents of children with learning differences. The group will meet monthly throughout the school year and will provide parents with a comfortable and confidential place to discuss the joys and challenges of raising a child with learning differences. Sessions will include group support, speakers and community building.

Please call 404.228.7721 for more information and to reserve your spot at the first meeting on Thursday,

September 5, at 11:30am. Additional questions? Contact Brandon's Special Services Committee Chairs, Maurie Drambel mdrambel@yahoo.com or Lisa Wyatt lisawyatt28@bellsouth.net.



Jersey Mike's Spirit Lunch

Saturday, September 7 from 11:00am-3:00pm, Jersey Mike's (2020 Howell Mill Road)

Please come join us at our first Spirit Event of the school year at



Jersey Mike's, 2020 Howell Mill Road from 11:00am to 3:00pm, on Saturday, September 7! Jersey Mike's gives back 10% of the sales during this event to Morris Brandon. Please come and help earn money for the Morris Brandon!!!

Brandon Family Dinner Night

Thursday, September 12 from 5:30-7:30pm, Main Campus

Bring your family, picnic blankets, footballs and frisbees and join us at the Main Campus Backyard for Family Dinner Night on Thursday, September 12. Shop the Book Fair to raise money for our school and then head outside for some dinner and family fun. Pero's pizza will be selling dinners for \$6.00 from 5:30-7:30 pm. No reservations or prepayment is required. See you in the Backyard! Contact Kim Nagy, kimberlynagy@gmail.com or Sarah Watt, sgwatt@mac.com with any questions.

Beep! Beep! 5th Grade Car Wash!!!

Saturday, September 21 from 9am-2pm, Main Campus

This year's 5th grade CAR WASH is **Saturday, Sept 21 from 9am-2pm at the Main Campus!** Conferences are set for the same day so schedule your child's conference and get a clean and shiny car at the same time! Please support our 5th graders in this important rite of passage! We'll even have concessions for sale while you wait! Minimum \$10 Donation.

Thank you for supporting the 5th Grade. All funds raised throughout the year help offset the expenses associated with the unique activities that culminate the "Brandon Experience" for our 5th graders... such as Jekyll Island, Immigration Day, Great Americans and special year-end celebrations.

Bethany Riggs Photo Sitzings

Sunday, September 22; Sunday, October 13; and Saturday, October 19, Main Campus

Back by popular demand, a private photo sitting with Bethany Riggs – perfect for your holiday cards! Please support the 5th grade with fantastic photos of your kids, pets or entire family. Bethany Riggs has again agreed to visit Brandon's Backyard at the Main Campus. The sitting fee is \$50, which covers the sitting plus 12 4x6 prints of your choice. The entire sitting fee goes to the 5th grade fund. Additional prints and digital images can be ordered through Bethany Riggs Photography for an additional cost after you view the proofs online. Bethany is accepting appointments for the following days:

- Sunday, September 22
- Sunday, October 13
- Saturday, October 19

Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BAEA72FA46-morris> to sign up. Also - you must pay the \$50 sitting fee one week before your sitting to confirm your spot. You can make a check out to Morris Brandon PTA (please put Bethany Riggs on memo line) and put it in the Bee Box slot marked Bethany Riggs or you can pay online by going to www.morrisbrandon.com and clicking on the Bethany Riggs link. Appointments are sure to fill up fast! If you have any questions, please contact

Kathleen Eidbo cell 404-668-4728 or keidbo@yahoo.com.

Calling All Early Bee Volunteers

The Primary Center Media Center could use your help. The early morning is one of the busiest times at the Media Center - it's when many students come in to return their books and find new ones. We are looking for volunteers to come in at 7:30am on Mondays or Wednesdays to help with the morning rush. Perfect for working parents who want to help the school before they head to the office. Or any parent who drives their child to school and has the time to stay for a little while. We're looking for a commitment on an every week or every other week basis. Please contact kate.r.laing@gmail.com for more information.

Remember: Always Swipe Your Publix Card When You Shop!

You should have received a Publix Partner card in your Big Bee Envelope. Please help our fundraising efforts and remember to swipe your card every time you shop at the Publix locations on West Paces Ferry and/or Howell Mill Road. When you swipe, a percentage of your purchase is donated back to the Morris Brandon PTA fund. This is an easy way for you to help our PTA raise money - and it's no extra cost to you.

If you lost your card or need additional cards, they can be found in baskets in the lobby of both campuses. Thank you for your support! For more information, please contact erinmorton@comcast.net.

Corporate Rewards: Georgia Natural Gas (GNG) and Box Tops

Georgia Natural Gas – True Blue Schools Program

This is a great, easy way for our school to make money!

What is it?

- Parents, friends, neighbors, even businesses choose GNG as their natural gas service provider. New and existing Georgia Natural Gas customers designate Morris Brandon Elementary School to receive donations at www.TrueblueSchools.com. Then, GNG donates \$5 per month per registered customer!

How do I sign up?

- If not yet a Georgia Natural Gas customer: sign up for Georgia Natural Gas at www.Trueblueschools.com or by calling 1-866-ONLYGNG. Be sure to provide the promotion code TRUEBLUE to receive up to a 15¢ per therm discount.
- If already a Georgia Natural Gas customer: simply visit www.Trueblueschools.com to select Morris Brandon and enter your GNG account number to start earning.

FAQs

Do I have to sign up for my school to receive donations every year?

- No. Upon enrolling in TrueBlue Schools, your enrollment is active for a three-year term. You can change your designated school or update your contact information and email address at any time during your participation. Participants are required to re-enroll in the program after **three years**, regardless of changes in school designation or contact information.

Can I split my donations between schools?

- No, you cannot designate two schools. However, you can change your school at any time.

Box Tops for Education

Please start/continue saving your Box Tops for a promotion that we will likely start in early November through mid-February. We will have an incentive for the class, in each grade, that collects the most Box Tops. Think...something yummy that “we all scream for.”

North Atlanta High School (NAHS) Cluster Open House

Tuesday, October 8 from 6:00-9:00pm, NAHS (4111 Northside Parkway, Atlanta 30327)

All parents of students at: Bolton Academy, E. Rivers Elementary, Garden Hills Elementary, Jackson Elementary, **Morris Brandon Elementary**, Sarah Smith Elementary, Westside Charter, and Sutton Middle school are cordially invited to join us for a self-guided facility tour at **NORTH ATLANTA HIGH SCHOOL**, 4111 Northside Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30327, on Tuesday, October 8 from 6:00-9:00pm. No RSVP necessary. Questions, contact atsheldons@bellsouth.net. No children please, this is an adult activity.

Need to get something in the eBee?

Please email Bee articles to Lani Preis at abee@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
Gift Wrap Sales	BOTH	August 13-September 6	N/A
School Council Meeting	MC	September 4	7:30am
Jersey Mike's Spirit Lunch	Jersey Mike's	September 7	11:00am - 3:00pm
Scholastic Book Fair	BOTH	September 9-September 13	See article for specific times
Family Dinner Night	MC	September 12	5:30pm
Willy's Spirit Event	Willy's	September 17	5:00pm - 8:00pm
5 th Grade Car Wash	MC	September 21	9:00am

Chick-fil-a Spirit Event	Chick-fil-a	September 26	5:00pm - 8:00pm
School Council Meeting	MC	October 2	7:30am
Wellness Week	BOTH	October 7- October 10	N/A
NAHS Cluster-Wide Open House	NAHS	October 8	6:00pm
Walk to School Day	BOTH	October 9	8:00am
NO School – Teacher Work Day	BOTH	October 11	All Day
NO School – Columbus Day/Fall Break	BOTH	October 14	All Day
Brandon Jamboree	MC	October 20	1:00pm

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