

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...



take advantage of the entire instructional day by arriving to school on time and waiting until after school dismissal to attend other appointments. I thank you in advance for your continued support.

## PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

We welcome **Barbara Bender** to our school on November 18, 2010, for the Principal For-A Day recognition. Each school in Gwinnett County will host a CEO from the business world so that they may view first hand our public schools. Ms. Bender is the Vice President of Hamilton Financial. She performs high level reviews of businesses and provides action steps to their improvement. We are honored to have Ms. Bender with us. She is in for a real treat!!



## SCHOOL MATTERS

### WE'LL MISS MRS. HILL

Mrs. Hill, our reading specialist and EIP teacher, will be leaving us on November 5, 2010. Mrs. Hill has been in education for 11 years. She has been a classroom teacher, a teacher on special assignment for the county, literacy coach, and a presenter for the county. She will begin a new career as a Director of Implementation who provides curricular and instructional leadership to the EXCEerator System. The EXCEerator partners are designed to help urban school districts establish a college-going culture and increase the number and diversity of students succeeding in college. As you can see, she is taking on a big responsibility. We wish her well, and we know she'll make us proud. Students that were served by Mrs. Hill will now be served by Ms. Donna Williams, a vet-

eran to education. .

### LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY CHECKOUTS ON THE RISE

As we enter the mid-point of our second nine-week grading period, I wish to thank those parents who continue to ensure that our students are here on time and ready to learn. Unfortunately, my records show that a number of students are arriving **too early** or too late and leaving early on a more frequent basis. Research shows that excessive tardiness leads to higher rates of absenteeism. Both common sense and the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) state that a student cannot learn as effectively if he/she is either late for class or is absent from class. We need your help in order to maintain and improve our current levels of academic and behavioral performance. Please allow your child the opportunity to

### Tiger Points of Interest:

Nov. 2: Election Day (No School)

Nov. 4: PTA Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 5: Picture Make-up Day

Nov. 10: Early Release Day (Grades 3-5 students come to conference with parents)

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Nov. 16: **BUCKS PIZZA NIGHT**

Nov. 18: Kindergarten Feast

Nov.22—Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Break

### SPARKS' WORD OF THE WEEK

*Persuade  
Remarkable*

### Previous Words:

*Excellence*

*Opinion*

*Fact*

*Fiction*

*Essential*

*Legible*

*Cellophane*

*Essential*

## EARLY RELEASE CONFERENCES

Gwinnett County Public Schools believes that communication between home and school is invaluable. As a result, each local school sets aside two early release conference days each semester to provide parents and teachers an opportunity to discuss students' academic and/or

behavioral progress. On November 10-11, students are dismissed at **12:25 PM** so that you can attend this conference. I have set a goal of nothing less than 100% participation from parents and/or guardians. Please take the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher on these conference days. If

you are unable to meet on Wednesday or Thursday, I know that our teachers will do their very best to accommodate your schedule. We appreciate your willingness to remain informed about your child's progress at Annistown. **STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-5 SHOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE!!**