



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Calendar Snapshot

Jan. 4: 3rd nine weeks begins

Jan. 6: PTA Board meeting, 7pm

Jan 14: Report Cards sent home.,

Jan. 17: MLK Holiday. - No School

Jan. 20: Donuts for Dads, 8am, cafeteria

Jan. 21: Newcomer's Breakfast, 9am/media center

Jan. 27: Math/Science Night (Come for an evening of math games and science activities)

Jan. 24: After-School Sessions begin

Throughout the month of January:

Commit to making sure your child works up to their ability . Do not allow them to make excuses for unfinished work.

SPARKS WORD OF THE WEEK

Sort

Illustrate

Exclude

Perseverance

Conclusion

SCHOOL MATTERS

Welcome to 2011!

Happy New Year and welcome to another year of Excellence. I hope that all of our families had a wonderful, restful break and students are ready to dig in their heels for a new year. It is amazing how quickly the first half of the school year went by and this time now places us in the "home stretch" leading to April testing. We have only 44 days of school left before the CRCT is given to grades 3-5 and students in K-2 are evaluated using the Benchmark Assessment. As you can see, time is limited. You can help us prepare by making sure your child **completes every assignment in class and at home**, reads every night, studies for test and follows the rules of the school. Help your child understand the importance of being present and on time each day.



Annistown Receives Award!

Annistown Elementary receives the Gold Award from the Governor's Office for Greatest Gains!! The Governor's Office of Student Achievement and the state Department of Education announced Wednesday that 345 public schools are being honored under Georgia's Single Statewide Accountability System which awards schools based on their performance on state curriculum exams and Adequate Yearly Progress status. We are so proud that Annistown is a recipient of the Gold Award for greatest gains. Our students and teachers work hard everyday to produce these results. Receiving this award demonstrates the dedication of our staff and students and the support of our parents. **We take learning very seriously at Annistown and the goal of accepting only excel-**

lence from our students and teachers has become a part of our language and culture. We have intelligent students at Annistown and they need to continue to **be challenged and encouraged** by you and us for them to continue to achieve at their highest potential. . .

Late Students

Parents, if you are running late bringing your child to school, you must bring them to the front office and sign them In to school. You must not drop them off to come in alone. Also, these students are going to the cafeteria expecting to have breakfast even after arriving late to school. **Breakfast will not be served after 8:50am.** Students arriving after the bell will be sent to their classrooms. If you are **checking your child out of school early**, you must do so before 3:00pm. We must send your child to the car riders line after 3:00p.

HAVE YOU GIVEN YOUR TIME?

Parents, some of you will receive letters from me indicating that you still needed to donate at least 2 hours to the school. We believe there is a close connection between home and school. It has been proven that when a child sees their parent actively involved in their school that they perform better in all areas. Your

presence sends out a message that school is important! Some parents have exceeded the two hour requirement and we are reaping the benefits. You might be asking the question of how you can give of your time with a full time job. Communicate with your child's teacher and to see if they have things you can complete at home. You can volun-

teer for a party or a school event. Call the following people to help with upcoming events:

Talent Show—Regina Olivar at 404-409-4205

Spring Carnival—Beverly Carroll at 770-378-3803 or Felicia Mudd at 404-414-9310

Teacher Appreciation—Deborah Johnson at 678-520-0080.