



NEWS FROM THE EAGLE'S NEST

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News from the Cafeteria....

Cobb County offers a program called Mealpay Plus, which is a FREE online, prepayment system for your use. You can visit Mealpay Plus online at www.MealpayPlus.com or call 1-866-535-1707. Here are some advantages of Mealpay Plus: Make payments online, Check account balances, Receive notification when account is low, Monitor student's charges, and View account summary 24/7.



Save the environment and show your support for Big Shanty!

Big Shanty is participating in a recycling fundraiser. Your family can contribute by donating your used cell phones, ink jet cartridges, laptop or notebook computers, iPods, digital cameras, or digital video cameras. Our school earns cash for every item donated, working or non-working.

There is a collection bin outside of the front office. On the side of the bin, you will also find tax receipts in case you would like to deduct your donation from your income taxes. All items will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will help fund Big Shanty PTA sponsored activities. (Please note: we can't take accessories such as chargers, earpieces, etc.) If you would like more information about this program log on to: <http://www.ecophones.com/FaqProgram.aspx>



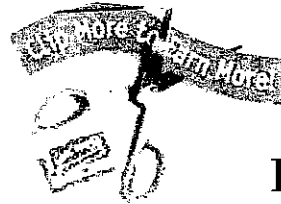
EAGLE EYES ON...3RD GRADE

The school year seems to go by so quickly! Get ready, because CRCT is right around the corner. 3rd grade is a year when passing the reading portion of the CRCT is very important. The students and teachers have been working very hard all year to prepare. Thank you parents for helping your child prepare for this test at home as well. Resources are available to help you. Websites will be posted on our blogs and information will be sent home for you. You can make sure your child has a restful night's sleep, healthy breakfast, and arrives at school on time. Together we can help your child feel successful and reassured!

There is excitement in the air on the 3rd grade hall. The overnight zoo field trip is happening near the end of March. Some children are preparing by learning about habitats and regions. Many have a specific animal they are researching to gain an understanding of their adaptations, areas they lived in and why, how they survive, and much more. Seeing these animals in the zoo will bring all of this research and learning to life. If your child is attending this field trip, be on the lookout for more specific information going home as the date nears.

We are in the 3rd nine weeks - the children are learning the power of persuasion through persuasive writing. They are learning to support the reasons they come up with and form a convincing argument to persuade the reader. You have probably heard your child talk about Frederick Douglass and other great historical figures. The children will learn about several different people who helped shape America into what it is today! In math, we are focusing on fractions, decimals, and measurement. Don't wait until the last minute to work on those measurement projects! The projects are a fun way to discover the purpose of measurement. It is very important that your child keeps those multiplication facts fresh on his/her mind. Multiplication can be fun, look for games linked to your teacher's blogs.

The 3rd grade teachers would like to thank all of the parents and guardians for their continued support throughout the year. Thank you, Thank you!!



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Congratulations! to Mrs. Crane's class for having 100% PTA participation! They won a bowling party for the class at U.S.Play. The PTA thanks you for your support!!

Congratulations! to Miss Collins' class for having the best participation at our Baskin Robbins "Scoop" Night and winning ice cream for the whole class!



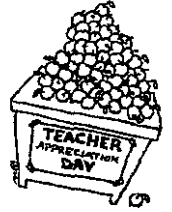
Thank you to all of the teachers who "scooped" ice cream to support Big Shanty!

Yearbooks are on sale NOW for \$40 each. Don't miss out...order your copy now to have a keepsake of your child's year at Big Shanty!



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK is next week, February 23-27. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of teachers! We need you and your children to help make this week a special one for our teachers. Each day of the week is designated with something special for the teachers.

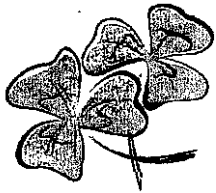
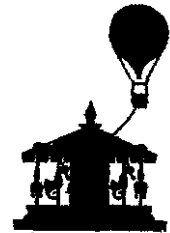
- *Monday, Feb. 23-Flower Day: fresh, silk, or paper
- *Tuesday, Feb. 24-Note from students and parents. Jot down a note to let your teacher know how special they are! Nice words go a long way!!
- *Wednesday, Feb. 25-The PTA will be providing a delicious, hour long lunch for the teachers and staff.
- *Thursday, Feb. 26-Supply day: paper, pencils, sticky notes, dry erase markers, and tissues. Check with your teacher to see what they need.
- *Friday, Feb. 27-The PTA will be giving a special gift to the teachers.



Thanks!


Thank you , in advance, for making this a week to remember!
 If you have ideas, comments, or concerns please contact Kelly Hall at kahsmile@bellsouth.net

The Big Shanty Carnival Planning Committee is hard at work! Planning is ongoing. If you can share your time and/or talents PLEASE contact Lisa Wogon at 770-429-0748 or email her at lisawogon@yahoo.com.



FEBRUARY/MARCH



23 Flower Day	24 Note Day	25 PTA provides lunch	26 School Supply Day	27 PTA Special Gift
March 2	3 Early Release 12:20	4	5	6
9	10	11	12 Domino's Pizza Day 770-423-9696	13
16	17 Johnny's Pizza Family Night	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31 PTA General Meeting at 6:30pm Author's Night	**March 28 th is Spring Clean-up Day at Big Shanty!		Georgia PTA <i>everychild.onevoice.</i>