

PTSA NEWSLETTER

TAPP MIDDLE SCHOOL

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First Nine Weeks Honor Roll Students



Dr. Dority along with Tapp's PTSA would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following scholars for making honor roll. KUDOS!!!!!!

8th Grade A Honor Roll

Victor Ayeni
Andrew Frese
Makenzie Hooks
Hannah Kriner
Bria Ware

7th Grade A Honor Roll

William Adair
Chinenye Amaihe
Joseph Bamfield
Trevor Beyke
Michelle Boamah
Jacob Clemens
Mandy Dao
Jiovanny Dominguez
Bailey Frost

8th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Maya Alwan
Juan Angulo
Iroko Anyogu
Ese Ataga
Michelle Aycock
Bryeanna Bedford
Aaron Cannon
Jyoti Chavda
Aniya Corley
Alyssia Crittenden
Peyton Cross
Cole Daniels
Moyosolaoluwa Dare
Emaleigh DeBolt

Jalen Jackson
Tyersten Kimber
Tierra Mack
Denisha McCoy
Larry Meisner
Brandon Nguyen
Heavenly Roberson
Gabriel Upshaw
Rebecca Vera
Destin Williams
Johnathan Wyche
Syeda Zehra

6th Grade A Honor Roll

Earl Beckles
Lizabeth Correa
A'Koria Davis
Amber Edmonston
Jordan Jackson
Sydney Lynch
Zainab Molumbo
Kristy Nguyen
Courtney Spiegel
Benjamin uranga
Lacy Wolfe



Donielle Dixon
Lily Dlhosh
Cesar Dominguez
Crystal Dorvil
Destin Ede
David Edmondson
Zitlally Guizar
Lydia Harper
Terilyn Harris
Alondra Herrera
Lezli Herrera
Jocelyn Hill-Brockett
Nicole Holt
Michelle Hudson
Kieshai Huey

Jason Ixmayer-Vicente
Benjamin Johnson
Adam Jones
Imani Kemp
Jada Lewis
Tierra Lindsey
Lizabeth Martinez
Alexis Mason
Kaitlyn McPherson
Courtney Nguyen
Kieven Nguyen
Ashley Norton
Laura Perez

Dates to Remember

December 1st 7:00 pm Band Concert Grade 6, 7, 8
December 6th 7:00 pm Band Concert Grade 6,7,8
December 8th 11:00 am -12 :00 pm Hispanic Family Meeting Grade 6-7:30 pm
December 13th 6 pm Art Show 6,7,8
December 13th 7 pm Chorus Concert 6,7,8
December 16th 1-6 pm Blood Drive
January 10, 2012 Students Return to School First day of 2nd Semester



Winter Holiday Break
Student Holiday
December 23rd thru
January 9th

First Nine Weeks Honor Roll Students (continued)



PTSA will be selling smoothies Dec 2nd and Dec 16th

8th Grade A/B Honor Roll (continues)

Emory Perry
Chance Prince
James Reagan
Anthony Quinteros
Cameron Rosser
Elizabeth Savage
Janae Scott
Jeremy Smith
Ryan Southard
Xavier Stanley
Kahleighya Taylor
Darius Thomas
Taylor Trammell
Vianey Trujillo
Griffin Wattley
Essence Williams
Jordan Williams
Kishona Williams
Carl Windham

7th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Nazeron Allen
Samson Amosu
Shonia Baca
Mayte Baires
Samantha Blei
Hannah Bloedow
Lindsey Camp
Christopher Caruthers
Jennifer Cervantes
Rashun Clark
Thomas Crum
Amir Davis
Autumn Edmonston
Kaela English
Danny Escobar
Kaitlyn Garvin
Maya Guizar
Daniyella Harmon
Erika Palacios
Gervon Hawkins
Nickolas Hawkins
Dennis Hernandez
Jordan D. Hill
Jordan Z. Hill
Zechariah Holloway
Aleah Horace

Robert Hudgens
Brandon Jackson
Tanayja Lacey
Sha ' Otica LeDay
Kaci Logan
Dion Mgbeke
Isaias Morales
Rachel O'Neal
Rachael Okoro
Jasmine Owens
Darius Perry
William Phay
D'Airah Pridgett
Vanessa Reyes
Robert Riley
Hananiah Rivard
Angelise Rivera
Mark Sanchez
India Saunders
Cristian Sevilla
Kevin Sherman
Denise Smith
Jamilla Sterling
Micah Thompson
Amarachi Ukaonu
Jessica Weir
Tre'Vor Williams
Quantravious Woodruff
Sean Woseley

6th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Brandon Anderson
Madeline Anthony
Keyshawn Askew
Zahara Banks
Ruqayah Barnes
Jacob Brown
David Camese
Alyson Carter
Danyel Cateau
Raymond Dickey
Jermaine Duncan
Sharon Ebere
Elijah Fednander
Paige Foster
Andrea Garcia
Charles Gay
Amayiya Green
Adam Hall

Logann Houston
Bryce Johnson
Christopher Johnson
Jazmyne Josse
Cameron Kalen
Aline Kennedy
Jake Kessloff
Hannah Kitchens
Morgan Koziarz
Wesley Lane
Tulani Leeks
Carnell Lyon
Gavin Marlowe
Joel Matta
Faith McMullen
Daimaya McPherson
Juan Millena
Taylor Mitchell
R'mani Moore
Odiakaosa Mordi
Clarence Ogbuefi
Oriri Ozor
Erika Palacios
Adan Pelico
Jhayden Poole
Justin Powell
Braylon Pridgeon
Joshua Proctor
Summer Reese
Luzed Reyes
Justin Roberson
Tamiya Roberts
Julia Sanchez
Charlean Scott
Tylan Shallenberger
Serena Smalls
Robert Snead
Tyree Terrell
Perla Vargas
Eliab Vera
Kelsey Watson
George Weathers
Lillianne Whisenant-Casteel
Rayna Whyte
Kennedy Willis
Kayla Wilson
Courtney Windham
Kiwan Young



Does your Tapp scholar need additional help in a particular subject? Many of Tapp teachers in all grades offer tutoring before and after school. Please check with the teacher's blog or speak with the teacher directly to learn the day and time they are available for tutoring.

Lexiles Levels From Mrs. Roberts with Tapp's Media Center



Coffee Cafe

Starting December 6th
join Parent Liaison
Tammy Johnson for coffee
every Wednesday from
10:00 to 11:00 am to
discuss issues, concerns
and suggestions.

Cobb county and the State of Georgia use Lexile levels to measure reading proficiency. The typical 6th grader should be at 800 to 1050, 7th grader 850 to 1100, and 8th grader 900 to 1150. The best way for a student to increase their Lexile level is to read. This is the same as a person who plays football going to practice during the week. For reading practice it is we recommend reading for at least 30 minutes a day. If the Lexile levels are below the norm for the grade level, I would recommend reading for an hour or more every day at home.

An example of real world reading texts will help put this in perspective. A comic strip is written at a 350 Lexile level. Toy assembly instructions are written at a 750 Lexile level. PlayStation install instructions are written at an 830 Lexile level. A driver's license manual's level is 1020. An 11th grade

chemistry textbook is an 1100 level. The Federal Student Aid Application for college is written at a level of 1270. A standard lease agreement is written at a 1350 level while a job application is a 1410. College textbook levels can be as high as 1460.

In addition to raising Lexile levels, students need to be adding to their information base. In middle school it is important for our students to start reading more non-fiction. This will increase their knowledge base and help them get prepared for high school and college. We have a nice collection of non-fiction work for these age groups about many different topics. My blog has many lists and reviews of books we have here in the media center. Be sure and go often as I add new topics.

We always welcome parents in the media center and will be glad to help match your students with books that they will enjoy.

Tapp's Music Teacher Mrs. Hemmings



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I am a native of Toronto, Canada. I am a dual British and Canadian Citizen. I studied Music Education and Music Performance at Shorter College (now Shorter University) in Rome, Ga. I received my degree in Music Education with a concentration on Choral Music from UGA. This is my 5th year teaching Music and Chorus at Tapp. I also am the Director/Sponsor of the Tapp Drama Club, which has produced such shows as "Into the Woods Junior", "High School Musical II. One Act", "Once On This Island Junior", and Thoroughly Modern Millie Junior". I also

recently served as the Assistant Chair for the District 12 Honor Chorus.

Upcoming Events:

Currently, my Chorus classes are preparing for their Winter Concert on December 13th. All three grade levels will be performing sacred and secular holiday and winter music. The Drama Club has just begun rehearsals for our spring musical "Honk! Junior", the story of the ugly duckling. The show will run in the spring on May 3rd and 4th at 7pm and May 5th at 3pm. Tickets will be available at the end of April. Also, 6th, 7th and 8th Grade



Chorus students just attended District 12 Honor Chorus on November 7th and 8th and three 6th Grade Chorus students are preparing to attend 6th Grade Statewide Honor Chorus in February. We are very proud of them.



PTSA
Christmas Dance
Dec 16th

Tapp Box Tops



Did you know that Tapp participates in the Box Tops 4 Education program. You may remember collecting these when your child was in elementary, but middle schools collect them, too! Last year Tapp earned \$243 from Box Tops. In comparison, one of the elementary schools in Powder

Springs earned over \$1500 from Box Tops during the same time period! Box Tops can be turned into the PTSA mailbox located across from the cafeteria or dropped off in the front office.

Through Dec. 1st, you can go to <http://www.forddrivesboxtops.com/?b=ie9/> and if you watch 5 short videos, you earn 25 eboxtops which amounts to \$2.50 for Tapp.

You will be asked to register for the Box Tops program and once you are registered, select Tapp Middle School as your school.

You can also earn Box Tops from shopping online. Register on the [Box Tops website](#), then access the marketplace.

Thank you for supporting Tapp Middle School and the Tapp Middle School PTSA!

Reflections



"Diversity Means...." was the theme for this year's PTA sponsored Reflections Program. Reflections is an art program for students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. It is an opportunity for every student to express themselves in any or all of six art categories. These categories are: Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Musical Composition, Dance Choreography, and Film/Video Production. 19 Tapp students participated in the Reflections program this year.

[The winners at the school level are:](#)

Visual Arts - 6th Grade

1st: Paige Foster
2nd: Benjamin Uranga (Tapp Scholar)
3rd: Amir Hosein

Visual Arts - 7th Grade

1st: Jamilla Sterling
2nd: Sam Adair
3rd: Tanner Bamfield

Visual Arts - 8th Grade

1st: Dean Farah
2nd: Sam McNinch
3rd: (tied) Nicole Hudgens
MyKeceia Kirsksy

Photography - 8th Grade

1st: James Vesper (Tapp Scholar)

All of the 1st and 2nd place work went on to the South Cobb District level in November. At that level,

James Vesper placed 3rd in Photography and Benjamin Uranga placed 2nd in Visual Arts. Benjamin's artwork has gone on to the State level.

Congratulations to all of the participants! Tapp is proud of all its creative students!

Congratulations!
Benjamin Uranga &
James Vesper