

# PTSA NEWSLETTER

## TAPP MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### Tapp Teacher of the Year Mrs. Simone Dorman



Mr. Barber, the founding principal of Tapp, a spiritual leader in the community was a true mentor and educator who hired me in 1980 as a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts teacher. I decided to bloom where I was planted, remaining at Tapp for the past 31 years. My fellow teachers have always been my support and a circle of caring, personal friends. I am delighted to say that I have also represented Tapp as Teacher of the Year in 1988-1989 and 1999-2000, which has given me that boost to always try harder. Each year, I look forward to past students visiting me and telling me about their lives I have a passion for better educating our students, so



that their dreams become a reality. I was born in Springfield, Missouri, and probably the "teacher" in me stemmed from my outstanding professors at Greenwood, the school I attended from 1<sup>st</sup> grade through high school. Later, I graduated from the University of Arkansas, followed by a Masters Degree

and Education Specialist Degree at West Georgia University. In my spare time, you will find me with my beautiful little granddaughter, Gabrielle, who is a year old. I am blessed that my son and his wife live close by in Marietta, so Sunday dinners have become a tradition at my house. I love to read, go to plays and movies, work in my yard, exercise, and attend Riverstone Church. Whenever possible, I love to vacation at the beach with my husband! With the sunshine in my face, I know each day brings more blessings.

### Dates to Remember

Nov 3rd 6th Grade Parent Night
Nov 8th Student Holiday School Closed
Nov 9th Renaissance Luncheon
Nov 10th 7th Grade Parent Night
Nov 11th Renaissance Activity / 6th Grade Lunch on the lawn
Nov 15th 6th Grade Orchestra Concert
Nov 17th 8th Grade Parent Night
Nov 21st - 25th Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed
Nov 29th 7th & 8th Grade Orchestra Concert
Nov 30th PTSA Dress Down Day



Tapp Middle School Made AYP in 2010-2011

### Volunteers!



Calling ALL PARENT  
VOLUNTERS!!!

Our AYP CELEBRATION ACTIVITY will take place on Friday, November 4<sup>TH</sup> We need all parents who are available to come help us out. See Tapp PTSA website for more details



PTSA will be selling smoothies Nov 4<sup>th</sup> and Nov 18<sup>th</sup>

### Media Center



The Media Center at Tapp has resources for your student to use at home and at school. All students must read 25 books across the curriculum during the year.

The Media Center has fiction and non-fiction books for students to choose from. The Media Center offers three book fairs a year for the purchase of books for

personal libraries. The first book fair was in October, the second is in February, and the final one is the buy one get one free in May. After students finish reading a book, magazine or article, they should go to the Reading page on the Tapp Media Center website and fill out the Reading Log.

Some of the tools on the Cobb Virtual Library to help students choose the next book they might want to read, is the Reading page on the Tapp Media Center website and Mrs. Roberts blog.

An important resource to help students with homework and projects is the Cobb Virtual Library. There are

encyclopedias, magazines, multimedia resources, science and social studies resources and much more. Passwords are needed for home use. These are available in the Media Center. Your student may already have them. If not, Mrs. Roberts will be glad to email you the passwords.

Parents are always welcome in the Media Center. If you are concerned about your students reading level and want hints to help get them reading more, you are welcome to come in at any time. Volunteers are welcomed. Please email Mrs. Roberts at [lisa.roberts@cobbk12.org](mailto:lisa.roberts@cobbk12.org) if you have any questions.

*"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."*  
Frederick Douglass

### PTSA 2012 Program



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.

Thank you to the following people that have contributed to the Tapp PTSA 2012 Campaign:

- [Corrine McDaniel](#)
- [The Lou Hill Family](#)
- [Gace Wambui](#)
- [Jimmy Kauala](#)

Proceeds from the 2012 Campaign will be used to purchase a new marquee and information sign for Tapp Middle School. It's not too late to support the campaign. All you have to do is donate \$20.12 to the Tapp PTSA. The names of

all contributors will be displayed on the office window and listed in the school newsletter. If you have questions, please contact Tai Roberson, Fundraising Chair at (770) 845-0684.

### A Special Thank you

Dr. Dority along with Tapp PTSA would like to thank the following people for being a positive representative of Tapp Middle School and participating in the Powder Spring Parade

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| Andrew Freese   | Armando Gonzalez | Autumn Edmonston | Braylon Pridgeon |
| Bryce Johnson   | Chrystal Sanches | Crystal Dorvil   | David Norton     |
| David Romero    | Hannah Kitchens  | Ilesha McGhee    | Imani Kemp       |
| Jasmine Owens   | Kaci Logan       | Kyla Hunter      | Laurel Friend    |
| Malcolm Jackson | Nairobi Fox      | Preston Fredrick | Rebecca Vera     |
| Samuel Ayeni    | Victor Ayeni     | Will Ingram      |                  |

## Pictures from the Powder Spring Parade



*The Powder Springs Parade started at the Powder Springs library and the procession went through downtown Marietta Street and ended by the cemetery.*

*The weather was beautiful as the students, family members and friends handed out candy*



*to the spectators. They chanted a "R.I.S.E" chant and held signs with the various Tapp organizations such as Critter Club, Band, Orchestra, Men of Tapp, FCA, Chorus. They all wore Tapp spirit wear or dress code. Teacher of the year, Mrs. Simone Dorman rode in the convertible car along with the Tapp Tiger. It was lots of FUN for all participants!*

## Pictures from the Political Candidates Forum



*Tapp PTSA would like to thank the Men of Tapp and Emerging Young Leaders for an outstanding job greeting those attending the Tapp PTSA Political Candidate Forum. Also a special thank you to the political candidates, the moderators and the Boy Scouts Troop 1294.*

*The forum began with opening remarks from each candidate, followed by questions from the PTSA Co-President, Terone Harris, the forum moderator and Tapp student, Lamar Fomby. The candidates answered general questions from the audience on topics such as education, business, diversity in Powder Springs and the city's budget. Each candidate spoke on their plans for making Powder Springs a better community to live. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The candidates who participated in the forum are as follows:*



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| <i>Mayor Pat Vaughn</i> | <i>Rick Richardson</i> | <i>Paul Moore</i> | <i>Chris Wizner</i> |
| <i>Rosalyn Neal</i>     | <i>Rick Perry</i>      | <i>Tom Bevirt</i> |                     |

