

# PTSA NEWSLETTER

## TAPP MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### A Message From Tapp PTSA



PTSA would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you to the 2011-2012 school year at Tapp Middle School. The purpose of the PTSA is to support parents, teachers, and our AWESOME scholars as they **RISE** to the top! *Every Child-One Voice* is the National PTSA motto and the PTSA is one of the strongest voices in the educational process that directly supports our children and school. Thus, we are encouraging you to become one voice with us as we strive to support the parents, teachers and students of Tapp. You can help in a number of ways!

In order for the PTSA to be effective, we need the support and involvement of the parents of our students. The first way to show your support is to become a member of the Tapp Middle School PTSA. It costs \$5.00 per family to join.

In addition, we are asking each student to join for a \$5.00 membership fee as well. Students who join will receive one free dress down day. Also, please encourage your relatives or community members you know to join the Tapp PTSA as well.

The second way to show your support is to participate in the events and programs that we have planned throughout the year. Volunteer! We need you before, during, or after school! There are endless possibilities and ways you can help. Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. We promise that the time you give to the PTSA and the school will be worth your while—and fun! Please consider volunteering, it really does make a difference in the lives of all our children!

### Dates to Remember

Men of Tapp Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

Golf Tournament  
Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

Powder Springs Parade  
Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

Reflections Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

Cheer for a Cause  
October 16<sup>th</sup>

Red Ribbon Week  
Oct 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>

Conference Week/Early  
Release Oct 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>

Smoothies  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup> and Oct 28<sup>th</sup>



McEachern will be hosting their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cheerleading Competition at Tapp on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 12 noon. Percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Admission is \$5 for ages 5+ and \$3 for all CFL Cheerleaders and Football players

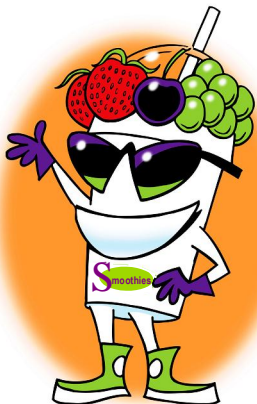
### Wondering what to wear for winter?

With winter just around the corner many parents have been asking questions about what apparel is acceptable to the Tapp's new dress code.

Students are allowed to wear cardigan style sweaters or pullovers. **No hooded sweatshirts are allowed.** Long sleeve or sleeveless styles must be

worn with uniform shirt. The sweaters or pullovers must be in the following colors, solid tan, solid black, solid white and solid Texas orange.

## PTSA 2012 Program



PTSA will be selling smoothies Oct 14<sup>th</sup> and Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

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

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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.

## "Diversity Means...."



Does your Tapp scholar need additional help in a particular subject? Well 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 what day and time they are available for tutoring.

"Diversity Means...." is the theme for the 2011-2012 PTSA 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  
Film/Video Production

Interested students should submit their artwork that expresses their best interpretation of "Diversity Means". Students can pick up entry forms and

individual category rules from Ms. Bonadonna, the art teacher at Tapp.

All artwork is due by Friday, October 14th. There will be a collection box in Ms. Bonadonna's room. Artwork will be judged at the school level, then winners will advance to the South Cobb Council level. See Tapp PTSA website for more details.

## Mom's Moment...

In the busy times we live in, sometimes all we have is a moment, so let's make it count. Whether it's planning ahead for meals, preparing this week's uniforms or carpooling to save money and time, look for ways to take a moment. Find a quiet place to relax and collect your thoughts. The time you take out will help you prepare for what's to come. Remember Moms, "take a moment".

Anonymous

## Introducing Tapp's new Title I Parent Liaison



October 8, 2011. Festival will be from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at 6:00 p.m. There will be a concert featuring the Mustangs and fireworks after dark.

Hello! My name is Tammy Johnson and I am the Title I Parent Liaison at Tapp Middle School. As Parent Liaison, my job is to serve as a communication link between our school and homes.

Through telephone calls and meetings I try to provide information and support to parents to help insure their children's success in school. I make sure all parents in our school are aware of what it means to be Title I, our Policy and Parent Activities Plan. At Tapp Middle School we want all parents to feel welcome and informed. Please email me at [Tammy.johnson@cobbk12.org](mailto:Tammy.johnson@cobbk12.org) or call me at 770-222-3758 ext.258

### Things I Do as a Parent Liaison-

**Welcome Families:** I welcome new students and their families to our school and community. I connect them with available resources that they may need.

**Promote Parent Involvement:** I promote parent involvement in school activities, PTSA, volunteer opportunities and student academic endeavors.

**Help with Student and Family Needs:** I help students acquire school supplies, uniforms, eyeglasses etc through available resources. I am the link between families and school professionals.

**Distribute School Information to Parents:** I am responsible for making sure parents receive school information, notifications and flyers of upcoming school events, including all Title I information and services.

## Education and Dreams



PTSA will be selling spirit wear Oct 14<sup>th</sup> and Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

Revive Athletics will be supporting the Education and Dreams of Powder Springs Youth. They will be having an after school program at the Ron Anderson Recreational Center. The program offers

tutoring, mentoring and fitness. This after school program is from Monday thru Thursday from 5pm to 7pm. The program is for student Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Free services is available for students who

quality. Snack will be provided daily. For further details please contact L. Garrett at 770.439.3611 and M. Harrell at 770-899-8487 or visit their website at [www.reviveathletics.com](http://www.reviveathletics.com)

## Family Math Night

Math activity night is for the entire family to provide practical activities, tools and strategies to support students with identified standards that have been

challenging for their specific grade level. Three sessions will be held each scheduled night: a session specific for standards in grades, 6, 7, and 8. These

learning activities will be teacher-led. Childcare and light refreshments will be available. Oct 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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## MEN OF TAPP

*Men of Tapp will be having their induction ceremony this month. Parents will receive further notification of date and time.*

## Homework Tips

- Make sure your child has a quiet well-lit place to do homework.
- Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.
- Make sure the materials your child needs such as paper, pencils and a dictionary, are available.
- Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.
- Help your child with time management. Establish a set time each day for doing homework.
- Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime.
- Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.
- Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Registration: Aug 4<sup>th</sup> thru Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

Location: Dogwood Golf and Country Club

Time: 7:30-4:00 pm

Fee: \$95 includes cart, green fees, range balls, lunch and gift bag.

For more details go to <http://powderspringsassoc.com/>