

Cumberland Academy of Georgia

PIONEER SPIRIT

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November

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 3: Brandon J.'s B-day!!!

Nov. 4: Ms. Carney's B'day!!!

Nov. 6: Casual Day

Nov. 8: Hal's Night

Nov. 13: Brown Bag Lunch

with Sherry Pruitt 1pm-2pm

Nov.14: Kameron and Mae's B'day

Nov. 20: Casual Day

Nov. 25: Noon Dismissal

Thanksgiving Feast!

Nov. 26: Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 27: No School!

Nov. 30: Peter's B'day!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

February 27, 2010

"Blue Jeans Ball"

Event

From the Headmaster...

Happy Halloween, Happy Fall, Happy cold weather? (how quick did that hit us.) Make sure your kids dress warm in the mornings.

The "LOCK-IN," always an awesome time, we had so many fun activities planned, I am sure they were in bed early on Saturday night! I want to say thank you to so many families who have helped our school grow in so many ways, Cumberland Academy is such a great place because of the support we get from you!! Happy Fall!!!

-Debbi Scarborough

School Lock-In Was a HIT!!!

This past Friday we had a lock-in at school. We did a lot of really fun things. Mitchell liked the pumpkin carving. His friend got to put a skull face on his pumpkin! Some kids got to bring friends that don't go to our school. Everyone had a really good time. We had spaghetti and meatballs and cake for dinner. The spaghetti was worms and the cake was spooky, too. The girls got their hair done in the art room. They all looked really pretty! We watched movies before we went to sleep in the computer lab. Sara liked the movie "A Tale of Desperaux."

-Mitchell Giles, Tim Caruso, and Sara Kazim



ADMISSIONS CORNER

Please welcome our newest students, Reed Douglass and Andrew Sheehan to Cumberland Academy of Georgia.

This past weekend Cumberland Academy of Georgia was represented at the LDA-GA conference.

Box Tops \$ Education count: We have earned \$115.00 through the 1st nine weeks of school. If you haven't already signed up, please go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> and sign-up for the newsletter. Also, please consider shopping through the "marketplace", where our school can earn bonus money while you shop!

Thank you for your continued support and all that you do for our growing school!

-Kathy Ellison





Inside Ms. Crisci's Classroom

Wow! The first nine weeks FLEW by! The yellow group has been working hard in social studies. We have finally made it to the Civil War and are excited about all the fun projects that come along with the unit. We have been busy making comic books to sequence the events leading up to the war. We are also getting ready to reenact various events and battles in a short movie. Stay tuned for more details! J

In purple grammar, we have been focusing on writing traits. We have been working on Daily Writing Fundamentals for many weeks now and are finally ready to apply our knowledge to our newest writing adventure, personal narratives. We have also been working on Mountain Language, which encompasses many different grammar exercises. Everyone is working hard and making progress!

-Ms. Crisci



A Note from Ms. Carney...

This month has been quite busy. Our high school literature class started reading the novel, 1984 by George Orwell. This has brought up many great discussions and the students are really enjoying it; sometimes it's hard to stop them from reading ahead! We have been discussing government and will have some writing assignments coming up shortly. We are working on expanding our ideas and forming more complex sentences. I am so excited to see the progression

throughout the year. Spanish is really moving along and the kids are being challenged more and more each day. I cannot wait to see what transpires by the end of the nine weeks; so parents, start studying so you know what your kids are saying. J

I hope everyone had a wonderful and healthy October. Have a wonderful November and don't forget to change your clocks!

-Ms. Carney

This Month in Ms. Thurmond's Classes...

Wow...I am so proud of your child's grades. We had a lot of students with SUPER grades! It was hard work and everyone should be very proud. One area I hope to see some improvement this nine weeks is with AR reading. Each student should be reading at least 2 novels over the nine weeks. Everyone should be aiming for 85% accuracy on these tests, too.

Math classes are becoming more intense. We are completing more multi-step problems and words problems. Over the next couple of weeks elementary will be concentrating on division

and Course I will do a lot with factors, primes, and fractions. Please watch for study guides to come before the test. The study guides will give you an outstanding idea of how your child will do on the test.

Literature classes will be starting their novels on Monday, November 2, 2009. The purple literature groups will be completing most of their reading at school. However, there will be written assignments associated with our novel for homework. Our classes just finished writing figurative language

Ms. Kennedy's Update

The art classes have been working on their duct tape wallets. This will allow them to carry money when the school goes on the lunch outings. The next project will focus on improving the student's drawing abilities in a fun way. The art history class is moving on to 20th century art for the next nine weeks. Many of the art student's work is hanging on the walls, so make sure you come and check them out! Geography continues to work on their European projects and should be pretty far into them. They will be finishing those projects by December.

-Ms. Kennedy

examples to complete our unit on the Voice trait. November will bring writing assignments stressing organization. Elementary literature should enjoy their novel The Borrowers. Assignments for this book will be very similar to The Tale of Despereaux. On days we don't read our novel we are going to complete writing assignments emphasizing the organization trait. Conventions/grammar will be practiced to finish out November.

-Ms. Thurmond

Introducing Mr. Carsia...

In my classes, we strive to have one day of each week dedicated to hands-on activities that reinforce concepts that we have covered. The Geometry class is especially dedicated and in the spirit of the season, they come up with something that could be shared with the rest of the students at Cumberland Academy—a Halloween figure hung for the “Lock-In” night.

The figure was that of a bat; a Geo-bat. Students made the figure of the three-foot bat en-

tirely of geometric shapes such as isosceles triangles, spheres, and polygons are used throughout the course. Facts about the shapes, as well as the lengths, angles, and calculated areas were displayed along the side of the holiday figure.

The geobat’s triangular eyes, spherical muzzle and isosceles fangs were painted with glow in the dark paint and could be seen at the top of the stairs.

-Mr. Carsia

What Ms. Johnson’s Students are Up To...

The first nine weeks went by very fast and before we know it the first semester will be over. We are working hard in all classes and having fun where we can. Earth Science is looking forward to sharing their birthstone PowerPoint presentations with parents. Elementary Science is blooming with plants growing in the Specials room and pansies growing outside. Physical Science is using mathematical formulas to calculate mechanical advantage. We are

also doing hands on activities to bring lessons to life. Economics is learning how the stock market works and how to save money. Life Skills classes are taking an inventory of themselves to discuss what careers best suite the life they want to live as adults. We are also learning why it is important to respect other people no matter what our differences.

-Ms. Johnson

Ms. Johnson’s Grammar Class LOVES

Thursdays at Cumberland Academy!!!

The highlight of most Cumberland Academy student’s week is eating out on Thursdays. Ms. Johnson’s Grammar class is no exception. When asked what they like about Thursdays here’s what students had to say. I love Thursday’s because we go out to eat at Young Chef’s and Jason’s Deli. I am looking forward to trying out Sweet Tomatoes this week, says Grant Ashton. Logan said, “I like Thursdays because we have a good time going out to eat.” “My favorite thing to do is cook so I love going to Young Chef’s on Thursdays”, says Mae. Ayanna had this to say, “I like Thursday’s because we get away for an hour and eat delicious food. We never got to do anything like this in Public School, this school is awesome.” Kelly said, “I like going out to eat on Thursday’s because we get to try different foods.” “I want to be a famous Chef some day so I love Young Chef’s”, says Jesse.

PIONEER PARENTS

Dear Parents,

Spirit Shirts have arrived! Students may wear their spirit shirts ANY Friday. We have a few extra shirts if you would like to purchase one for \$15.00.

Pioneer Parents helped celebrate Ms. Crisci and Ms. Kennedy’s Birthday this month! The next Pioneer Parents meeting will be announced soon.

Lori Cora (Harrison’s Mom)



An Interview of Reed Douglass (Our Newest Pioneer!)

Interview of Reed Douglass, by Elijah Walker

Elijah: How do you like Cumberland Academy so far?

Reed: I like it. It’s pretty good.

Elijah: Have you made any friends yet?

Reed: Yes. I have made a few friends. Everyone is really nice.

Elijah: Do you like your teachers and your classes?

Reed: Yes. The teachers are nice, and they give good home work assignments.

Elijah: What is your favorite subject so far?

Reed: Grammar

Elijah: What is your favorite thing about Cumberland Academy?

Reed: Outside Time

Our Teachers are wishing upon a star for these items...

- ★ Paper shredder
- ★ Color printer
- ★ Foosball table
- ★ Vacuum Cleaner (we got one!)
- ★ LCD Projector
- ★ Laminator (8 1/2 x 11 or bigger)
- ★ New or Used 10 gallon aquarium tanks
- ★ New or Used Games!(boards, chess, checkers, etc.)
- ★ Wii
- ★ DVD

For a list of smaller classroom items, please see Kathy Ellison.

PARENT HERO CORNER

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- ★ The Cora Family for the Bissell vacuum!
- ★ Lori Cora for all her work with the *Parent Pioneers*.
- ★ Jill Pohar for helping out with our Thursday lunches.
- ★ Anita Holderfield, Becky Autrey, Ted and Mary Ryan and Isabella Woods for helping out at Young Chefs.
- ★ Mary Ryan for providing drinks for the Brown Bag event and helping out with our library!
- ★ Becky Autrey and the Caudill family for donating books to our library.
- ★ All parents who provided treats and decorations for the Lock In.
 - ★ Kathy Fripps for helping our teachers.
 - ★ To all our parents who are always helping us out!



Student Corner For Students, By Students

Top 10 Video Games of All Time (...In No Particular Order!!!)

by Shale, Alec, Ben, Jeremy,
Kameron, Bryan. And Flynn

1. Super Smash Brothers Brawl
2. Lego Star Wars (The Complete Saga)
3. Lego Batman
4. Chicken Little
5. Batman Arkham Asylum
6. Sonic the Hedgehog- Next Generation
7. Legend of Spiro
8. Mario Kart
9. Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince
10. Naruto Shippuden



Top Ten Movies of All Time...

(In No Particular Order)

By Andrew M., Steven, Davis, Nicholas,
Brandon M., Philip and Danny

1. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
2. Knowing
3. Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince
4. Godzilla– Final Wars
5. Indiana Jones– Raiders of the Lost Ark
6. Godzilla (1998)
7. Transformers 2– Revenge of the Fallen
8. Star Wars– Revenge of the Sith
9. Are We There Yet?
10. Elf

