



Cumberland Academy
of GEORGIA



"Where Every Child Can Succeed"

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PIONEER SPIRIT NEWSLETTER

May 2010

- May 2** Happy B'day Shale!
- May 9** Mother's Day
- May 12** Science Fair
- May 13** AAAIS Admissions Mtg
for private school directors
- May 14** Casual Dress Day
School Play 3pm
- May 21-23** Special Olympics/Emory
- May 23** Autism Walk 8am
- May 24 -27** Spirit Week
- May 27** Graduation and
Awards Ceremony 11am
Last Day of School
- May 28- June 2** Post Planning
- May 31** Memorial Day
Student Birthdays
- May 2** Shale Arora 

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the academy is to provide a safe, supportive, educational environment in partnership with faculty, staff, students and parents. The Cumberland family embraces the uniqueness of every child by challenging and inspiring them to reach their full potential. Our academic and social curriculum encourages the development of life skills essential in becoming independent and self-sufficient adults.

FROM THE HEADMASTER...

Most of know we went through our final accreditation with SACS in April. We received 3 thumbs up and full accreditation, this was a two year process. We will continue to keep our standards of excellence under constant review to ensure your child receives the proper education in the right environment.

Camp Willaway was a huge success. Our campers had opportunities to do zipline, rock climbing, bicycling, fishing, archery as well as serenading fellow campers with their karaoke.

We have so many important events happening in May, our School Play, Special Olympics, Awards Ceremony and our first inaugural Graduation Ceremony, so mark your calendars and thank you all for making this such an amazing year!

Debbi Scarborough

Cumberland Academy of Georgia's First Inaugural Graduating Class!

Congratulations to Tim Caruso and Amber Hadden ! They are the first graduating class of Cumberland Academy of Georgia.

We are very proud of Tim and Amber and wish them the best of luck in the future.



IN THE NEWS

Ms. Kennedy's Classroom...



It is hard to believe that the year is coming to an end! Geography classes are working on Asia, finishing up India and moving on to China. In India, we all got to pretend to be different members of the Caste System and imagined how that would feel. In art, clay projects will be coming home, so be very careful because they are very fragile! The yellow group is working on a secret project for the holiday that is coming around the beginning of May. The orange group is going to start on learning how to carve linoleum and making their own prints.

Ms. Thurmond's Classroom...

Wow, we only have 19 days of school left! I can't believe it. We've had a great year...we've earned summer break. May will be a busy, but fun month. Elementary math students are striving to memorize their multiplication facts. Once mastering their facts, Ms. Thurmond will treat each student to a special treat. Congratulations to Flynn and Kameron for mastering their facts. This May will be spent reviewing skills learned this past year and preparing for the end of the year test. Course 1 students are learning to use a calculator to solve some types of problems. It is important students bring a calculator to school each day. We will review important concepts prior to our end of the year exam in mid-May.

Literature classes are enjoying their last novel of the year. Some students are reading Lois Lowry's most recent book, The Willoughby's. We are having fun with this spoof of classic fairytales. Lowry's vocabulary throughout the story is helping us learn to use context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words. Some students are trying to solve the mystery behind The Egypt Game. This popular book is light hearted and entertaining. Finally, students preparing for high school literature are reading Cormier's classic I am the Cheese. This coming of age classic, told through flashback, is keeping the students on their toes.

Ms. Carney's Classroom...

I cannot believe how fast this month has flown by! We have been so busy finishing up our work and enjoying the weather, we have hardly noticed the time fly by. High school literature has completed their novel, The Catcher in the Rye and the students had such a great time reading into the life of parallels between Holden and themselves. We had many interesting conversations!

Our Georgia History class has finished with the Civil War and we are studying the reconstruction of the "New South" and all of its different aspects. It is so interesting for us to see how the industries and politics we have today began so long ago. We are wrapping all of our subjects in the next few weeks and getting excited for the end of the year. I hope all of you have been having a wonderful spring and enjoy the nice weather.

IN THE NEWS

Ms. Johnson's Classroom...

I can't believe the end of the school year is upon us. While I realize I am the teacher I have learned a great deal from my students. Working together has sometimes been a challenge but we have nearly made it through. Each class has a bit more terminology to learn related to their grade level Science class. We will focus on vocabulary and demonstrating the terms with the activities outlined in their books. Once the Science fair is over students will have a preview of their Science class for next school year.

My thoughts are now on the Science Fair May 12th. The bulk of the work will be done at school with the student's Science Buddy. This is new territory for me and is a huge undertaking but with the enthusiasm of the students and the support of the parents I am sure that the event will be absolutely wonderful.

The Cumberland Pioneer Shop is a hit! Students are eager to work the shift that they have been scheduled and to purchase products when they are not working. Some parents have donated products to the store which the school certainly appreciates. Parents that would like to donate products are welcome to do so. We would like to gear students toward healthier snacks along with some of the treats that they love such as candy bars.

I thank all of you for your support this school year and for allowing me to spend time with your students.

Ms. Johnson



Summer Information...

In a couple of weeks, your child will receive information about our summer reading program. We will be encouraging all students to read at least 3 books over the summer. Students will be given the option of 2 books to complete as required reading. The additional novels can be any novel your child wants to read. After reading the required novel, students will complete a basic comprehension assignment upon returning to school. Cumberland Academy of Georgia encourages students and parents to participate in our Barnes and Noble fundraiser in Mid-May by purchasing their summer reading books there.

**Don't forget to sign up for Summer Camp,
June 14-19, June 21-25, August 9-13**

Pioneer Parents

Hello Pioneer Parents,

We're in the home stretch of our school year and it has really flown by! I appreciate all the support you have shown for our kids, teachers, staff and school! We have a few things coming up to wrap up this year and look forward to next year.

First, please use your Publix cards, extra cards are located in the lobby.

Second, we started our "Wednesday Works" work days this past Wednesday. Unfortunately, I was the only parent that was able to come. I did pick up trash and clean up the other side of the building a bit so it was worth the time. Please, if you have any time in the next three Wednesdays, May 5th, 12th and/or 19th, please stop by the school after drop off and check with Debbi or Kathy for things that need to be done. We will need to do some painting and other things to prepare for the upcoming school year. If another day works better for you, great! Just stop by or email the staff. Please try to give the school an hour or two of your time. We will be planning one or two work days during the summer as well.

Third, teacher appreciation week is May 3rd—7th. We would like to thank all of our teachers for all that they do!

Last, the Autism Walk is Sunday, May 23th at Atlantic Station. Please go to the Autism Speaks website and join our team. We need more members on our team!

Thanks again and have a great last few weeks of school!

Lori Cora

WISH LIST

- Paper Shredder
- Color Copier
- Foosball Table
- Vacuum Cleaner
- LCD Projector
- Laminator (small or big)
- Wii or any game system
- DVD
- New or Used 10 gallon aquarium tanks
- New or Used Games (board games, chess, checkers, etc)



PARENT HERO CORNER

Thank you to.....

The Holderfield family for the microwave, Lori Cora for beautifying the school, Frieda Brown for the beautiful mission statement in calligraphy and to all of the chaperones on our Twin Lakes trip.

Admissions Corner...

I can't believe it's the last month of school. It has been a great year getting to know you and your child. What a great group of parents and students we have here at Cumberland Academy of GA.

This month we will be hosting the AAIS Admissions Meeting on May 13th. This is the second meeting of the year where all of the AAIS Admissions Directors attend. We will also have a exhibit booth at the Georgia Psychological Association on May 14th and 15th.

Kathy Ellison