

# The Champion School

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Parents,

We had an awesome month of school and a very successful fundraising event with the Back to School Dance. Please mark your calendars for our September events and start to get involved! Champion PTSA is doing things bigger than ever this year!

## New Orleans SnoBall Café Popcorn Fundraiser

Our fall fundraiser is winding down and hopefully everyone has been aggressively promoting our popcorn sales. The success of this fundraiser will have a direct impact on funding teacher and counselor initiatives at the school. The first enrichment activity the PTSA will support is preparing our 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the PSAT. Your popcorn sales will directly impact the PTSA's ability to assist with offsetting the costs of this test. The deadline for Popcorn sales is Friday September 12<sup>th</sup>. We will begin collecting packets on Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup> for anyone that has completed sales. Packets can be brought to the school's gym from 7:45am-8:45am, Sept 10-Sept 12. Parents in the spirit of efficiency in assisting with our collection, please double check your child's order to ensure all monies are reconciled with orders placed. Remember **no personal checks** will be accepted. It will also be a huge help to the PTSA if you could remit a single money order or cashier's check (made payable to Champion TMS PTSA) for all of the funds collected. Thank you in advance for your support!!!



## Champions of Health

In an effort to promote healthy lifestyles, the PTSA is beginning a new initiative called **Champions of Health**. This initiative is geared towards helping parents, students and faculty/staff begin to live healthy lifestyles. We will utilize the newsletter to give small tips on how to incorporate exercise and healthy eating into your daily lives. To kick off this initiative, we will be having a **Champions of Health** walk on



## Upcoming Events

### September 8

#### School Store

Gym Stage (7:45am-8:45am)

### September 9

#### PTA Meeting/Curriculum Night/Title One

Gym (6pm-8pm)

### September 20

#### Champions for Health

Stone Mountain Park (8am-10am)

### September 26

#### Spirit Wear/Screen on the Green

Football Field (8pm-10pm)

## We need you to get connected!

In addition to using the school's website, the PTSA uses a web-based application called Just Between Friends to send out emails regarding PTSA activities. Please take a moment to join JBF by following these simple steps so we can keep you connected:

1. Visit [www.justbetweenfriends.com](http://www.justbetweenfriends.com)
2. Click the login button
3. Select Sign up For a Free Account
4. Follow the prompts to create your household and all members associated.
5. You will be sent a validation code that will allow you to proceed.
6. Once your account is created click on the Link to a Group/View Our Groups and enter the invitation code 394433tok
7. Start receiving emails!

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 8am, at Stone Mountain Park. Come out with the entire family for a morning of exercise. This free event will help kick start a new you! Stay tuned for more details

## Welcome 2014-2015 Committee Chairs

### Garden Work Day

On Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Science Club, led by Ms. Sureka Taylor sponsored the Garden Work Day. Dozens of parent and student volunteers came out to support the event. The school's garden is used primarily to promote a healthy lifestyle by having fresh organic fruits and vegetables. Ms. Taylor was interviewed by our Corresponding Secretary Crystal Farley-Thompson to speak about the accomplishments of the day and the future of Science Club.



**Crystal:** I am here with Ms. Sureka Taylor who is the Science Club sponsor at Champion to tell us more about the Garden Work day. Ms. Taylor, what was your main objective for this garden work day?

**Ms. Taylor:** This was an opportunity for the Champion students, parents, and stakeholders to come out and help refresh our garden by repairing the beds, beautifying the plants, pulling the weeds, and the dad's to build our very own Science Club bulletin board.

**Crystal:** I noticed that you now have a weather station, how does that work & when did you receive it?

**Ms. Taylor:** I received a grant from the Globe Project to purchase weather instruments and we are in the process of training our students on how to use them to accurately measure the weather and record data. Also, Mr. Phillips who is the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science teacher and co-sponsor, is incorporating the six grade standards as it relates to measuring weather for the students. Champion students will continue to be critical thinkers, have excellent reasoning skills because of how the science club teaches them to effectively use the scientific method.

**Crystal:** How can students get involved and join the Science Club?

**Ms. Taylor:** Science Club will be having their first informational meeting on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00-6:00 pm. The informational letter will be sent out on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Screen on the Green

Parents last year the PTSA held a family oriented Screen on the Green on the school's football field. If you attended the event, you know that we had an awesome time. Please join us this year for another awesome event. Screen on the Green will be held on Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 8pm. Bring the entire family out to the field and enjoy a movie under the stars. Concessions will be sold. Tickets (\$5.00 per person and free for kids 5 and under) can be pre-purchased during the month at the school store. Please come out to support this awesome event!

Parents we put out the call and you answered. I want to welcome the parents who volunteered to chair our upcoming events. Welcome to the team!!

- **Concessions- Louise Lee and Tawhana Johnson**
- **School Store- Cher O'Connor**
- **Box Tops- Vonese Floyd**
- **Thanksgiving Treats- Zanetta Robinson and Felicia Gibson**
- **Holiday Dance- Devetra Ushery**
- **Luncheons- Lynn McDowell**
- **Father/Daughter Dance- Tonya Jenkins/Darshundra Blake**
- **Mother/Son Dance- Tonya Jenkins/Darshundra Blake**
- **Family Fun Day- Ilona Armstrong**

## 8th Grade PSAT Sign-up

Are you college bound??? The Champion Theme Middle School Counseling Department will be administering the PSAT on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 from 9am-11:30am. The PSAT measures critical reading, math problem solving, and writing skills. Get feedback about critical academic skills, prepare for the SAT, and start getting ready for college. The fee for CTMS Students is ONLY \$7.00(Exact cash only). Please pay Mrs. Johnson in the counseling office beginning Tuesday, September 2, 2014. The deadline to sign up and pay is Friday, October 10, 2014. For more information, contact Mrs. Johnson directly at: [Torino R Johnson@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us](mailto:Torino_R_Johnson@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us) 678. 875. 1525.



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### 2014-2015 PTA Officers

<b>Thomas Rayton- President</b>	<b>Tara Terrell- VP Special Committees</b>	<b>Cathy Goolsby- VP Academics</b>	<b>Stan Watson- Parliamentarian</b>
<b>Bettina "BJ" Martin- Treasurer</b>	<b>Crystal Farley- Thompson- Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Gloria Ray- Johnson- Financial Secretary</b>	

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