



Dates to Remember and more News...

Wednesday, August 3

8:00-9:30 Registration

Tuesday, August 9

5:00 Newcomers' Meeting

5:45 Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday, August 10

First day of school and first
phase-in day for kindergartners

Grade level Orientations

(All orientations are at 5:00)

Thursday, August 11

Multiage and First Grade

Monday, August 15 Second

Grade

Tuesday, August 16 Third

Grade

Thursday, August 18 Fourth

Grade

Monday, August 22 Fifth

Grade

Tuesday, August 23

Thrasher Has a new Bell Time

Hamilton County has established a new bell time for Thrasher Elementary for the 2011-2012 school year. Students will have an official start time of 8:10am and their day will end at 3:10pm. If your student rides the bus please be sure to check for new times.

President's Corner

Patti Marsden

I hope summer has been fun and relaxing for all Thrasher staff and families! Our PTA has been working very hard getting ready for another big school year. This is our first e-newsletter, and PTA is thrilled to provide you with this quarterly information to your inbox.

Our new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) lab is going to be incredible! Our children will benefit from this very impressive state of the art facility this year and for many years.

First full day for all kindergarten students

Monday, September 5

Labor Day Holiday-No School

Thursday, September 8

MEF Coffee/Dessert at 7:00 at SMMHS

Friday, September 9

Coupon Book Kickoff. Sale dates are September 12-23

Tuesday, September 13

Open House at 6:00

Tuesday, October 4

PTA meeting and second grade program at 6:00

Friday, October 7 No school

October 17-21 Fall break

October 24-27 Parent conferences

October 24-28 Signal Mountain Social Services Pumpkin Coin Drive

Friday, October 28 Half day and Halloween parties from 10-11.

Check out our super looking new website at www.thrasherelementary.com.

Our computer lab will be phenomenal with brand new MAC computers purchased with of our PTA! Our new leveled text room will be another impressive addition to our school. PTA is proud to have provided the proceeds to purchase hundreds of new books for our children and teachers to use every day in their classrooms!

Our building has a great looking (and much needed) new exterior paint job. We are so grateful to Southeastern Painting and owner Leon Gregory (Signal Mountain resident and also Thrasher alumnus) for helping us with this huge project! Our art studio and STEM lab are so bright with their new paint colors too!

Registration day will be a great opportunity to see all that our PTA will be doing in the first few weeks of school and throughout the school year. Please stop by our PTA "mall" which will be located on the front sidewalk by the office windows. You can purchase your PTA membership, school directory, and great looking new Thrasher t-shirts and shorts and even doormats! New this year, Thrasher parents and grandparents can purchase an ad in our school directory. You can get more information at the directory table. We always need YOU to help us be the great school that we are! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Reading is Out of this World...

Save the date...

2011 Book Fair will be held **November 7 – 11!** We will be traveling to the Book Fair, and beyond, blasting off with a special assembly on November 4.

Family Night will be held the evening of **November 8**, and **Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day** (with extended hours and activities) will be held during the school day of **November 10**. Book Fair is one of Thrasher PTA's biggest fundraisers and significantly builds Thrasher's and individual teachers' libraries. The event increases the children's excitement for reading: last

Peace. Love. PTA!

2011-2012 PTA Membership
\$10 Family \$5 Individual
Join the PTA at Registration on
Wednesday, August 3rd!
Membership drive continues
through Class Orientations until
we reach 100%!
PTA members are WAY COOL!
Be sure YOU sign up!
Contacts: Coughlin Cooper
886-9899 or Kelly Coppel 886-
9630

Newcomers' Night

Tuesday, August 9 at 5:00pm
in the school cafeteria

Thrasher Sportswear

Stop by our Sportswear table to
purchase our awesome new tie
dye t-shirts, cute Panther blue t-
shirts, fun Softe shorts, and
great mesh athletic shorts! You
can even order your own
Thrasher doormats! We will
also have license plates,
magnets, pennants, and other
Thrasher paraphernalia!

Volunteers

It takes lots of volunteers
working alongside teachers and
staff to make Thrasher a top
notch school. Whether you can
help during school hours, after
school hours or can help out
from home, there are plenty
volunteer opportunities
available. **Contact Heather**

year, **Thrasher students read over 100,000 minutes during
Book Fair!**

We need lots of volunteers to make this a successful event. We will
be in touch with volunteers who indicated they are willing to help
on the PTA blue form shortly after school starts. **Please contact
Kelly Drayer, Jamie Rehm, or Shannon Farr for more
information or if you want to add your name to the volunteer
list.**

2011 Kids First Coupon Book

Planning for the 2011 Kids First Coupon Book fundraiser is well
underway. This year we have committed to sell 4000 books, with
the proceeds being used for laptops, promethean updates,
iPads/tablets, printers and leveled texts. The dates of the sale will
be September 9th - 23rd. There will be five turn in days with the top
seller each of those days being awarded a prize. There will also be
a grand prize winner! We are still in need of volunteers! If you
would like to help with this fundraiser, please contact Candy Clark
at run4kids@comcast.net or Leslie Kelly at
ldaviskelly@comcast.net.

Box Tops & Coke Rewards Update...

Please remember to continue to SAVE your Box Tops Labels and
Coke Rewards and help us start the year off with a BANG! Look
for our table at registration and bring in your labels and Coke
Rewards caps, box tear offs, etc. on Wednesday, August 3rd.

Box Tops for Education...visit boxtops4education.com for a
complete list of participating products.

NEW this year, we will be receiving credits for merely drinking your
favorite Coca-Cola beverages through the **My Coke Rewards**
program. You simply need to bring in the codes found on the
following products.

Codes can be found on 15 brands: [Coca-Cola](#), [Coke Zero](#), [Diet
Coke](#), [Sprite](#), [DASANI](#), [POWERADE](#), [Minute Maid](#), [Fanta](#), [VAULT](#),

Wilson at 886-9186 or bhwilsonfamily@gmail.com to get involved.

We are working diligently this year to make sure all our volunteer hours are documented. When you come to the school to volunteer be sure to log your time in the volunteer notebook in the lobby.

Thanks to everyone for donating their time and talents to our school!

Directory News

We are excited to announce that there will be advertising opportunities in the new 2011-2012 Thrasher Directory! If you are a Thrasher family, you will be able to purchase space promoting your business in this year's directory. Look for information on sizes available at the directory table on registration day or contact Elizabeth Wood at elizwood@bellsouth.net.

COMING SOON!!!

Stock the Shelves!!!!

We will be having a book collection in September to help our teachers add more reading resources to their classroom libraries.

We would love to collect any of your used books to help Thrasher's classrooms.

Volunteers will collect books in

[Barq's](#), [Fresca](#), [Pibb](#), [Mello Yello](#), [NESTEA](#), [Seagram's](#)

Where to find codes?

- Under caps
- Inside tear-off on 12-pks.
- On multi-pack wraps

MEF Event

Make plans now to join us for a fabulous evening featuring....

Leigh Anne Tuoghy author and subject of the hit movie *The Blind Side* You are invited to a casual and exciting fundraising event celebrating the Mountain Education Foundation's 20th anniversary and the successes of the Signal Mountain public schools. Special guest Leigh Anne Tuoghy will share her inspirational story as we enjoy a fabulous coffee and dessert bar.

Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Signal Mountain Middle High School Gym.

For more information or to host a table, contact Mike Taylor at 517-0772 or miketaylor@meftoday.org.

*Childcare available by reservation at no charge ages 3-10 (potty trained please)

*Book signing to follow presentation

Don't miss this awesome community event!!!

Water Education Streaming to Thrasher

Parents and grandparents are needed to help teach Thrasher students this school year in fun, hands-on lessons in water education. Students will learn about water issues, including where our drinking water comes from, how to keep water clean, how to conserve rainwater and how to protect our creeks, streams, and rivers.

Thrasher is participating in a yearlong project with the TenNESEA (Tennessee Student Environmental Alliance) directed by Mary Beth Sutton, to teach students to be good stewards of our water

the drop off line in the morning and there will be boxes in the lobby where you or your child can drop off books. The books will be sorted and then teachers will be invited to come and "shop " our collection Save your books for September! We will be announcing the dates of the book collection soon.

Questions

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resources.

Lessons will be taught once per quarter and each unit will take 30 to 60 minutes. All volunteers will receive training in the fall before the lessons begin. If you would like to help, please contact Corinne Giagnorio at 580-5346 or corinnelise@earthlink.net.

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