

# The Tiger Times

## A Publication of the East Side Elementary School PTA



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### Letter from our Principal

Dear Parents,

I write this letter after having just attended our school play. I felt like the proudest principal in the world sitting in Dickerson's Theatre watching our students display their talents. I enjoyed the opportunity to see students whom I know excel in drama activities and was pleasantly surprised to see students who had hidden talents. I hope our students' desires to participate in such productions continue through middle and high school. I reflected after the play on how fortunate we are to have committed parents, teachers, students and community members who help us educate the whole child. I thank the play directors, former East Side parents Vickie Chase and Julie Allison, for the gift of their talents to teach our students the poise, stamina, and skill that performing requires. I thank our Media Specialist, Dawn Alexander, for giving her time to film the play and set up the audio components. Chrissie Huckaby, second grade teacher, volunteered her time weekly to assist Julie and Vickie with directing the speaking parts and the music.

I arrived home after the play, checked my email and was informed that East Side's chess teams are again State Champs for the third school year! I thank East Side's Foundation for supporting these after-school activities so that our students can excel beyond their classrooms.

The Science Fair supported by PTA was very impressive. It took place March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We doubled the amount of student participation this year. Thank you to Mrs. Archana Patel, Mr. Rajesh Singi & Mr. Rajiv Virmani, East Side Parents, for coordinating the event. This is a great opportunity for students to understand the scientific method approach to researching and experimenting. Our teachers and our Science Lab teacher, Annette Ranger, did a great job in encouraging students to participate.

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## ***From the PTA Co-Presidents . . .***

Has this school year flown by for you and your family too? It seems like just a couple of weeks ago we were gathering in the cafeteria for Open House nights and preparing for our Fall Festival, and now, we are just hours away from glorious Spring Break week! Whether you travel near or far, or will hang close to home, we hope you and your family enjoy the week together. Get those batteries re-charged for the last six weeks of school.

We thank all of you who participated in the Walk to School morning in March. Those “green feet” stickers were badges of honor. It was wonderful to walk along the sidewalks leading to school and hear parents conversing with their children. While it may be more convenient for you to hop in your car and get started on your agenda, consider the fact that this is a gift of precious time. There are just a few years in our children’s lives when they actually *want* to walk and talk with us! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, when we will have our final Walk to School Day and enjoy that time together. Hopefully, it will be dry and light that morning!

You will see on the following pages that many programs and activities continue to be offered by our school, by our Foundation and by the PTA. We are all committed to enriching the educational experience of our students and thank you for your support in these efforts. We had our largest Science Fair ever last month with over 100 participants and also enjoyed traditional favorites like the Sock Hop, Junior Great Books; the Heroes essay contest and our last Fun Day of the year. In a parental survey earlier this year, you told us that study skills was a priority issue for you and it showed with a terrific turnout for the Study Skills Workshop in February. A special “Thank you” to those committee chairs who devote their time and talents to these programs.

While there are still programs to deliver and events to coordinate for this year, we are already starting to turn our attention to next year. We are seeking enthusiastic and energetic volunteers to lead several committees. Don’t wait for “someone else” to step up – take this opportunity to be that “someone else”. We invite you to contact us (**[president@eastsideelementary.com](mailto:president@eastsideelementary.com)**) if you are interested in joining us in our never-ending, but always-fulfilling endeavor to enrich the lives of our students, our school and our community. As we have said all this year, there are “Endless Possibilities...” when we dream and act together.

***Patty Pace and Irene Barton***

## Easter Bunnies – The Real Story



Soon Easter will be upon us and many parents are tempted to buy one of those cute baby Easter bunnies that appear in all the pet stores. Unless the child is older than 12 years and is very responsible, a toy stuffed bunny will make a much better gift.

Rabbits are fragile creatures. They have a lighter bone structure than do dogs or cats and easily break the spine if dropped. Baby bunnies are cute and cuddly and tolerate handling. But babyhood doesn't last long. In two short months, puberty turns that baby rabbit into Bugs Bunny. Often, the bunny no longer tolerates being held. Powerful hind legs can scratch and sharp teeth can bite. Un-neutered males spray and mark their territory, just like dogs. Unspayed females are territorial and may attack little hands that enter the cage. Thumper must be spayed or neutered to eliminate these undesirable behaviors. Every summer humane shelters receive a large influx of former Easter rabbits as they reach adolescence.

Rabbits live 10 to 12 years. Will your child still care for the rabbit after the novelty wears off? Or will Thumper spend this summer abandoned in a backyard hutch? Like dogs, rabbits are social animals and need daily interactions with their human owners.

In 2008, over 1,000 rabbits were surrendered at animal shelters across Georgia and sadly, most are euthanized. And unlike wild rabbits, pet rabbits released into the wild cannot fend for themselves. Thumper won't survive for more than a day or two on his own.

Older rabbits in shelters have little chance of being adopted because most people mistakenly want a baby rabbit. This is unfortunate because older rabbits make the best pets. They are more tolerant of children and have reached their affectionate adult personality.

Rabbits make great pets, provided you accept them on their own terms. They need a safe and loving environment in your home - not in an outdoor hutch. Save a life and don't buy an Easter bunny. If you must have a rabbit, rescue an altered rabbit from your local animal shelter or from the House Rabbit Society, North Georgia Chapter (check them out at [houserabbitga.org](http://houserabbitga.org))

A listing of available rabbits near you is found at [www.petfinder.org](http://www.petfinder.org). Call (678)526-8884 for more information, or visit [www.rabbit.org](http://www.rabbit.org).

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### Cyber Security – Top Ten Ways to Stay Safe Online



The Internet is supposed to make our lives better, and for most of us, that's exactly what it does. But the Internet has a dark side, and unless we take proper precautions, this wonderful tool can end up causing us more harm than good.

You don't have to be a computer genius to protect yourself online and you don't have to spend a lot of money. By following a few common sense tips, you can make the most out of your Internet experience, while protecting you and your family from online threats.

- 1) **Protect your computer:** The best thing you can do to keep the bad guys out of your computer is to use three inexpensive technologies: anti-virus software, anti-spyware software, and a firewall. Some security companies provide all three in one easy-to-use package.
- 2) **Protect your identity:** On the Internet, your personal data (social security number, birth date, etc.) is extremely valuable and can be used against you. Keep it protected!
- 3) **Protect your children:** Children face unique risks on the Internet, and require unique rules and safeguards. Monitor your kids' online activities closely. There are many tools available to help you protect them from online threats.
- 4) **Stay up to date:** Those security tools won't do any good unless you keep them up-to-date. You should be able to set them to update automatically. The same goes for your computer itself. It should be set to automatically install security and critical updates.
- 5) **Email safely:** Email is a favorite tool of online crooks. Even legitimate-looking messages can be scams. Learn how to filter for "spam" and spot scam emails.
- 6) **Protect your accounts:** Choosing hard-to-guess passwords and changing them regularly can help prevent criminals from getting your money or personal information.
- 7) **Make copies:** Regularly backing up your music, photos, and other important files can save you if your computer crashes or is stolen.
- 8) **Know your options:** If something does go wrong, there are resources available to help get you back on your feet.
- 9) **Keep informed:** Subscribe to the National Cyber Alert System from the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team at [www.us-cert.gov](http://www.us-cert.gov). Through the Alert System, you can receive timely information about current cyber security problems to protect home and office computers.
- 10) **Get your local school involved:** Suggest or sponsor an event at your local school or university designed to increase student and staff cyber security education and awareness. Download EDUCAUSE's cyber resource kit online at [www.educause.edu](http://www.educause.edu).

For more information on all of these tips, including detailed guidance on how to protect your computer, your kids, and your identity, visit the National Cyber Security Alliance at [www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org) or get more information at [www.OnGuardOnline.gov](http://www.OnGuardOnline.gov)



## Looking for a Few Good Volunteers

Do you want to get more involved at East Side? The PTA is looking for committed volunteers to lead their programs and events next year. For information on openings and responsibilities, please contact Patty Pace or Irene Barton at [president@eastsideelementary.com](mailto:president@eastsideelementary.com).

## Hey Spring Gardeners – Give us your Pike’s Receipts

Thanks to you all who've donated Pike Nursery receipts. We just submitted nearly \$8,000 worth of receipts and expect to receive \$550 of credit, just in time for spring planting to freshen the school's look.

Pike Nursery's Greenback Program returns 7% of all receipts that we collect. Please continue donating your *original white register receipts* from Pike Nursery at the white collection bin across from the media center. If you need receipts for warranties, Pike will accept photocopies.

Thank you! - Environmental Education Committee



## One Last Directory Correction

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The ESE Directory Committee & PTA sincerely regrets any inconvenience caused due to the error in printing the above address.



## Walton High School Cheer Camp

Walton High School Cheerleading Camp

Calling all Rising Kindergarten through Rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade Girls

**Dates:** Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$65.00

The Walton High School Cheerleaders will teach cheers, chants and dances. Registration forms online: [www.waltoncheerleading.com](http://www.waltoncheerleading.com)

**Questions?** Please call Judy Rogers @678.907.9541

**Sponsored by:** Walton Spirit Booster Club





## East Side Science Fair 2009



There were 108 displays at the Science Fair this year!! That is our biggest turn out ever. Students conducted experiments on everything from amphibians to volcanoes and everything imaginable in between. You could learn where in your home bacteria live, how magnets work, how solar power can heat your home, how sound waves travel and what atmospheric conditions are best to form a tornado.

Judging the displays was a hard task as each one was educational, entertaining and well presented. The Science committee would like to thank our judges: Sheila Henderson and two residents from Sunrise Assisted Living, Bill Wendell of Marietta Martial Arts, who are both Partners in Education and Patty Pace, PTA Co-President.

Each student was presented with a ribbon for their hard work, which they wore all day with pride. Thank you to all of the students who participated and the parents that encouraged their efforts. The PTA would like to thank Science Committee chairs Rajesh Singi and Rajiv Virmani for organizing the event and Mrs. Gurr for her support. Stay tuned to E-News and WESE for the winners of the Science Fair.



## East Side Adds Two More State Championships!!

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Georgia School Team Chess championship was held at Stone Mountain, with East Side fielding teams in both the Primary (K-3) and Elementary (K-5) divisions. Not content to win one state championship like the last two years, both teams tied for first place and are recognized as "State Co-Champions". The chess championship fielded the top 20 teams from across the state in each division, including both local schools like Sope Creek and Tritt as well as top private schools like Westminster and Pace Academy. For the K-3 team, this is the **THIRD YEAR IN A ROW** to win such honors!

The Elementary squad finished undefeated and in a two-way tie with Kittredge Magnet School but received the first place trophy based upon tie-breakers. Elementary team members were **Ilyusha Belegradek, Jay Chi, Donian Chyong, John Mori, Dylan Taylor, Nathan Wu, and William Zheng**. Our Primary team rebounded from an early defeat and won their final match to create a 4-way tie for first place. Their co-championship now means that East Side has won the Primary state chess title for three straight years. Primary team members were **Andy Chyong, Shawn Gu, Ethan Leingang, Marc Metcalf, Anthony Raksasouk, Bennett Taylor and Jayson Wu**.

Congratulations to our chess teams on their performance and thanks to Coach Bella Belegradek and Kid Chess for their hard work with all the chess kids at East Side!

East Side's Chess Club meets at school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

If you have a child interested in chess, please visit online at:

**[www.kidchess.com](http://www.kidchess.com)** or call us at 770-575-5802 for more information.



## Georgia PTA Day at the Capitol

Hundreds of representatives from PTAs across Georgia gathered under the Gold Dome on February 24 to learn more about and participate in the legislative and advocacy process. East Side was represented by three PTA members: Irene Barton, Paty Holdmeyer and Susan Loundsbury. Thank you for allowing us to be the voice of nearly 1,000 families in our area. Many forget that PTA was founded as an advocacy organization. Indeed, some of the most important pieces of legislation for protecting and ensuring the safety and well-being of children in our country were championed by PTA in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century – vaccination requirements, the school lunch program and desegregation of public schools. Today, advocacy efforts continue just as strongly in support of issues (budget, vouchers, wellness policies and family involvement) on both the state and national levels.

The attendees began the day hearing from state PTA leaders on critical issues facing the Georgia State Assembly and why it is important to be an informed and involved parent, community member and voter. Our state budget crisis deepens with each month and there is no doubt that the local school districts are already feeling the pinch. After this general session, attendees were dismissed to the Capitol to attend a press conference regarding PTA's support of continued funding for the school nurse program and then visit with elected officials, watch proceedings in the Senate and House chambers and tour the Capitol. East Side reps met with State Rep. Matt Dollar and primarily discussed the school nurse-funding question. We thanked him for responding to the "tongue depressor" letter that our school had sent in January and reiterated the important role that Nurse Tina plays in our daily school life.

The day concluded with a networking lunch at the Georgia Freight Depot where legislators, school board members and other government officials were in attendance. State Superintendent of Schools Kathy Cox gave the keynote address at lunch. Her theme was to remind PTA members to remain involved in their children's' lives because as parents, we see the "whole child".

As always, your PTA urges YOU to be informed and involved. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for the Alert network on the Georgia PTA website ([www.georgiapta.org](http://www.georgiapta.org)). Go to Capitol Watch, pull down Grassroots and choose Join. Follow the instruction to join and you are automatically enrolled in Georgia PTA's Alert network.



Co-First VP Paty Holdmeyer and Legislation & Advocacy Co-Chair, Susan Loundsbury with State Rep. Matt Dollar



Press Conference held by Georgia PTA on the school nurse program.

## “Blast From The Past” – The East Sock Hop

Our students got on their dancing shoes and 50's costumes for an annual spring favorite on Saturday March 7th – East Side's Family Sock Hop! Even the parents and staff got in on the act with poodle skirts, slicked back hair and Pink Ladies everywhere. Great weather for the evening brought out a record 644 in attendance! The gym warped back in time as everyone twisted and shouted to old favorites from our DJ, Vince. We enjoyed awesome food in the cafeteria catered by the one and only Varsity. Parent and Walton high school volunteers served up yummy soda floats, popcorn, pizza, fresh fruit and baked sale items and an array of glow and LED goodies. Grins and giggles were captured in the awesome new 50's Car photo booth. There was even a basket drawing for great prizes for kids of all ages.

A huge thank you goes out to all that made this event such a great success. The night could not have been possible without the hard work of these wonderful parents:

Laura Bango, Alecia Brooks, Kit and Danny Carlson, Sue Cobb, Kimberly Kirby, Lindsay Nolan, Beth O'Neal, Patty Pace, Ashby Webber, Elaine Wetzell, Stephanie Yucius

In addition, we respectfully thank all of the parent, sibling and Walton volunteers. As well as the teachers and staff who helped make this such a memorable event for our children. Thank You!



East Side Principal, Ms. Mavity, cruisin' at the Hop with friends Kay and Kris

## Teacher Appreciation Week: February 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

The week started off with the sweet fragrance of roses, carnations and daisies as East Side students brought in flowers for their teachers on Monday. Parent volunteers arranged the bouquets and the PTA made sure that our non-homeroom teachers were not forgotten. On Tuesday, the staff enjoyed baked goods provided by the PTA Executive Committee and the Teacher Appreciation Committee with coffee generously donated by Starbucks. On Wednesday teachers had lunch provided for them by their class. The PTA also honored our dedicated cafeteria staff that day with lunch from Amy and Tammy's Boxed Lunch Company. Thursday was all about pampering and relaxing. Many teachers enjoyed luxurious hand treatments provided by Mary Kay representative Janie Montague and chair massages by Will Graham.

The week came to a close on Friday with a delicious lunch catered by Instead of Flowers hosted by the Hospitality Committee. The fun continued during lunch when door prizes donated by local area businesses were raffled off. Many teachers commented that this was their favorite day of the whole year because they got to eat lunch together, knowing that their classes were well-taken care of by dedicated parent volunteers!

Many thanks to the Teacher Appreciation Committee - Amalie Swan Johnson, Kim Ingelson and Toria Peterson - for an extraordinary week of activities and the Hospitality Committee (Chris McIlhany and Shannon Masterson) for organizing the wonderful luncheon for the teachers. Thank you to Robin Newton for procuring our raffle prizes and Amy & Tammy's Box Lunch Co. and Posh Tot Events for the use of their table linens. A special thank you to the local business that provided all of the generous door prizes:

B & B Embroidery	La Madeleine
Calico Corners	Massage Envy
Chick fil A	Outrageous Interiors
Chili's	Posh Tot Events
Cookies by Design	Sellar's Good Year
Elle Hair Salon-with stylist Drew	Starbucks
Hair Designer-Lynda Chumbler	The Schoolbox
Harry and David	Thing's Remembered
Honey Baked Ham	Trader Joe's
Houlihan's	Zaxby's

When you shop at these local businesses thank them for their generous support of  
East Side Elementary!

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East Side's Variety show was held on March 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Side cafeteria. The Technology Fair was held on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The technology fair serves to showcase some of the latest technology applications and ways in which teachers integrate them during instruction. It is just one more way for you to see the talents of our students as you look at the work they produce.

### **TRAFFIC CHANGES AFTER SPRING BREAK: ATTENTION!!!**

Traffic at East Side has for years been a huge concern. Morning carpool is a concern because of traffic congestion and student safety. As of Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be changing the traffic patterns during the hours of 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. At the suggestion of the Cobb County Police Department, all automobiles exiting our campus will be required to make a right turn out of our main driveway onto Indian Hills Parkway. We hope that this helps with the bottlenecks that occur daily at the entrance of our school. I repeatedly remind parents not to drop off students except at the front doors of the school. Dropping them off in the parking lot to cross the parking lot of traffic is extremely dangerous. Likewise, students should not be dropped off on Indian Hills Parkway and allowed to walk to the front entrance. SAFETY FIRST!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Mavity,

Principal

## **April "Showers" us with Environmental Education Opportunities!**

Springtime brings many formal and informal opportunities to help our environment. Keep America Beautiful's "Great American Cleanup" continues through May. While we won't have an organized event at East Side because of all of our other programs and activities, that shouldn't stop you from taking a few minutes to pick up trash when you see it and recycle your plastics, glass, aluminum and paper.

Check out local events like Earth Day Kid's Fest being held Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. The whole family will enjoy many ways to connect to nature and learn fun new ways to help the planet. Visit <http://chattnaturecenter.org/earth-day-kids-fest.html> for more information!

Also, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day. What better way to 'decompress' after the CRCT test taking than spending time outdoors? Plant some colorful spring flowers, start a vegetable garden and start that compost pile. Switch out your old incandescent light bulbs for compact fluorescent bulbs. Check out <http://www.energystar.gov/> for other ideas. The possibilities are endless!

## The Tiger Tales

### Investigative Articles Reported and Written by the Junior Writers of East Side Elementary

#### Dear Edwina Jr.

*By Richa Virmani*



As you all know, Dear Edwina Jr. took over East Side in the months of February and March this year. Dear Edwina Jr is a musical with many fun songs that also has an important message. It is about a

girl named Edwina Spoonapple – a resident of Paw Paw, Michigan who runs a show advising the kids in the neighborhood in response to their letters. The advice from Edwina is in the form of songs that she produces with many of her friends. The theme of the show is to always do what you love and to not let anyone or anything bring you down. This is best conveyed by the song in the play, "Sing your own song," as quoted here:

Those kids that try and knock you down  
They are not what life's about  
Just learn to sing your special song  
and drown them out  
I won't pretend it doesn't hurt  
Somethings kids say can hurt a lot  
but what hurts more is when they make you want to be  
something you're not  
You got to sing your own song  
Use your own voice  
Your voice is not a thing to be afraid of...

The reason our unbelievably amazing directors, Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Allison of Musical Theater Workshop, chose to teach us Dear Edwina Jr this year was because they liked the moral of the story. They also liked the fact that it had many songs and many funny characters. The story also offered many "moments to shine" for many students. There were 61 students altogether coming from 3rd, 4th and 5th grades that participated in the show this year.

The auditions took place in November of 2008. The practice sessions started in December with the students showing up early in the morning or staying after school several times a week to perfect the show. The hard work, energy and excitement all showed up on stage at Dickerson Middle School auditorium on March 14th and 15th. Hopefully the MTW will work with us students to stage an even better show next year.

#### Heart Safe @ East Side

*By Rea Shah*



Safe School.

"Be Prepared!" East Side is taking the Boy Scout motto to heart. East Side is getting prepared by becoming a Heart

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Heart Safe School is a program where a group of teachers get trained and certified to perform CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). These teachers are called the “*First Responders*”.

The system for how they are called to duty is simple. You may have heard this on the intercom: “*First Responders, First Responders. Please report to so-and-so location*”. Except that they probably had a real location in the school. After the call, the First Responders will hurry to the predetermined spots. Then a buddy teacher (probably a neighboring teacher) will watch over the First Responder’s class while they are on duty. The First Responders will use their training to help the person in need.

*Hey!* As kids, we can help East Side to be a heart safe school by playing safe and avoiding injuries. If your teacher is a First Responder, quit being a class clown and listen to your Heart Safe teacher.

Our First Responders are really the heart of our Heart Safe School.

## International Extravaganza

*By Lisa MacBeth*



The International Extravaganza on January 30<sup>th</sup> in East Side’s cafeteria left the crowd astonished! We have to thank the wonderful PTA for holding it. From the splendid food to the amazing performances, students, parents, and teachers gathered to celebrate different cultures from all over the world! We had food from Jamaica, Israel, China, Korea, Japan, Mexico, France, India, and many more, even Nicaragua. It was a sight to see. Rea Shah, one of the magnificent performers, exclaimed, “I loved the

Korean beef.” Richa Virmani another great dancer loved all of the activities she got to do in the P.E building. For example she created origami designs and bead bracelets. She also liked how you could dress up in clothes from different cultures. It was a life lesson for many amazed participants to try something new. It was a wonderful night for everyone. If only it could have lasted forever.

## Ode to St. Patrick’s Day

*By Charlotte Marshall*

If you don’t want to get pinched, wear green on March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick’s Day. This tradition was started by school children. They thought if you wore green, it made you invisible to the Leprechauns, which was good because they would pinch anyone they could see. So the pinching is to warn and remind you about the Leprechauns.

Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle, because of its greenery. Green represents spring, hope, the shamrock, and nature. The shamrock



is a symbol of St. Patrick’s Day because of the many clover plants. The clover and shamrock both have three leaves, which is strongly associated with Christianity. The leaves represent the Trinity, The Father, the Sun, and The Holy Ghost. Every now and then, you’ll be able to find a clover with four leaves. These represent good luck because they’re very rare. Each leaf represents something special: hope, faith, love, and happiness.

Do you know what a leprechaun looks like? They’re described as looking small and old. They are said to be unfriendly and mischievous.

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They sneak around trying to find treasure. Many people try to catch leprechauns but are unsuccessful.

May the luck of the Irish be with you on this day. Hope you wore green on St. Patrick's Day... and always try to catch a leprechaun if you can!

## **Back to the 50's** *By Lauren Moody*

Poodle skirts, leather pants and jackets, Oh my! I went to the East Side's annual sock hop to experience some fifties fun! I interviewed tons of kids and got mostly the same answer; about half of them loved the dancing and the other half were drooling over the root beer floats! But some others had some more unique answers! One of the favorites would have to be one that I got from some kids sweet little sister; she loved all the poodle skirts! I'll share some more favorites later but right now I'm going to fill you in on a little sock hop history



Okay, so you know how kids these days are listening to that hip Hannah Montana and those High school musical tunes, well, way back then, they were listening to some Little Richard (that was a favorite!) He even has a song that's about a sock hop...here's a few lines from the tune: "All the flattop cats and the dungaree dolls Are headed to the gym for the sock hop ball" also another hip tune was "At the Hop".

So let's hear a few more favorites and then I'll give you some time to read some other articles in the paper!

Quite a few of answers I got showed that we were getting a little crazy from all the sugar but one of the answers I chose because it was from my fellow junior writer, Charlotte Marshall! Okay so her favorite part of the event was: "I like food, food is good and very crunchy!"

Quite a few of my answer were like that! It was a fun time, had by all!!

## **The Science Fair** *By Maha Sohail*

Wow, what a great day for the science fair!! This year, the science fair was in the cafeteria on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. In our school first grade, second grade, third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade participated. The judges think that feeling proud of themselves and getting colorful ribbons are benefits students get from the science fair. These judges were impressed with the work the students had done by themselves. So many people chose to participate in the science fair because it is a fun experience. By participating, people learned what science is really about. One participant named Richa had a project that was about airplanes and how



they fly. Three others were about the solar eclipse and how it happens. Also, one project showed how water evaporates in action. One person did her project on magnet cereal. This science fair the winner will receive a

huge trophy at the end of the year. Don't forget, you can participate in the science fair next year and might even win a trophy! I wish this science fair lasted longer!



## **2009 Taste of East Cobb Committee Announces Event and Venue**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of East Cobb and Festival**

**Saturday, May 2nd, 2009 11 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Rain or Shine**

Merchants Walk – Marietta GA

Johnson Ferry Road at Roswell Road

The 4th Annual Taste of East Cobb will be held on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009  
From 11 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Marietta's Merchants Walk, off Johnson Ferry Road.

In addition to the food and fun, the family festival features arts and crafts along with outdoor entertainment all day. "With over three dozen restaurants dishing up their treats, along with artisans displaying their crafts, face painting, a children's area and much more, any "taster" is going to have a great time, and it's a great value" festival coordinator Doug Price said. "Taste of East Cobb is an excellent way for a family to have a wonderful day, while stretching those entertainment dollars in this tough economy."

Added Price, "We are very excited to return to Merchants Walk again this year for our venue. We are also thrilled to see a huge growth this year in the number of artisans who will be exhibiting at Taste of East Cobb and Festival. With the combination of food, music, and art....you cannot get much better than that!"

Live bands perform free concerts throughout the day at the center of the festival and include many local talents. Admission to this fun event is free and is sponsored by the Walton High School Band. Tastes, which range from Italian to seafood, steak, BBQ and desserts are from \$1 to \$5 and can be purchased the day of the festival or in advance at [www.tasteofeastcobb.com](http://www.tasteofeastcobb.com).

Ample free parking is available at Merchants Walk, with easy access to nearby ATMs.

For more information and directions, please visit:

Taste of East Cobb | [www.tasteofeastcobb.com](http://www.tasteofeastcobb.com)

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