

Freedom Gazette

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HAPPY FALL, Y'ALL!!

September was amazing! Our teachers worked hard to learn more about the history of Savannah and collective decision making and our students participated in Peace Marches, Egg Drops, and took their first field trips!

But, we've made it to October. This third month of school brings the first annual Fall Festival, school pictures, Progress Reports (report cards) and Family Conferences, and the first Community Meeting of the year.

FAMILY CONFERENCES

Family Conferences are coming!!! Have you signed up with your student's teacher for a fall conference to discuss their progress and receive their Progress Report (report card)? Check your Bloomz and be sure that you haven't missed your opportunity to participate in your students' academic career.



BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

At SKTCS we love having our own traditions. Although we do not celebrate Halloween, on Friday October 26th students are invited to wear a costume that represents a storybook character and to bring that book (if possible) to show during our annual Book Character Parade. Parents are invited to join us in the gym at 2:30 pm where will march around the square to show our costumes. Afterwards, teachers may have parties or gatherings that include parents. Please ask your teacher or room parent about the classroom plan. **This is our only day for celebrations, there will be no festivities on October 31st.**

Costumes should:

- fit properly (not drag or be too loose as it is a safety hazard);
- be weapon-free (e.g. - no swords, knives, guns ...)
- be friendly (we have young students and students for which scary costumes - e.g., blood, witches, goblins, - can be a trigger)
- not include a mask that makes that the student unidentifiable
- be able to be put on by independently by the student unless a parent is coming to help the student dress.

If you have a question about the appropriateness of a costume please ask your student's teacher or the office.

Participation

- Participation is voluntary. If you do not want your student to participate, please let your teacher know.
- Students may be asked not to participate if costumes are not in accordance with our guidelines.
- Participation in the parade is a privilege that can be revoked.



Fall Festival Flyer

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PARENTS ARE OUR EVERYTHING

So far this year parents have ...

- organized, decorated, and stocked the staff lounge
- donated clothes for the SKTCS closet
- donated food for the snack pantry
- chaperoned field trips
- organized the Fall Festival

- organized a blood drive
- assembled and moved furniture
- volunteered as crossing guards
- escorted K-3 students to their hearing tests
- been mystery readers
- been classroom assistants
- donated items for classroom activities
- signed up for [Operation Beacon](#) to be able to volunteer at school (which we love and need!!)

How can you help?:

- volunteer to be a classroom parent
 - Sign-up for [Operation Beacon](#)
 - Attend a school-based volunteer orientation
 - Sign-up to volunteer/donate for the Fall Festival
 - Organize an [after school club/activity](#)
 - Volunteer in the classroom - each teacher could use an extra help during instruction. Can you help a student read, complete math problems, or edit their writing? We can use you!!!
 - Join an existing parent committee:
1. **Fundraising** (fundraising@sktcs.org) - This is the closest group we have to a PTA. We meet monthly to organize events that will raise funds and friends for SKTCS.
 2. **Teacher Support** (facultysupport@sktcs.org) - This is the group that works to support teacher needs by beautifying the faculty lounge, providing snacks, or whatever else teachers may need.
 3. **Equity & Justice** (secretary@sktcs.org) - This task group meets to discern how all students and families can have access to the tools and resources they need to be successful at SKTCS.

Don't see something that interests you? Let me know what your skills are and how you'd like to help (latrisha.chattin@sktcs.org)



Susie King Taylor
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

PRESENTING OUR NEW LOGO

Last year we held a contest for students to design and choose our mascot. Student, Anna Fuller (3rd grade) chose the peace dove for its symbolism of peace and freedom. This year we

asked a parent, John Olenyik (father of Axel and Rex), to incorporate that mascot into a logo for this school. John readily accepted the challenge and created the image above which is now featured on our website and will soon make its way to our letterhead and merchandise. Thank you Anna and John. Your contributions are what truly make a community school.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Have you been looking for a way to meet other parents? Or perhaps you have questions that haven't been answered yet?

This month we will our first Community Meeting. Community Meeting is an opportunity for parents to come hear a talk from administration on a specific topic and then the floor is opened for parent questions. **Come out and join us, hear what makes this community great, meet new people, get answers to your questions.**

Community Meeting Guidelines:

- Questions/discussion should be for the good of the group and related to school policies or practices.
- This is not the forum for concerns or questions that are specific to an individual employee or classroom. Those concerns should be discussed directly with the specific employee or teacher.
- You do not have to wait until a Community Meeting to ask a question. You may have all of your questions answered by calling the office at 912.395.4200.
- If there is something specific you would like addressed at the Community Meeting and/or you cannot attend, please feel to send those questions ahead of the meeting to latrisha.chattin@sktcs.org.

OCTOBER SAVE THE DATES:

1st - 7:30 - 8:30 am: First Day of 3-5 choir (Enter through the music room door in the parking lot)

4th - Kindergarten trip to the Savannah Bee Company

5th - No School (Teacher Professional Development)

8th - No School (Indigenous People Day)

12th -

9 - 9:30 am - All School Meeting (Huber)

10 am - 2 pm - 3/4 trip to the Buffalo Ranch

16th & 17th - Picture Days

23rd - 8:30 - 9 am: Student Council Meeting

24th - 6 - 7 pm: Community Meeting (parent meeting) in the gym

26th -

2 - 2:30 pm: Volunteer Orientation

2:30 - 3 pm: Book Character Parade (gym)

29th - 30th - 5 - 9 pm: Family Conferences (report card pick-up)

November 1st - 10 am - 1pm: All-School Trip to Skidaway Island State Park (all volunteers who are available are needed, be sure to attend orientation on the 26th if you haven't already!!)



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