

January 2010

## News

### PTA and SSEF Nominating Committee

Congratulations to the 2010 Nominating Committee! We thank Elizabeth Dowlen, Aimee Fitzgibbons, Angela Graff, Jessica Harrell, Erica Hurley, Barbara Jackson and Kim Sumlin. This group will begin work soon to slate the 2010-2011 PTA and SSEF Boards.

If you are interested in serving Sarah Smith in a board position, please fill out the PTA self nomination form that you received in your child's book bag and return to the nomination box in the PTA room at the Primary Campus. SSEF Board position information will be published in early February.



### SarahSmithElementary.com Relaunch

The new and improved website will launch the week of January 25. Please visit the site and check out all the new features and available information.

### Order Your Yearbook Now!

January 22, 2010 is the LAST day to order a yearbook. Only \$25! Limited supply left. If there are any extras in May the price goes up to \$30. Take advantage of this lower price and order your child a book today. [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)



## Bingo Night January 29

BINGO				
12	18	41	47	61
7	26	39	54	70
4	27	FREE PRIZE SPACE	49	63
5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75

Pizza, Prizes & Fun!

RSVP by Jan 25  
 Flyers were sent home  
 this week

Contact: Jill Bates, [bates12345@gmail.com](mailto:bates12345@gmail.com)

A huge THANK YOU to the faculty, staff and parent volunteers who worked so hard to complete the campus moves during the Holidays.



## Mark Your Calendar

### January 21

Prospective Parent Open House  
 9:30am, Primary Campus

### January 27

NAAPS Meeting, 12pm, Jackson Elementary

### January 29

Spirit Day  
 Fidelity Bank Deposit Day, 7:30am  
 Bingo Night, 7pm Primary Campus

### February 2

APS One Fair Winners, NAHS

### February 4

Box Top Bonanza – both campuses  
 School Tours:  
 8:30am (PC) and 10am (IC)

### February 5

Fidelity Bank Deposit Day, 7:30am  
 Movie Night – Grades 4&5, 7pm  
 Great Books Atlanta Event

### February 9

Mardi Gras Celebration  
 Math and Science Night

### February 10

ESOL Parent Coffee, 8:15am

### February 12

Black History Month Assembly

### February 15-16

Winter Break – no school

### February 19

Fidelity Bank Deposit Day, 7:30am  
 SSEF Supernova Event, Mason Murer Art Gallery, 6:30-11pm

### February 24

NAAPS Meeting, 12pm, Bolton Academy

### February 26

Grandparent & Special Friend Day – both campuses, time TBA  
 Skate Night – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 7:15-8:30pm at The Gym at Ptree Pres

# Support Sarah Smith

## SUPERNOVA 2010

A Benefit For The Stars of  
Sarah Smith Elementary



Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-11pm

Mason Murer Art Gallery  
on Armour Drive  
[www.masonmurer.com](http://www.masonmurer.com)

### How can you help make it a success?

This is a really easy one...Buy a ticket (or 2)! Look for your invitation this week. Only \$85 per person includes fabulous food, open bar, live band and great auction items including Class Artwork and Teacher time. Register online now at [www.sarahsmithelementary.com](http://www.sarahsmithelementary.com). Come ready to Bid!

Become a Family Sponsor! For \$300, you can be a Galaxy Giver which includes 2 Supernova tickets and sponsors 1 staff/teacher ticket. You also will receive program and website recognition and an exclusive invite to the Preview Party from 6-6:30pm the night of the auction!

Donate an item, talent or service for the live auction, silent auction and/or raffle! Contact Tracy Noble at [tracynoble1@comcast.net](mailto:tracynoble1@comcast.net).

Contribute to the Wine Cellar. Donate a bottle(s) of wine! Collection dates will be Jan 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow! Contact Jerilyn Hinternhoff at [Jerilyn.Jones@bcdtravel.com](mailto:Jerilyn.Jones@bcdtravel.com)

Sponsor a themed party to be auctioned at the event! You (and a set of friends) set the date, theme and how many attendees (adults, kids or both). At the auction, bidders will sign-up and pay to attend your party. Parties already planned include: Adult Cocktail party at Nadine Kassabian's home, a Fun Monday party for families at Maureen Santoli's home and Soccer clinics for boys at the Niekamps. The ideas are endless! Contact Cynthia Bradberry at [cbradberry@gmail.com](mailto:cbradberry@gmail.com).

Volunteer your time. We need many volunteers the day and night of the event. Contact Bev Maiellaro at [bmaiellaro@comcast.net](mailto:bmaiellaro@comcast.net) if you are willing to help!



### The Sarah Smith Story... *help write the next chapter*

The SSEF Annual Campaign 2009-2010 is still underway! Whether you decide to make a gift of \$20, \$200, \$2,000 or beyond, we hope you consider contributing to the Sarah Smith Story based on your commitment to this wonderful school and your ability to give. This money will go **directly into your child's classroom. Without this extra funding, The Sarah Smith Story would just not be the same. How the next chapter is written is up to us.** Donate online now at [www.sarahsmithelementary.com](http://www.sarahsmithelementary.com)

### Extra Extra Read All About It!! READ-A-THON was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this important fundraiser!

Read-A-Thon totals exceeded **\$45,000!** Some interesting fun facts:

#### Percentage of money raised per grade level:

K: 35% (Bryant highest class with \$2,811)	1 <sup>st</sup> : 21% (Willis highest class with \$1,776)
2 <sup>nd</sup> : 20% (White highest class with \$1,445)	3 <sup>rd</sup> : 12% (Young highest class with \$1,117)
4 <sup>th</sup> : 6% (Wilkinson highest class with \$672)	5 <sup>th</sup> : 6% (Conley highest class with \$703)



We also awarded prizes to **575** students. There were **277 Superstar Readers**, students who read 100 book credits or more, **138 Red Hot Readers**, students who read 75 – 99 book credits, and **160 Gold Level Readers**, students who read 50 - 74 book credits.

*"Sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny". -- Frances E. Willard*



*"They always say that things change with time.  
But actually you have to change things yourself." -- Andy Warhol*

### Help CHANGE Haiti

Sarah Smith students will be collecting change for Haitian Earthquake Relief. So bring your change Tuesday, January 19 – Friday, January 22. Beta Club will be collecting in the mornings at the carpool drive at the Intermediate Campus. 2nd grade Brownie Troops 29333 and 29340 will collect at the Primary Campus before and after school. All funds collected will be donated to the Red Cross for earthquake relief in Haiti.

### L'École St. Croix, Haiti: A French Connection

This month, Sarah Smith students will be learning a little about Haiti and the children at St. Croix school in Nouvelle Cité on the island of La Gonâve, Haiti. The island province is one of the most economically deprived regions within a country considered the poorest in the Western Hemisphere. In Haiti, the average annual income for a family is less than \$440.

The French Department will contribute the proceeds of this year's Mardi Gras T-Shirt sales to help provide school lunches for students at St. Croix. Watch for more information and an order form later this month.

### Holiday Toy Drive THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Toy Drive. You helped make the holidays a little brighter for nearly 300 Atlanta children and their families.

### IB Action Hall of Fame

Check out the photos celebrating student-initiated actions in the hall between the media center and the music room at the main campus. If you have news you'd like to see spotlighted in the Hall of Fame, contact Jason Johnston at [johnston@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:johnston@atlanta.k12.ga.us).

### The International Travelers Program

The plans are well underway for the new International Traveler Program. Each year, beginning this May, our children will "travel" to a different country seeing every continent before they leave Sarah Smith. This year the students will experience Japan the week after the CRCTs, May 10th-14<sup>th</sup>. The children will learn about the native culture, food, music, literature, history and much, much more! It will truly be an eye popping event that will help the students develop a deeper understanding of different ways of life and become more internationally minded. If you would like to help in the development of this new enrichment program there are many ways in which you can become involved. Please contact Lisa Hermann, [hermannl@yahoo.com](mailto:hermannl@yahoo.com), Elizabeth Dowlen, [elizabethdowlen@bellsouth.net](mailto:elizabethdowlen@bellsouth.net), or Dr. Abby McKinnon, [amckinnon@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:amckinnon@atlanta.k12.ga.us) Don't miss this unique opportunity to trail-blaze with us!



### Cougar Corner - News from Your Neighborhood Middle School!

Get in touch with Sutton Middle School now by reading the Sutton Source weekly e-newsletter. Go to [www.suttonmiddleschool.org](http://www.suttonmiddleschool.org) to read the current issue or feel free to go ahead and subscribe. Get in the know and make an informed decision about what comes next.

Please mark your calendar to attend the **April 15th** Sixth Grade Orientation at Sutton Middle School.

**Note: The January Prospective Parent night will now be consolidated into this spring event.** For immediate information about Sutton, the next tour date is February 10. Reservations required: Call Jennifer Miller at the Welcome Desk 404-802-5600.

# Super Star Supporters Program

## Welcome New Superstar Supporters

A warm welcome goes out to former Four Star Supporter **Keller Williams Realty First Atlanta Realtor, Suzy Smith**. If you are looking to buy or sell a home in the Sarah Smith school district (or in surrounding areas), you will receive first-class service from Suzy. Please thank her for her generous donation to the SSEF. [www.suzyhomes.com](http://www.suzyhomes.com)

Also, welcome back to one of our most loyal supporters and past parent, Atlanta City Councilman Howard Shook. (<http://howardshook.com>). Mr. Shook and his wife have been consistent supporters of SRS for years. When you see him in our community, please thank him for his generous contribution to the SSEF.

Lastly, we are honored to have two new Two Star Supporters, Chin Chin Restaurant and Wieuca Animal Clinic.

Thank you to all the businesses that so generously give their time, money and services to our school!

If your business would like to become a Superstar Supporter, we would love to hear from you. Contributing to Sarah Smith helps our school and also represents a unique marketing opportunity in our community. Please contact the SSEF, Beth Hoffman, 404.364.9841, [HoffmanBeth@comcast.net](mailto:HoffmanBeth@comcast.net), or Amy Henning, 404-949-0502, [amyhenning@comcast.net](mailto:amyhenning@comcast.net), or the PTA, Debbie Shores, [debbie\\_shores@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_shores@yahoo.com) if you are interested or have any questions.

### Dine-In Cash Back Calendar

Earn \$\$ for SRS just by going out to dinner. Be sure to mention you are from SRS.

	Mon, Feb 1
	Fri, Feb 5
	Thurs, Feb 11
	Mon, Feb 15
	Wed, Feb 17
	Wed, Feb 24

Contact Jessica Harrell, [jwsh@me.com](mailto:jwsh@me.com)

### Here are 6 simple ways to earn money for SRS this year:



Swipe your **Publix Key Chain Card** at any local Publix when you shop for groceries. Cards available at the SRS welcome desk.



Clip and save **BoxTops for Education**. The next BoxTop Bonanza collection day will be in January.



**Georgia Natural Gas:** Register your new or existing acct at [www.trueblueschools.com](http://www.trueblueschools.com)



If you use a Target Red Credit Card, designate SRS as the recipient school at [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe)



Turn in your Pike receipts to SRS for credit. Your child can put the receipt in the Pikes receipts flower pot at the Welcome Desk.



Go to My Coke Rewards: <http://www.mycokerewards.com/mcrSchools.do> Click on "Donate your points", select Sarah Rawson Smith and follow the registration instructions.

Questions? Contact Cheryl Niekamp, [niekamp@comcast.net](mailto:niekamp@comcast.net).



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# 2009-2010 Super Star Supporters



Our Superstar Supporters provide financial support to many areas of our PTA or Sarah Smith Education Foundation budget. Please thank them for the generous support of our children, teachers, & programs.

## Five Star: \$2500 - \$4999 (Partners in Education)

Ed Castro Landscape - [www.edcastro.com](http://www.edcastro.com)  
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## Four Star: \$1000 - \$2499 (Partners in Education)

Batteries Plus	Ethridge & Miller, CPA	Private Bank of Buckhead
Binders Art Supplies and Frames	Goldberg's Bagel Co.	Sebastian Orthodontics
California Pizza Kitchen/Lenox Mall	Howard Shook	Suzy Smith, Keller Williams Realty
Castle Painting	Learning Express	The Gym at Peachtree Presbyterian
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Domino's Pizza/Buckhead	Outback Steakhouse	Willy's Mexicana Grill

If you know of a business who would like to partner with Sarah Smith or want more information about our Super Star Supporters program, contact Debbie Shores, [debbie\\_shores@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie_shores@yahoo.com).

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**PTA Co-Presidents:** Angie Chesin and Katherine Reed

**SSEF Chairman:** Allison O'Sullivan **SSEF President:** Lisa Dwyer

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