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Due West Dash— Saturday, October 15, 2011

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Due West Elementary PTA Hosts “The Due West Dash”

As the PTA continues to focus on the health and fitness of our children and families, we will host the Inaugural **Due West Dash 5K Road Race** to be held on **Saturday, October 15, 2011**. Come one and come all. There will be an event for the whole family: a 5K scenic, rolling hill course down Burnt Hickory Road; a 1K around the school and Due West Methodist Church grounds; and a Kids’ Fun Run around the new track. The proceeds will help fund PTA programs that support our Due West students. A Health and Safety Fair will be held at the finish line.



Race Registration and Information

You can register online at www.active.com or the PTA website at www.duewestpta.com and pay by PayPal or send in your registration form (also found on the PTA website) and check (payable to Due West PTA) with your child. There are also forms available at the school front office.

8:00 a.m. 5K walk/run

9:00 a.m. 1K walk/run

9:15 a.m. Kids’ Fun Run

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$25.00 if registered by 10/8/11, \$30 on race day

Entry Fee: \$15.00

Entry Fee: \$10.00

Race Day Registration and Packet pick up



T-shirts are 100% cotton short sleeved shirts and are guaranteed for all pre-registered racers. Shirts available while supplies last for on-site registrants.

The **Health and Safety Fair** will be held the same day at the finish line.



If you have any questions or would like to help sponsor the event, please contact the Road Race Chair: Robin Toole 678.672.9114 jcrtoole@bellsouth.net

Reflections - “Diversity Means...”

PTA Reflections - 2011-2012 Theme: “Diversity Means....”



Reflect on the theme.
Create an original work.
Be recognized.
Dance Choreography
Photography
Film Production
Musical Composition
Literature
Visual Arts



Deadline for Entries: September 30th @ 7:50 am

For details, contact: Jeanette Waters via email at 4jwaters@att.net

***Please visit www.georgiapta.org or www.duewestpta.com/reflections for more detailed information about entries and guidelines.

Pioneer Pride:

- P - Practice good manners
- R - Respect all people and property
- I - Invest in a great Attitude
- D - Do the right thing
- E - Exercise safe behavior

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Save The Date:

September 2011:

Tues. 20th
Thurs. 29th
Fri. 30th

(5:00 - 8:00 pm): Sparkles Skate Night
Mixed Bag Fundraiser Begins
(7:50 am) Reflections Deadline

October 2011:

Tues. 4th
Wed.-Fri. 5th-7th
Wed... 5th
Thurs. 6th

(9:30 am) PTA Exec. Board MTG
(10:15 am) PTA Board of Directors MTG
COGAT Testing
(7:30 am) International Walk to School Day
(6:30 PM) PTA Meeting & 5th Grade Performance

Save The Date:

October 2011 Continued:

Mon. 10th
Sat. 15th
Tues. 25th
Mon. 31st
Mon.-Fri. 10th-14th
Mon.-Fri. 24th-28th

(4:00 - 9:00 pm) Shane’s Night
(8:00 am) Due West Dash
Picture Make Up Day
Mixed Bag order due
ITBS Testing
Book Fair
Conference Week
National Drug Free Awareness Week

Principal's Note

Principal Peggy Fleming

Welcome to the 2011 – 2012 school year! We are so happy to have all the new renovations. It feels like a new school with the fresh paint, new flooring, and the new playscapes. The work over the summer was funded from Cobb County School District SPLOST III money. All of the parking lots were also resurfaced and the partitions in the bathrooms were replaced. Hopefully you have also noticed our updated Pioneer logo. Thank you to all of the students, staff, and families who submitted artwork for con-

sideration. We will be having a contest soon to name the mascot!

The new school year brings some new faces and changes to Due West. We are very excited to welcome the new staff, students, and families. We hope you enjoy your time here and grow to love the school and community. Due West Elementary is a great place to be! We are also excited about having a new science lab, starting the morning walk, and starting a local school foundation. The foundation will allow us to raise funds for things like a science instructor and additional computers for the classroom. More information will be coming home soon.

As we begin the new school year we want to remind everyone to check the Due West web site frequently for important dates and announcements. We try to update the site at least once a week. Teachers also update their sites regularly so families will know what is going on in the classroom. The PTA site also has tons of great information! Isn't technology wonderful!



PTA President's Note

President Tara Leggett

Hello Due West Pioneers!

I am excited about our 2011-2012 school year and serving as your PTA president. We have had some great improvements to our school and hope your children are enjoying them. I just wanted to take a quick minute to give you a little background on me. I have fraternal twin boys in the 5th grade, Cole and Trent. We came to Due West in the middle of 2nd grade and fell in love with the school and staff. My first experience with PTA was to serve as a room mom in 3rd grade. 4th grade I took on after school enrichment and silent auction and this year I have the privilege of being the president. In addition to volunteering at Due West, I am a volunteer in my community and with Cole's baseball team. I am a boy mom to the core and love every crazy minute of my life. I am very fortunate to be serving with some incredible women and men who make volunteering enjoyable and rewarding. Please consider volunteering your time or talents this year. Your greatest reward will be the joy your child gets from seeing you at their school making a difference.

We as a PTA want to make a difference in the lives of our children and an impact on the community we live in. We can do that by making you as a parent aware of legislation that may affect their education, provide opportunities to participate in community initiatives and create programs that will enrich the students learning experience. We also believe providing support for our staff is important in building a strong bond with the staff and students at Due West. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet all of our Due West staff, I challenge you to meet a new face this year. A moment of kindness is never wasted.

Sincerely,

Tara Leggett

Due West PTA President



<http://www.duewestpta.com/>
<http://www.pta.org/>
<http://www.georgiapta.org/>

PTA Perks

Did you know that a Parent Teacher Association membership provides many benefits to card-carrying PTA members? Of course, the number one reason to join is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more advantages. With each and every PTA membership you will receive the following PTA Perks:



- A FREE Chick-fil-a chicken sandwich
A FREE Stevie B's child's buffet
\$10 off at Aspen's
15% off at Yogli Mogli
\$2 off open bounce at Bounce U
BOGO coupon for Sparkles
10% family membership discount at Chattahoochee Nature Center
20% discount on tickets at the Alliance Theatre
10% new member discount at The Atlanta History Center
10% membership discount at Fernbank
\$10 off membership at The Atlanta Zoo

Please visit our website www.duewestpta.com for more information on how to join the PTA.

PTA Committee Focus

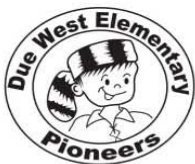
Box Tops

BOX TOPS! BOX TOPS!

Everyone send in those BOX TOPS!!! Thanks to everyone who saved and submitted Box Tops labels last year. We would love to have everyone's help in reaching our goal this year. All you have to do is clip or tear off the Box Top and send it in to the school. You don't have to do anything special with the Box Tops, simply place them in a Ziploc baggie, put your teacher's name on it, and send it to school. We need the teacher name, because each month the class that has submitted the most Box Tops, will get a treat. You may also run into some Bonus Box Tops, please submit the small certificate looking portion on the package, that reads Bonus Box Tops which contains a code that we will need. REMINDER: Box Tops labels do have EXPIRATION dates on them. So, please be sure to send in any that you have been saving, so we can get them submitted in time. If you would like to learn more about Box Tops and follow our schools progress, please go to www.Boxtops4education.com and sign up. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help with the Box Tops committee, please contact Bonnie at boxtops@duewestpta.com. Volunteers help with collecting labels from the classrooms, sorting, and counting. We would love to have your support, whether it is by being a volunteer or by sending in Box Tops. Hoping to have a wonderful year full of BOX TOPS!!!!



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The Due West Dash Saturday, October 15th



Rain or shine

Due West Elementary School, 3900 Due West Road, Marietta, GA 30064

8:00 a.m. 5K walk/run

9:00 a.m. 1K walk/run

9:15 a.m. Kids' Fun Run

Race Details: The Due West Dash is a 5K walk/run to benefit the Due West PTA and its programs that support Due West Elementary School children & families. The race starts & finishes at Due West Elementary School, 3900 Due West Road, Marietta. The scenic route has rolling hills. A Health and Safety Fair will be held at the finish line.

Age Groups/Award for 5K - Overall M & F; Masters M & F; Top male and female in each age group as follows: 10& under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & over. Ribbons for all 1K and Kids' Fun Run finishers.

Registration: \$25 if registered by October 8, 2011, \$30 on race day; \$15 for 1K; \$10 for Kids' Fun Run

- www.active.com (on-line registration)
- PTA website & pay by PayPal – www.duewestpta.com
- Download form from PTA website and mail entry & check (payable to Due West PTA) to 3900 Due West Road, Marietta, GA 30064, Attn: Due West Dash
- Race Day Registration and Packet pick up 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

T-Shirts: 100% cotton short sleeved shirts, guaranteed for all pre-registered racers. Shirts available while supplies last for on-site registrants.

Information: Keith Collis, Race Director 678.592.1194 , Email: keithcollis10@comcast.net or PTA Website @ www.duewestpta.com

The Due West Dash Entry Form

Registration Fee \$ _____ + Additional Donation \$ _____ = Total \$ _____

Payable to Due West PTA, 3900 Due West Rd., Marietta, GA 30064

() **Phantom Runner:** I cannot participate but will support the event & get a t-shirt (pick up on race day).

T-shirt size: () S () M () L () XL () XXL – add \$1.00 **Race:** () 5K () 1K () Kids' Fun Run

Kids T-Shirt size: () YXS () YS () YM () YL () YXL

Only one runner registration per form:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Gender: () Male () Female

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Waiver: In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I waive any and all claims for myself and/or my heirs for any injuries I may incur as a result of my participation in the Due West Dash, thereby releasing all sponsors and volunteers associated with this event from liability. I understand that jogging/running/walking is a strenuous sport and I further state that I am in proper physical condition for this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____