**Dates to Remember**
August 31 – Early Release – 11:50 am dismissal
September 1 – Curriculum Night and PTA Meeting
  * 1st Session 6:00 – 6:40
  * PTA Meeting 6:45 – 7:30
  * 2nd Session 7:35 – 8:15
September 5 – NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
September 6 – Girl Scout Recruitment Night – 6:00 PM
September 9 – Elementary Night at Lambert High School
September 10 – Dad’s Initiative Workday – 8:00 AM
September 10 – Lambert Family Music Festival 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
September 13 – Fall Picture Day

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**EARLY RELEASE – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**

Parents,
On Wednesday, Aug 31, we will have our first Early Release Day for students. In the morning, we will have our Olweus kickoff for the year ...an assembly with Gutsy the Flying Fox. All classes will be eating in their classrooms with their teachers. The lunchtimes will be very irregular and we will not be able to give you an exact time that your child will be eating. For this reason, we respectfully request that parents and other family members not plan to join their children for lunch on Wednesday. Thank you for your support with this request.

**Art News**
Fourth and fifth grade students interested in the Art Club, which will meet Wednesday mornings between 7:15 and 7:35 am, should fill out an application and return it to the art teacher as quickly as possible. Applications may be downloaded from Ms. Edwards’ website or picked up in the art room. Art Club will be limited to 15 students this year, first come-first served. Art Club will begin September 14 in the art room. Click here for an Application. Fourth and fifth graders who love to paint may be interested in the Mural Club that will meet Wednesday afternoons from 2:45 to 3:45 in room 375. Interested
students should complete an application and return it to Ms. Edwards’ as soon as possible since Mural Club will be limited to the first 12 students who apply. Applications may be downloaded from Ms. Edwards’ Art Club page on her website or picked up in the art room. Mural Club will begin September 21 in the art room. Click here for an Application.

**PE Notes**

### 4th and 5th Grade Fitness Club

The Brookwood Elementary Fitness club is open to all 4th and 5th graders and provides an opportunity for students to come to the gym before school to improve their fitness levels and to have fun with their friends. The club begins on Monday, September 12, 2011, and meets every Monday through April from 7:15 – 7:35. Throughout the school year, the focus will be fitness-based, including the Presidential Fitness Challenge and other mini-challenges to monitor student improvement.

**Fitness Club Permission Slip**

### Brookwood

**4th and 5th Grade**

**Bobcat Recreation Program**

Are you looking for something to do after school? Do you have time on your hands? We have just the activity for you! Fourth and Fifth graders have the opportunity to get moving while having fun with friends. This recreation program will be on Wednesdays after school during the months of September and October. The cost is $40.00 per participant and there will be four meetings lasting from 2:20 – 4:00 pm. Between 2:20 and 2:45, students will meet in the café to complete homework while students are being dismissed from car line. During the recreation program, students will be participating in cooperative and team games that are an extension of physical education class. In turn, students will be held to the same standard of participation and behavior as in physical education class. Program dates are September 7, 14, 21 and October 5. (Please note: there will not be a Rec. Program on Sept. 28.) Possible activities: Mat Ball, The Great Escape, Capture the Flag and More. Due to safety and space requirements, the session will be limited to the first 30 registered. The permission slip and fee deadline is Friday, September 2, 2011. Please contact Coach Paluzzi or Ms. Spear with questions.

**Recreation Permission Slip**

### SPIRIT WEAR FOR SALE DURING CURRICULUM NIGHT

It is not too late to order Brookwood Spirit Wear items! We will be set up at Curriculum Night on September 1, 2011, and at the school store on Wednesday morning, September 7, 2011. Lambert High School will be hosting an Elementary Night September 9 at the football game. If you plan to attend, remember to show your Brookwood Bobcat pride by wearing school colors or spirit wear. It’s great to be a Brookwood Bobcat! Contact Julie Philmon or Lisa Kramer at spiritwear@brookwoodpta.org with any questions.
PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – SEPTEMBER 1
Please come to the PTA General Membership meeting on September 1, 2011, between the Curriculum Night Sessions. We will be voting on the budget for the school year and discussing plans for another exciting year at Brookwood Elementary.

BOBBY NEEDS YOU!
Thank you to the parents who attended the Volunteer Fair on August 24. Your time and support are much appreciated. There are still some jobs and committees that need your help. Please fill out the Open House brochure on the Volunteer Page at www.brookwoodpta.org indicating how you can donate your time and skills. There are so many wonderful PTA events to choose from. Every child at Brookwood benefits from a PTA sponsored event or purchase. Ask your child which is his or her favorite and support it! Contact Karen Hickey at secretary@brookwoodpta.org for information or for help in finding your niche!

ELEMENTARY SPIRIT DAY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
Come out and show your Brookwood/Lambert Spirit the week of September 6th. We are looking for spirit decorators to help during the week to prepare for Friday’s Elementary Spirit Day. Please contact Maureen McInnis at hospitality@brookwoodpta.org or 404-993-3285. Help us defend our title as Longhorn Nation’s Most Spirited Elementary School!!

TANNER PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS STILL AVAILABLE
Help support Brookwood and get a beautiful 11x14 family portrait for only $20. Photo sessions will be held Friday, October 7 from 5pm to 8pm, and Sunday, October 9 from 10am – 4pm. Please visit the Tanner Photography page at www.brookwoodpta.org to download a session request form and to get more information. You can also contact Jennifer Morales at vpfundraising@brookwoodpta.org

DO YOU LOVE BROOKWOOD? DO YOU WANT IT TO BE THE BEST IT CAN BE?
We need YOU to help with the Dance-a-thon. There are so many opportunities for all aspects of our major fundraiser. None of us wants to pay an outside company to organize a fundraiser, so we have taken matters into our own hands. Please consider what you can do to help with the Dance-a-thon so we can keep all proceeds within our school. We need help with

- Design & Decorations
- Marketing & Promotion
- Database Input
- Student Education
- Entertainment
- Prize Selection
- Pledges
- Music
- Administrative
- Dance
- and many more

Please contact Jennifer Morales vpfundraising@brookwoodpta.org, or fill out your volunteer brochure and return it in your child’s folder.

KEEP SAVING YOUR COKE REWARDS
Would you like to help Brookwood get new P.E Equipment while enjoying a refreshing beverage??? Save the bottle caps and box lid with Coke Reward Point Codes from ANY Coca-Cola product and send them in with your children to be placed in the collection bins in their halls! It’s that easy! The Coke Reward points are used by Coach Paluzzi to get SUPER COOL, and much needed, P.E. equipment! Visit My Coke Rewards for a complete list of participating products.
**IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE PTA**

Thank you to all of the families who have joined the Brookwood PTA this year. We have many classes that are close to 100% and to earning the opportunity to plant a tree with a commemorative plaque here on the Brookwood campus. If you haven’t had a chance to sign up, check your child’s book bag for a Membership Form, or you can fill out an online membership form and pay online or download a Membership Form and send a check in with your child. You can find these forms on the Parent/Guardian Membership Page at www.brookwoodpta.org. Thank you for your support!

**BOX TOPS UPDATE**

The school year has started and so has our Box Tops collection campaign! Please start saving and sending your Box Tops to school with your child. At the end of the school year the grade that collects the most Box Tops will have a special celebration. Help support our school. GO BOBCATS!

**SAVE 5% AT TARGET AND HELP SUPPORT BROOKWOOD ELEMENTARY**

Target’s Take Charge of Education program gives Brookwood 5% back on all purchases made with a Target RED card designated to our school. Better yet, you receive 5% off your purchase total every time you use it! If you do not have a Target RED card, you can print out an application form from the Target RED card website. Remember to designate Brookwood Elementary as your school by clicking here.

**WE NEED MENTORS! PLEASE HELP OUR CHILDREN.**

Forsyth County Schools need caring individuals to mentor elementary and middle, and alternative school students. Research has shown that volunteer mentors can play a powerful role in reducing drug abuse and youth violence, while greatly enhancing a young person’s prospects for leading a healthy and productive life. A mentor provides a one-to-one relationship with a child, which offers a caring and supportive relationship with an adult role model. Becoming a mentor involves committing up to 30 minutes per week during school hours with your student for the remainder of the school year. You will need to complete a background check and attend a training to help you feel comfortable as you begin to mentor. The trainings are provided at a central location or at your work place. Our next training sessions are scheduled for:

- **Tuesday, August 30, 2011**
- **Tuesday, September 20, 2011**
  - 6:30 - 8:30 PM
  - Forsyth County Board of Education Building
  - 1120 Dahlonega Hwy Cumming, GA 30040

As a mentor, you can read with the student, play a game, do an activity, take a walk or just listen. The supportive relationship is the key to mentoring. Our goal is to link with the community in providing mentors to students. We are looking for individuals, businesses, church organizations, and community members to become involved. We currently have a waiting list of children needing a mentor at all our schools.

A chance to make a difference that will last a lifetime.
Contact Susie LeMieux Brookshire, Prevention Specialist, at 770 887 2461 Ext. 202339 for more information.
CALLING ALL GIRLS

September 6 at 6:00 p.m. is Recruitment Night for Girl Scouts at Brookwood. We will be forming troops that night, so if your daughter is interested please come and join us.

Why Girl Scouts? Girl Scouts creates Leaders!

Did you know
- 80% of women business owners are Girl Scouts
- 68% of female US Members of Congress are Girl Scouts
- Virtually every female astronaut who has ever flown in space was a Girl Scout.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Nicole Shadoff at kpbing@comcast.net.

SPECIALS SCHEDULE FOR August 29 – SEPTEMBER 2

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Brookwood Elementary would like to thank our Partners in Education Sponsors for their dedication and support of our children:

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- Cheeseburger Bobby's
- Deuce Brand watches
- Stars & Strikes
- Susan Chambers School of Dance
- TCBY