

#### Dodgen Middle School:

SMART (Science, Math, Art, Reading, Technology) Fair. This event welcomed over 40 presenters from the community, many of whom are parents of our students, who presented a variety (35) of interactive topics including robotics, improvisation, car design and falconry. It was the last day of school before winter break. This day had tremendous support from the faculty and administration, and the students appreciated the educational enrichment.

#### East Side ES:

Parent Involvement, *American Schools 101*. All were invited noting that the target audience was the international community. The goal of giving an overview of the school district, PTA history and priorities, opportunity for involvement and cultural expectations was set. Attendees found their country of origin table where interpreters of 6 languages were present to share information followed by an informal Q&A with administrators. ECCC PTA recognizes that this great Parent Involvement program shows how increased diversity in our schools creates new opportunities for PTA to serve.

#### Eastvalley ES:

*Look Who's Talking Books*. Teachers and PTA recognize students that stand out in reading for various reasons such as being model readers, achieving personal goals and/or making great progress. In addition to a certificate, pencil and bookmark the chosen students pictures are displayed along with a statement about their favorite book and favorite place to read. ECCC PTA recognizes that this Enrichment program celebrates success at all levels of achievement not just the high achievers which ultimately increases a student's love of reading.

#### Garrison Mill Elementary:

Parent Involvement – FBI Program (Fathers Being Involved)-At Sneak-A-Peek and Open House, fathers were asked to sign up and pledge at least 3 hours of their time. They created “cool” names for the FBI positions like “Movie Night Security Guards”, “School Dance Bouncers”, “Class Computer Specialist”, or “Fall Festival Perimeter Keeper”. They could purchase an FBI shirt for \$5. The program was a success with having to order more shirts as well as student behavior improvement and a respect for the fathers participating.

#### Hightower Trail MS.:

Parent Involvement, *Bring your Dad to School Saturday* -With the ambition of cleaning out the nature trail, students were encouraged to get out with dad. While Hightower PTSA recognized that the great flood of 2009 kept people home that week cleaning up their own properties and limiting attendance, ECCC PTA recognizes a great program.

#### Kincaid Elementary School:

Heritage Night. This night included a Parade of Nations, a Cultural Show, and a Showcase of Nations. A Family Favorite of their programs, brought in many of their non-native English speaking parents who volunteered and brought in others to participate and are regular volunteers now.

#### Mt. Bethel Elementary:

Community Outreach-The Big Help committee is a PTA sponsored community service club for students in K-5<sup>th</sup> grades. It meets after school once a month in the Media Center. Through volunteerism, students can learn the importance of helping others. This year, the Big Help kids collected Halloween candy to send to soldiers, and worked with Animals Deserve Better to assist with their animal training.

#### Pope High School:

Implementation of their Diversity & Inclusion Committee that assisted in programming for the Exceptional Needs students in particular. They became part of the PTA programs by stapling, hole punching, paper shredding and they ran the "Fluff and Fold", a program where the students wash and dry cloths needed throughout the school for erasing the white boards. They washed other PTA tablecloths for receptions and got involved deepening the relationship with Powers Ferry students assisting in the canned goods collection around the holidays and specially wrapping gift boxes for them as well! In conclusion what they did assisted all of the students at Pope.

#### Rocky Mount Elementary :

Parent Involvement – Breakfast with Dad -Breakfast with Dad was a new program this year based on the National PTA's endorsement of Allprodad.com. The event sold out in two days and featured Atlanta Braves Roger McDowell as the guest speaker. 224 dads attended.

#### Sope Creek Elementary:

Education and Literacy & Community Outreach-The annual book swap is a great way for families to share and donate books. Each student brings in slightly used books and is granted points for the amount of books they donate. The books are sorted by grade level and the students use their points to "buy" books at the book swap. The students get books which are new to them, the families get to recycle used books, and our sister school also receives a donation of slightly used books.

#### Timber Ridge Elementary:

Literacy Publication – To encourage a higher level thinking and improve the children's writing skills, the PTA developed this new committee designed to publish a book of short stories and poems written by every child. Once all the submissions were completed, the committee worked with a group of fifth graders to actually help in the publication process using a desktop publishing software where all the input was done by children. The books will be distributed at the end of the school year and one will be donated to the local branch of the Cobb County Public Library.

#### Tritt Elementary :

Parent Involvement – Family Fun Nights -Tritt hosts Family Fun Nights which focus on family fitness and togetherness incorporating themes like yoga and playground games to provide an evening for families to exercise together in a relaxed, familiar environment.