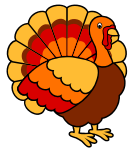




# Lanier Wildcat News

Character Education Word: Self-Reliance

November 3, 2009



## Important Dates

- Nov. 3 Election Day
- Nov. 4 Student Council Meeting 2:30 - 3:15
- Nov. 9 - 13 ITBS Grades 2 - 5
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day (Wear Red, White, & Blue)
- Nov. 13 Report Cards go home
- Nov. 21 PTO Santa Shop 8:00 - 11:30am
- Nov. 24 Early Release Day 11:10 am
- Nov. 25 - 27 Thanksgiving Holidays

## News from the Nurse

Thank you to everyone who has sent clinic supplies in throughout the months- all have been put to good use. People sometimes ask what supplies are needed. I can always use sandwich size Ziploc bags, band-aids, alcohol pads, and 3 oz cups. Anything you can send in is always appreciated.

We are still in the middle of flu/cold season. Please remember that if your child has ran a temperature of/over 100.0 , please keep them at home until they are fever free without the use of fever reducing meds. If your child is vomiting, PLEASE keep them at home. Also remember to call the school if your child is absent and let us know why he/she is out.

Please remember the medication rules that were in the newsletter a few months back. DO NOT send medications to school in your child's bag- this includes cough drops. If your child needs these at school, an adult must bring

We have had an outstanding 1st quarter of school. As second quarter gets into full gear, I wanted to let you know we continue to fully implement the Georgia Performance Standards to ensure students receive high quality instruction. Teachers and staff continue to work, collaborating on professional learning in order to provide the best practices in a standards-based classroom.

Please continue to work with your child's teacher each day by promoting reading at home, working with your child each night on math facts, and by checking homework assignments and Tuesday folders. Please contact me if I can be of service.

**John Wiggins**

## Principal's Message

### Safe Schools

In order to maintain a safe environment for our children to study and learn, it is necessary to practice our emergency and crisis response plans. We will conduct various drills throughout the year. We have revisited our Emergency Preparedness Plan and rehearsed our "lockdown drill" to ensure students are safe. This type of drill will secure the school building and safely shelter all students, staff, and visitors inside the building. The school will conduct a "fire drill" each month school is in session. This is a state fire code requirement, as well as a requirement by Georgia Public Schools. The "shelter-in-place" drill or "tornado drill" will be conducted during the school year. The purpose of this drill is to be prepared to move to a safe location within the building in case of severe weather. Please remember practice drills are implemented to help maintain a safe and secure learning environment.

them to the school. Peppermints are Ok for your child to carry with them if needed. Lastly we are getting in to the cooler part of the year. Please remember to send a jacket/coat to school with your child. They still go outside for recess if dry.

Please visit [flu.gov](http://flu.gov) for information on the seasonal and H1N1 flu.

Thank you for all that you do for your children. Nurse Smith

### Meet Tracy Giles Teacher of the Month

Mrs. Giles is a first grade teacher at Lanier. She has been at Lanier for five years. Mrs. Giles has a bachelor's degree from Georgia College & State University and a Master's degree from North Georgia College and State University.

She has been married for three years to her husband, Josh. They have two dogs, Peanut and Scruffy. Mrs. Giles enjoys spending time with her family, reading and exercising in her spare time.

Mrs. Giles says, "I love my students and teaching first grade."

### ITBS November 9 - 13

**The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be administered the week of November 9th to students in grades 2 - 5. Please make sure that your child gets plenty of rest, eats a good breakfast, and is here on time that week. Also, encourage your child to do his/her best each day!**

### Partner in Education



### Spotlight

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