



Statham Elementary School After School Newsletter



"The Place to Be!"

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Principal's Paw Points

WOW!!! One more time...WOW!!! I am so impressed with the many good things happening with our students in our After School Program. I see smiles all around with soccer, sewing a quilt, drama and dance, our science and math club...and did I mention our after school students will be working on a new educational software program (Kid's College) which our PTO purchased for our school?

Our school is blessed in so many ways...great kids, supportive parents, and effective, motivating, caring teachers. Good things are happening everyday in the STATHAM ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM. We welcome your comments, your suggestions, your concerns...we are all here working together to make our school better for the children. Big Prayers for a wonderful Christmas season for all our SES families.



Mrs. Mann's Sewing Club

Our wonderful 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders have been very busy this fall learning to sew by using quilt squares. Our quilt has a fall theme with owls, cats, pumpkins and tractors. Each student got to choose which appliqué they wanted for

their square. It is funny to me that it was our young men that were really excited about how the squares go together to make a whole quilt. We will have the completed quilt on display after the holidays.

Dance and Nutrition with Mrs. Moss



We are having a great time in dance. From playing "Just Dance" on the Wii to learning choreography. Third through fifth grade will also be learning the fundamentals of hip hop dancing. In nutrition we are learning about our food groups. We are trying new foods, making healthier food choices and playing with our food. That's right! Playing with our food in our very own grocery store, kitchen and restaurant.



Ms. Bliss' Art Club

In celebrating the season, the Art Club has worked to show others the true meaning of Christmas: Giving! We worked with water colors to create some fantastic Christmas pictures. These were put together in a mural and taken to Mulberry Grove Retirement for the men and women there to enjoy.



New Club
beginning
January 2012:
Kid's College Club
taught by
Julia Ammons

Cooking with Mrs. Shook

In our Wednesday cooking class, we've been cooking up some tasty treats. We read a book called Pigs on a Blanket and made pigs in a blanket to go with it. We also have made popcorn balls for Halloween and cereal necklaces to go along with a book we read called The Memory String. We even decorated cookies to look like scarecrows for Fall. We have many more fun activities and delicious treats planned for the upcoming weeks. Our students enjoy cooking yummy snacks together.



Ms. White's Craft Club

Have you noticed the decorations in our school office? They were created by our After School students during their Tuesday craft time with Ms. White. The Craft Club also decorated the recycling boxes in the classrooms. Pictured are some of our students showing a few of the crafts displayed recently in the office.



New Club
beginning
January 2012:
Spanish Club
taught by
Paige Ostrander

Manners Club with Mrs. Jenny

We have taken a break from our normal customs and started learning about Christmas Around the World. We have visited Mexico, Australia, France, and Germany. We have learned that many countries celebrate in a different way. Did you know that it is actually summer time in Australia? We have had a lot of fun learning about how the different cultures celebrate Christmas. Christmas is the time of the year that we should show our manners the most by giving thanks for the many things we are blessed to have. I hope that you will

hear your children saying "Thank you!" and "I love you" to show how much they appreciate having you as their parents/ guardians!



Pumpkin Bread was served in Snack Time that was made the previous day with Mrs. Jenny.

Science Club with Miss Black

The second and third grade students used the internet to research a wild animal of their choice. They recorded their data and turned it into an informational poster. Finally, they shared their information and drawing with the group.

Fourth and fifth also researched a wild animal of their choice. They used the internet to research and recorded the information. Then, they

created Power Point presentations that included their facts and pictures. After Christmas, the students will present their presentations to the group.

The Kindergarten group has been using the SMART board to participate in activities identifying animals according to their names. Also, they have counted animals and identified the written number form.



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**Don't forget:
No After School on March 21st
because of Early Release!**



**Mulberry Grove
residents
enjoying
refreshments
with our
3rd, 4th and
5th grade
After School
students.**

Miss BryAnna

I am a new worker in the Statham Elementary After School Program this year. I am very excited! My name is BryAnna Zoller and I am a senior at Winder Barrow High School. When I graduate I will hopefully (keep your fingers crossed) be going to North Georgia College and State University to major in Elementary Education with a dual program of Special Education. I am considering minoring in Spanish, but I haven't quite made up my mind on that one yet. The only real hobby I have is reading but I have just recently become addicted to dancing on my Wii! But truthfully,

I really read way too much. I love working in this After School Program. All the teachers I work with are wonderful. I want to be a mix of all of them when I am a teacher. I've gotten such great ideas for my future classroom already! I love the kids the most though of course. I work with Pre K and Kindergarten students for 3 hours everyday. If I had to pick my favorite thing about it, I would probably say I love seeing all the different personalities in all the students. All my students are so funny. They all make me laugh a thousand times everyday. Also, I just love how excited and happy they get over all the little things. It

makes me want to be that age again. I am so thankful to have this opportunity because I have already learned so much. I know the rest of this year is going to be a great one!



Veterans Day

Deputy Marc Lacrimosa was a guest speaker with our After School students on November 11th. He talked with our students about what it means to be a Veteran. He also discussed the different branches of the military. Deputy Lacrimosa served in the United States Army. The students also viewed a short movie about Veterans Day from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs webpage. Thank you, Deputy Lacrimosa, for your service and sacrifice to our country, and

for helping our students understand the importance of the legacy of Veterans Day!

