



Sara Harp Minter Elementary

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Igniting, sharing, and enhancing an internal flame for excellence in learning

Our Mascot "Blaze"

From the Administration

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The start of school is a great time of the year. Everyone returns fresh from their summer break with an enthusiasm that only this time of the year generates. A few students are beginning big school, some students have moved to our community a little anxious about what they will experience and most students return knowing the game of school at Sara Harp Minter.

The game is loving children, encouraging them, setting high expectations, ensuring safety through positive means, coming along side their first teacher (parents) and doing whatever it takes for each child to make progress toward established learning goals.

It is through these means that every child at Minter can encounter a fresh, new beginning for the school year 2010-2011.

There are a number of changes at Minter, including a few new faces; two special education teachers, one parapro, and one kindergarten teacher. The interior of the building has been painted. Carpet has been removed and replaced with tile. The gym floor has been removed, cleaned and replaced. New mulch is ready to spread on the playground.

Our School Council and PTO are working hard for you to ensure adequate resources to support your child's achievement. Our building is ready and our teachers stand at the classroom doors awaiting the arrival of each smiling child.

Welcome all to a Great School and a wonderful faculty. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, the school or the administration.

Respectfully,

Mike Smith and Tracey Tyree



School Directory

The Sara Harp Minter Student Directory will include information on every student UNLESS you fill out the " Opt Out " section of the Student Directory Form. Please see the student handbook for the policy regarding release of student information. The directories will be \$7.00 again this year.

Message from the Co-Presidents!

The PTO would like to welcome all students, parents, teachers and staff to the 2010-2011 school year. We are very excited about getting this year started and would like to encourage all parents to become involved in our PTO. There are many opportunities to volunteer your time, and that dedication is very much appreciated. The PTO usually meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 9:30am. The dates of the meetings are published on the lunch calendar and are open to all parents. A few important dates when we will need a great deal of volunteers are the Fall Family Fun on September 17th and Deck the Hall on December 11th.

We look forward to working together with the teachers and parents to help make SHME a great environment for all of our children. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact one of our board members. We welcome any suggestions and will strive to make this year one of the best ever at SHME!

Thank you,

Michele Tillman and Tracy Hale

Co-Presidents

Blaze Bucks Corner

What is Blaze Bucks?

Blaze Bucks is the easiest, most convenient way to raise money for our school. You don't have to spend any extra money!

For example, you shop at Kroger, you purchase a \$25.00 gift card for Kroger, you send in a check for \$25.00 on Tuesday, then on Friday a \$25.00 gift card from Kroger comes home with your child. Our school makes 4%!

There are over 100 different retailers and restaurants you can choose from. Each has a percentage ranging from 3-19%.

Our first order will be August 31.

We are always looking for parents who would like to be a part of our team.

If you would like to hear more about or are interested in helping, please contact Gena Wilson at 770-719-2350 or daisydog@bellsouth.net

Blaze Bucks Calendar

- Thurs., Aug. 5 Meet the Teacher 4:00-6:00
Tues., Aug .24 Chick Fil A Spirit Night 5:00-7:00
Thurs., Aug. 26 Room Parent meeting 9:30, location tba Curriculum Night 6:30
Tues., Aug. 31 Blaze Bucks order
Fri., Sept. 17 Fall Family Fun Night
Sat., Dec. 11 Deck the Halls

