

Mulberry Elementary  
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[www.mulberryelementary.org](http://www.mulberryelementary.org)



## Mulberry Elementary Clubs and Activities 2010– 2011

The opportunities for students to participate in extra curricular activities and clubs at Mulberry have grown tremendously over the past three years. With so much to choose from, this brochure is designed to provide an advance organizer for you and your student.

Please take some time to look over the wide array of choices, as well as meeting days and times. A registration fee is also included for some of the clubs. These fees will cover club incidentals, such as materials, awards, and/or competition fees as appropriate for each group. The fee does not include cost of t-shirts or tournament travel. Scholarships are available on a needs basis.

Club boards are on display during open house Thursday, August 5, and registration forms will be sent home with students in the fall.

We extend our sincere thanks to the teachers and parents who volunteer their time and expertise in order to offer these fun learning activities to our students.



## Odyssey of the Mind

Are you a creative problem solver? Odyssey of the Mind might be the club for you! Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics.

Who can join?

Second through Fifth graders

When does the club meet?

Dates to be determined

How can my child join?

Information will be sent home in September

Registration Fee: \$10 (does not include cost of tournament or travel)



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## Readers Rally

Do you like to read? Readers Rally is a quiz bowl style competition for students in 4th & 5th grade. Students read books from a predetermined list and answer questions about those books. Each Gwinnett County school may send one team of up to 10 players to the Readers Rally.

Who can join?

Open to Fourth and Fifth graders by audition.

The team is limited to 10 members

When does the club meet?

Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons

How can my child join?

Obtain the book list from the Mulberry website so you can read the selected books, then tryouts are in August.

Registration Fee: \$10



## Safety Patrols

Safety Patrols are 5th grade students who are dedicated to ensuring the safety of all students at Mulberry Elementary. Patrols monitor the halls during arrival and dismissal and assist teachers in making sure that all students are safe. Safety Patrols are chosen twice a year. The first team is chosen at the end of their 4th grade year and a second team is chosen in December of their 5th grade year.

In order to be considered as a Safety Patrol, students must fill out an application and turn into Mrs. Lopez. The applications are given out in May and November.

If you are interested in being a Mulberry Safety Patrol, please see Mrs. Lopez for more information.

## Meerkat Morning News Crew

Fifth grade students will have the opportunity to train and produce the morning broadcast. Every fifth grader will have an opportunity to take part with the morning broadcast. Our morning news crew consists of news anchors, Chef Mulberry, camera operators, sound mixer, floor director, teleprompter, and story board mixer.

When does this meet?

Every morning 8:00 AM to 8:25 AM

## Student Council

Student Council provides a unique opportunity for fourth and fifth grade students to learn leadership skills and participate in an important democratic process. Fifth grade students may campaign for positions as officers on the Student Council, and both fourth and fifth graders may run for class representative positions.

As a member of Mulberry's Student Council, fourth and fifth graders represent all students at our school. They are expected to demonstrate exemplary behavior, work habits, and attendance.

Student council members receive specific leadership training. They build communication and mediation skills and participate in several school-wide initiatives including recycling, charity fundraising, and teaching study skills.

When does Student Council meet?

Once a month on Friday mornings from 7:15 AM to 7:45 AM

Information will be sent home with fourth and fifth graders after September.

## SuccessMaker Morning Sessions

Students will have the opportunity to attend morning SuccessMaker sessions for additional help with reading and math.

When does this meet? Tuesday and Thursday mornings 7:15 AM to 7:45 AM

Your child's teacher will provide additional information as this opportunity becomes available.

### **Peachtree Junior Running Club**

For the fourth consecutive year, Mulberry will join Dacula Elementary School to form the Dacula Cluster Running Club in preparation for the Peachtree Junior, a non competitive 3K race through Piedmont Park at the end of May. We train and condition twice a week for the eight weeks prior to the race. It is a great way to welcome spring! Parents can join their children if they wish during practices.

Join us to get fit, enjoy the fabulous spring weather, and have a blast!

Who can join?

All Mulberry students

When does the club meet?

Afterschool 8 weeks prior to the May race - dates to be announced

How can my child join?

Registration form will be sent home just prior to spring break

Registration Fee: Will be determined based on race entry fee in spring 2011



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### **Be The Change**

BTC is a group that volunteers to make a difference in our school and community.

BTC meets once a week starting in September.

#### **What does BTC do?**

BTC Members participate in the following:

\*Mentoring/Tutoring K-2 students

\*Volunteer/Service Work

\*Participate in activities to develop leadership and communication skills

#### **How Can I Get Involved?**

Who can join?

Open to Fourth and Fifth graders

When does the club meet?

Wednesdays from 3-4 PM beginning in September

How can my child join?

Registration form will be sent home in September

Registration Fee: \$10

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### **Environmental Club**

Did you know that the environmental choices that we make today will still have an impact many years from now? Can you help make a difference?

Who can join?

Open to Fourth and Fifth graders

When does the club meet?

This club meets on Fridays once a month after school

How can my child join?

Registration form will be sent home in September

Registration Fee: \$10



### **Math Club**

Math Club is for students who enjoy playing math games. The children will be challenged to use higher order thinking skills while playing games with their friends and parent volunteers.

Who can join?

Open to all Second and Third graders

When does the club meet?

Wednesdays beginning in October from 7:15-7:45 AM

How can my child join?

Registration form will be sent home in September

Registration Fee: \$10



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### **Wizzle Pro Club**

Wizzle Pro is for students who enjoy solving number puzzles. The children will be challenged to use critical thinking skills while playing a challenging game of speed "number crunching." Students will also have the opportunity to participate in one or more Wizzle Pro tournaments.

Who can join?

Open to all Fourth and Fifth graders

When does the club meet?

Fridays beginning in October from 7:15-7:45 AM.

How can my child join?

Registration form will be sent home in September

Registration Fee: \$10

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### **Chess Club**

Chess is a game that promotes critical thinking and processing skills. It encourages students to use logical deductive reasoning to solve problems and increases concentration. Most of all, it is fun! To be a member of the Chess Club, students do not need to know how to play chess. We will teach the game to those who have never seen a chessboard and we will give a few strategies to those who are ready to compete.

Who can join?

Third, Fourth and Fifth graders

When does the club meet?

Tuesday mornings from 7:00-7:45 AM

How can my child join Chess Club?

Registration form will be sent home in September

Registration Fee: \$10



### Rockin' Recorders

Students will have the opportunity to learn how to play the recorder! Not only does playing the recorder improve children's music-reading skills and gives them the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument, but it's also lots of fun!

Who can join?

Open to Fourth and Fifth graders. There is a 30 student limit and registration is on a first come, first serve basis

When does the club meet?

Tuesdays from 7:15-7:45 AM

How can my child join?

Registration form will be sent home in September

Registration Fee: \$10 (includes a recorder, book & CD to keep)



### Beginning Violins

We are very excited that students will have the opportunity to learn how to play the violin during the year! Parents must supply the violin and method book that their child will use. The average cost for renting a violin at a local music store is approximately \$20 per month.

More information about our beginning violin ensemble (including a list of recommended music stores from which to rent an instrument) will be sent home in the first few weeks of school.

Who can join?

Fourth and Fifth graders. Only twenty students can participate and registration is on a first come first serve basis.

When does the club meet?

Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:15-8:00 AM

How can my child join?

Registration form will be sent home in September

Registration: \$10 plus a commitment to rent/purchase a violin



### The Musical Meerkats Chorus

The Mulberry chorus has been a very successful club at Mulberry having more than 60 members. Students will learn music and choreography and will perform at least four times per year.

Who can join?

Fourth and Fifth graders by audition

When does the club meet?

Fourth graders Thursday mornings from 7:15-8:00 AM

Fifth graders will rehearse Thursday afternoons from 2:45-4:00 PM

How can my child join?

Auditions will be held on Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1

Registration: No fee to join, but first time members will want to purchase a chorus shirt

### Jump Rope Club

Students will build physical fitness, coordination and team work while having a great time together. Jump ropers will also learn and perform choreographed routines.

Who can join?

Fourth and Fifth graders by audition

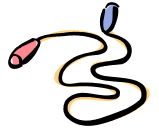
When does the club meet?

Wednesday mornings twice per month from 7:15 to 7:45 AM

How can my child join?

Registration form will be sent home in September

Registration Fee: \$10



### Robotics Club

Do you like to build with LEGOS? Do you enjoy working with computers? Do you want to work with friends to build and program robots? Do you want to combine math, science, and technology to have fun? Then this club is for you! Using LEGO WeDo kits, students will work together to build robots that include more than 160 elements including gears, levers, a motor, tilt and detect sensors, and a LEGO hub. Computer software allows students to program and control their robot creations.

Who can join?

Open to Second and Third graders. There is a 30 student limit and registration is on a first come, first serve basis

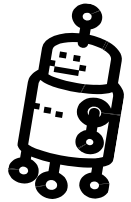
When does the club meet?

Thursdays after school from 2:50-3:50 PM

How can my child join?

Registration form will be sent home in September

Registration Fee: \$30



### School Newspaper

Our school newspaper will highlight school happenings. Extra! Extra! Come join the fun and we'll read all about it!

Who can join?

Open to Fourth and Fifth graders

When does this club meet?

Wednesday mornings from 7:00 AM-7:45 AM

How can my child join?

Registration form will be sent home in September

Registration Fee: \$10

