



Sope Creek Elementary School Foundation Focus

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth"
~ Diogenes Laertius

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Greetings!

OUR SCHOOL IS AMAZING!!

We are one month into our November-January **STEM Lab Building Campaign** and proud to say that Sope Creek has raised **1/3** of our **\$60k** goal to convert part of the current annex into 2 STEM labs for grades K-5.

We are so **inspired** by the support from our parents, grandparents, and friends!! We had gifts ranging from \$5 to over \$1,000 . . . which all added up to \$20,000.

With December and January to go . . . we feel we are well on our way and want to keep this positive momentum and focus.

In addition to the financial goal . . . we are **hoping to reach the "100% family participation goal"** Any amount counts towards the participation goal.

To boost excitement, we are holding class contests each month of the campaign to encourage participation at any level. (See promotion details below!)

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When asked how a STEM lab could enhance the school Principal Whalen said, "A STEM lab will provide our children with the opportunity to apply science, math and technology standards in a hands-on, engaging, and fun environment." That is exciting for everyone!!

If you would like to help reach the goal, [click here](#) for our Nifty Fifty donor sheet or visit our [website](#) for more information about the Nifty Nifty program.

Thank you,

[Vicki Marks](#) and [Regina Wood](#)

Co-Presidents

Sope Creek Elementary School Foundation

** EVERY participating family will be recognized with a leaf on the **STEM TREE** which has been created in the cafeteria.

November "Nifty Fifty" Participation Contest Winner

Our November Participation goal, "COWS LOVE STEM", was won by **Ms. White's 1st grade class**. Ms. White's class enjoyed a Chick-Fil-A Party & each student brought home a coupon for a free Chick-Fil-A. Thanks to Danny Daniels, the manager at the Chick-Fil-A at [Woodlawn Square](#) for this kind donation.



December "Nifty Fifty" Participation Contest (Deadline December 16th)

Our DECEMBER Participation goal contest, STEM is GEYSER-IFIC" has kicked off!! (deadline: December 16th) The GRADE with the highest participation towards the STEM Lab will help promote a science experiment.

A class within the winning Grade level will assist our STEM teacher in conducting multiple geyser science experiments which will be filmed for the school. It is guaranteed to be a BLAST!! [Click here](#) to download your December donation sheet.



Foundation Funds Major Technology Upgrade

As part of the Foundation Focus on technology, The **21st Century Reference Room** is near completion!! The side room of the **Media Center** has been transformed with four network switches that will accommodate 24 computers, the smart board, and two printers (one color and one b/w). Working in conjunction with the county, we have invested **\$8,200** in this transformation. The **21st Century Reference Room** will allow all students to do research on various topics, while using the most up to date equipment. The **Reference Room** will also serve a dual purpose in acting as the dedicated computer lab for the lower grades.

Papa John's Pizza Night - Tuesday, December 13th



Papa John's Next Tuesday - December 13th

Please remember that next Tuesday your child's class has a chance to win a Pizza Party. All you have to do is submit your receipt when you order Papa John's on Sope Creek Night. [Click here](#) for a copy of the order form. If you mention you are a PTA member, you will receive a free side item.

Club 5 - Registration for January Session

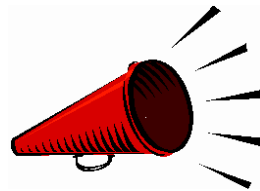
The Foundation is sponsoring a 5th grade Robotics Club called "**Club 5**".

2nd Session in January (3:50 to 4:50) has limited spaces available for our **5th graders**. (The 1st Session in January is completely full).

[Click here](#) for a flyer with more information. [Click here](#) to register.

** You may also pre-register for the **March Session** at this time to assure your space for your **5th grader**.

Foundation Hosts Sope Creek Cheer Clinic



The Cheer Clinic was a **HUGE** success!! With over 50 girls participating, two Hawks' Cheerleaders and a half dozen cheerleaders from Walton High School, there was a lot of enthusiasm and noise. **Erin Barre** and **Caryn Sonderman** worked tirelessly on putting this opportunity together. Through their efforts, the Foundation will raise roughly **\$1,300** from this event.

We thank all of our young cheerleaders for their enthusiasm.

Holiday Ornament Exchange Party



The **Holiday Exchange Party** is a wonderful tradition that the ladies at the Creek look forward to each year.

In addition to bringing the community together, this event raises well over **\$1,000 per year**. We would like to express our gratitude to **Mindy Gurr** for pulling a host committee together for this fabulous event. We would also like to say thank you to the other ladies in the Hampton Farms/Riverhill Community for their support.

Parking in the Fire Lane



URGENT:

For all pick ups other than carpool in the mornings and carpool in the afternoons, YOU MUST PARK or risk getting a ticket from the Cobb County Police. If you are picking up for Chess and Art please park.

** Upcoming Events **

- December 5-16th - Counselor Service Project - Holiday Bears
- Tuesday, December 6th - PTA Board Meeting
- Friday, December 9th - Box Tops & Cokes Rewards due
- Tuesday, December 13th - Papa John's Night