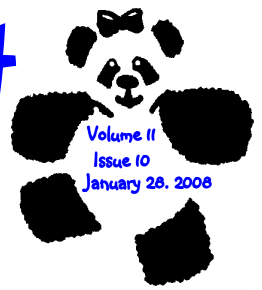




# The Bamboo Shoot



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## HILLCREST HIGH SPIRIT WEEK CARNIVAL AND PTA MEETING AT PLAIN ON FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>



On **Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, Hillcrest High School students will once again be hosting a carnival and hotdog supper with a bake sale at Plain Elementary for our students and their families. The hotdog supper begins at 5:00 PM in the cafeteria with a PTA meeting to follow at 6:30 PM. *Please note the change of date from the regularly scheduled PTA meeting.* Carnival games will be in the atrium with inflatable rides in the gym. This event raises money for Hillcrest High's Spirit Week. This year all monies will be donated to Camp Spearhead which is a special camp for mentally and physically challenged individuals.

### A note from the Assistant Principal...

#### Positive Panda Referrals

Plain Elementary School has initiated a new student recognition program for outstanding performance from academic achievement to acts of good citizenship. If a student is observed exhibiting such positive behavior, a staff member may nominate him/her with a Positive Panda Referral and give the referral to an administrator. (This one time we love to receive "referrals!") These referrals will help to encourage and reinforce positive accomplishments and behavior in our school.

What do we do with the positive referrals? We will call the parent, put the child's name on our Positive Panda bulletin board and recognize the student on the morning announcements. Students who receive Positive Panda Referrals will also be included in a monthly drawing to receive additional prizes.

All of our children are special and we thank you for your support as we continue our tradition of excellence at Plain Elementary School.

Respectfully,  
Debbie Mihalic



## Baked Goods Needed for Carnival on February 4<sup>th</sup>

The Hillcrest High Spirit Committee is asking the parents of Plain Elementary to provide baked goods for the bake sale on *February 4<sup>th</sup>* as part of the carnival to raise money for Camp Spearhead. These students do a wonderful job hosting the carnival for the Plain Elementary community. This is our way to help them and to say thank you. Please send in the items for the sale on *Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>* to the PTA room, or bring in the items that evening. If you have any questions, please call Robin at 967-3620.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Artist-in-Residence

Mr. Jim Creal, a printmaker from Spartanburg, S.C., will be spending a week at Plain teaching the third graders about printmaking, focusing on the monotype process. He will be here February 25-29. (Yes, Mr. Creal visited us here two years ago!) Parents and grandparents are welcome to come, observe and participate in the printmaking process! Every third grader will work three times with Mr. Creal, producing several prints that will be taken home upon completion of the instruction. A big "thank you" to our PTA for their financial support of this residency.

If you would like to volunteer to assist one or more of the printing days (Tuesday, February 26-Friday, February 29), please contact Mrs. Coker, sign up on the sheet in the third grade cluster or contact Darrel Farlow at 967-0810.

Fran Coker  
Art Teacher

## GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Plain Elementary Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 19, 2008 at Carolina Springs. We are currently seeking hole sponsors and volunteers. If you would like to sponsor a hole or volunteer, please contact Kim Gooding at [kimgooding@charter.net](mailto:kimgooding@charter.net) or call 963-3218.

## Parent Portal Is Back

Attention parents and students! Now you are able to see student records and school information any time you wish through the new Intouch Online Parent Portal.

The Greenville County School District has purchased Intouch Online to help remedy the information gap by making these records viewable on the Internet. With an activated user account and password, whether at home, school, work, the library, or around the world, you can access this important information.

Parents must come to the main office to open an account and sign a form necessary to obtain a login password. **Parents must come in person** to receive their password due to security concerns. Enrollment dates are **January 28-February 15**.

To log in, simply visit <https://parent.greenville.k12.sc.us/> or go to Plain's homepage and click the Intouch Online icon.



## Reflections



The following are winners from Plain who placed at the Southeast Council Level for our Reflections contest. Congratulations! You did an AWESOME job representing Plain!

Primary Photography  
Honorable Mention 2 *Taylor Raines*

Primary Visual Arts  
3rd Place *Suzanne Hodges*

Intermediate Visual Arts  
Honorable Mention 1 *Abby Johanson*

Intermediate Dance  
Honorable Mention 1 *Erica Smoak*

If you were a first or second place winner at the **school level**, your entries will be sent for state judging later this month. These winners were announced in the last issue of the *Bamboo Shoot*. Please call Jeana Coker at 967-9650 if you have any questions.

## SKATE NIGHT—IT'S OUTTA SIGHT!

Mark your calendars!!! Here are the dates for this year's Thursday Skate Nights held at the Golden Skate Skating Rink:

**January 31st   February 28th   April 17th**

Skate Nights will be from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Admission is \$4.50. This price includes admission, skates, a slice of pizza and a small drink. Parents skate free. We regret that we cannot accept coupons for that night.

Come join us for a night of fun!



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## VOLUNTEER

Thank you to every volunteer. Plain Elementary had over 12,000 volunteer hours during the first semester. Please keep up the good work.

Darrel Farlow

## Write to Learn

Plain is a school  
Like no other school  
A school with  
Incredible  
Notions

Zack Patton, 5th grade

## Sweet 16

Thanks so much to the moms and dads who provided treats for this month's Sweet 16! The table was full of delicious goodies. Your kindness is greatly appreciated by the entire faculty and staff. Thank you!!



### Dates to Remember

January 28	Market Day pick-up 2:30-3:30 PM
January 31	Skate Night 6:00-8:00 PM Golden Skate Skating Rink
February 4	PTA MEETING and SPIRIT WEEK CARNIVAL Activities begin at 5:00 PM
February 7	Pasta House Eat-Out Night
February 13	Career Day
February 18	President's Day No School
February 21	Tony's Pizza Eat-Out Night

