

# **Welcome to Newton County Theme School at Ficquett**

The Newton County Theme School opened in the fall of 2009 and pilots special features, such as the development and implementation of a program which integrates research-centered/hands-on projects; the requirement of higher order problem solving and critical thinking and increased reading assignments at home that are continued throughout the summer.

The Newton County Theme School's priority is to improve student achievement by actively engaging the students and their families. Parents must sign a Parent Involvement Contract and must pledge 20 volunteer hours per household, per year. Students must meet and maintain certain academic and behavioral requirements (as shown below) in order to be considered for enrollment at Newton County Theme School.

## **Entrance Requirements**

- There are no academic entrance requirements for students being accepted into kindergarten.
- For students entering first grade, progress must have been demonstrated on all Georgia Performance Standards indicating that the child is exceeding the standards, meeting the standards or progressing toward meeting the standards.
- For students entering grades 2 - 4 standards must have been met on progress reports by achieving marks of 2, 3 or 4 in all academic areas. On the academic subject areas of the report card where S, P or N is recorded, students must have earned marks of S or P.
- For students entering grades 5 - 7, semester averages of 80 or higher in all subjects must have been earned. On the academic subject areas of the report card where S, P, or N is recorded, students must have earned marks of S or P.
- To be admitted, students must have passed the CRCT in Reading, English Language Arts and Math.
- Students must have zero out-of-school suspensions.
- Students may have no more than two detention or in-school suspension referrals.

## **2012-2013 Application Information**

Applications will be accepted beginning February 1, 2012

The deadline to return completed applications and documents is February 29, 2012 (*late applications will not be considered for the lottery*)

Applications can be picked up at Newton County Theme School at 2207 Williams Street or downloaded from the school's website at [www.newtoncountyschools.org/ficquet](http://www.newtoncountyschools.org/ficquet) or at the district website [www.newtoncountyschools.org](http://www.newtoncountyschools.org)

All applications and required documentation must be returned to the Newton County Theme School office at 2207 Williams Street, Covington, GA 30014

Applications due - February 29, 2012

Potential Lottery Held - March 9, 2012

Notifications of Acceptance - March 16, 2012

### **Please provide copies of the following information along with your completed application:**

Two Proofs of Residency: (1) Current Utility Bill (gas, water or electric) and  
(2) Lease Agreement OR Mortgage Statement

Parent/Guardian Photo ID

Proof of Custody/Guardianship (If applicable)

Birth Certificate

Social Security Card/Signed waiver

Immunization Record – GA Form 3231

GA Eye, Ear & Dental Form

Most Recent Report Card

Standardized Test Score Result Form

Special Education Records

Discipline Report

***Please note: If your student is currently enrolled in the Newton County School System then you will only need to provide the 2 proofs of residency and a copy of your photo ID***