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Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Pierce County 4-H. As part of your child's fifth grade year, 4-H will be providing educational lessons and opportunities in your child's classroom. This year, we will be working with Language Arts standards with our public speaking lessons and Nutrition standards with our nutrition and fitness education. These activities are meant to promote young people to be better speakers and fight childhood obesity. Your child will receive lessons and activities from the 4-H staff in Pierce County, Mr. Robbie Jones, 4-H Agent and Mrs. Stephanie Murray, 4-H Program Assistant. Now is about the time most parents start wondering how much this costs and why their child is involved. 4-H in the classroom is free for your child and is part of their education during 5th grade. All you and your child will have to do for 4-H is fill out our enrollment card and present a speech at their October 4-H Meeting. The speech will be for a grade with their Language Arts teacher. It is that simple. All other activities are simply left up to you and your child to decide if they participate.

We hope your child will participate in 4-H more than what is required. Monthly we ask our students to bring in items for our community service project. This year our main project will be collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Savannah. Your child can bring in can tabs each month for reward coupons. We will explain reward coupons the first day of 4-H, but it is our incentive for students to complete activities in the lesson. Outside of the classroom there are a lot of opportunities for your child to participate in 4-H activities. We have some free educational programs your child can participate in. These are District Project Achievement (our public speaking contest), judging events, and 4-H afterschool classes. These programs are free for 4-H members to participate in. Also, we have some activities that your child can participate in that do cost a nominal fee. We will have Summer Camp, 4-H Braves Trip, Summer Day Camp, Cloverfest Leadership Conference, and other trips.

Now many parents like to ask around March, "Are there any fundraisers to help with the cost of summer events?" The reply we always have is "yes there is, but they have already taken place". The cost of camp is our most expensive trip of the year. Camp will range between \$300 to \$350, but do not sweat it, if you start planning now for our fundraisers, your child can raise a credit with our office to offset this cost. We have three fundraisers for the year. We have a Candle Sale in October, Krispy Kreme Sale in January, and a Coca-Cola Truckload Sale in March. In each of these, sales your child can raise a credit of \$2.00 per item sold to be kept at the 4-H Office for future trips. Last year we had over 10 students who rose over \$100 credit for summer camp. We had one young man who raised his entire camp fee, so trust us when we say your child can raise at least a third of their camp fee if not more. Please check out our blue flyer about the fundraisers, and should you have any questions please feel free to contact the 4-H Office at 912-449-2034.

4-H this year will be what you and your child want to make of it. Your child can simply take part in the monthly lessons and present their speech in October and that will be all we ask. However, if you want your child to learn and grow through our many youth development opportunities, then we look forward to seeing your child at future events. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact our office and we will be glad to help you out. Also, make sure to check out our 4-H website at www.ugaextension.com/pierce/4h or our Facebook page Pierce County 4-H (Georgia).

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