More than 1.6 million students are back in class for the 2010-2011 school year, or will be heading back in the next few days. To help parents prepare for the annual school transition share the recently released resources available on Georgia FACES. Resources include news stories about school bullying, lice, school shopping, money management, school gardens, vehicles idling at schools, hand washing, playground safety, cell phone usage, body image and pesticide use. Articles are available in both an English and Spanish printable newsletter. Also find photos and expert contacts on the media kit site, as well as audio and video PSAs.

Consider offering this information to your local school system. Encourage them to share the newsletters with parents or show the handwashing PSA on their closed-circuit television system. Other groups who may benefit from the information are PTA groups, church groups of local media outlets. If media require alternate formats please let April Sorrow know and she will send you the new files.

View the media kit at:
http://georgiafaces.caes.uga.edu/index.cfm?public=viewMediaKit&pk_id=6

To access the English and Spanish newsletters:
http://www.caes.uga.edu/?tiny=676NF5

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