

# Coming Soon

To A School Near You.....

September 8, 2008

## *District Events*

### **Massie Heritage Center Open House**

Massie Heritage Center invites all local educators to attend a Teacher Open House on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tour the facility and learn about student field trips and teacher programs. Visit the Heritage Classroom to experience school life of the late 1800's. Find out how Massie can enhance a student's educational journey. Programs include: African-Americans in Savannah's history; Native Americans in Georgia; Savannah history and connections to classical architecture; museum exhibits; and two new programs - *Savannah's Multicultural Mosaic* and *Savannah by Satellite* utilizing GPS technology.

Visit Massie's website at [www.massieschool.com](http://www.massieschool.com). RSVP by September 15 at 201-5070 or [sandee.lipstiz@sccpss.com](mailto:sandee.lipstiz@sccpss.com).

For more information, contact the Massie Heritage Center at 201-5070.

### **District 7 Officials to Hold Joint Town Hall Meeting September 22**

Savannah-Chatham Board of Education District 7 Representative Julie Gerbsch and Chatham County Chairman Pro-Tem & District 7 Commissioner Dean Kicklighter will hold a joint Town Hall meeting Monday, September 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tom Triplett Park Pavilion located in Pooler.

Commissioner Kicklighter, Representative Gerbsch and key staff members will provide updates on issues of interest to West Chatham county residents including new schools, Pre-K availability, the school district's new accountability system, parks and recreation projects, policing, library services, and roads and drainage projects. The meeting is open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

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### **Gadsden Students to Participate in a Painting Workshop at the Beach Institute**

Gadsden Elementary art students have been selected to participate in a painting workshop at the Beach Institute. Ted Ellis (nationally known artist), will teach students how to paint with acrylics based on the theme of Slavery. The workshop will take place on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 10:00 am at the Beach Institute.

For more information, contact Gadsden at 395-5940.



### **Hodge Prep Academy Back-to-School Night**

Hodge Prep Academy will host a Back-to-School Night for parents on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. After a general meeting, parents will attend grade group sessions to learn about the curriculum and grade level expectations. These grade group sessions are timed so parents can attend more than one session to meet their children's teachers.

For more information call the school at 201-5200.

### **St. Joseph's/Candler Angels of Mercy Volunteer Corps to Donate School Supplies to Garrison and Spencer Elementary Schools**

St. Joseph's/Candler Angels of Mercy Volunteer Corps will donate school supplies to Garrison and Spencer Elementary Schools on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. As part of the Mercy Volunteer Corps annual "Danny's Brown Box and Gail Jones' Backpack For Every Child" Campaign, the group will distribute collected supplies to Garrison Elementary, 649 W Jones St. at 10:30 a.m. and to Spencer Elementary School, 100 Bouhan Street at 11:00 a.m.

For more information, contact Scott M. Larson, PR Manager at (912) 429-1430.

### **Back-to-School Safety Event**

On Tuesday, September 9, 2008 from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Armstrong Center Auditorium on the campus of Armstrong Atlantic State University, the U. S. District Attorney's Office, Crimestoppers, Project Safe Childhood and Augusta State University will sponsor a [Back-to-School Internet Safety event](#) for middle and high school students and their parents.

Cindy Marlow from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Julie Wade, Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia will be speaking at the event.

### **Hesse PTA Patriotic Celebration**

"A Patriotic Celebration" will be the theme of Hesse Elementary School's first PTA meeting of the new school year. The celebration will be held Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Students will lead everyone in a Patriotic Sing-a-long. The winner of our poster contest, "Why I am proud to be an American..." will be announced and prizes will be awarded. The celebration will conclude with refreshments in the cafeteria. So, put on your red, white, and blue and come join us as we celebrate our pride in being citizens of this great country.

For more information, contact Hesse Elementary School at 303-6440.

### **Charles Ellis Montessori PTA Family Night at the Movies**

The Charles Ellis Montessori Academy also invites parents and students to attend the Ellis PTA Family Night at the Movies. The movie *Star Wars* will be shown, September 11, Thursday night, 6:30, at the Lucas Theater. PTA members and their families are free. It is \$3:00 to join the PTA.

For more information, contact Charles Ellis at 201-5470.

### **Savannah Arts Academy Students to Receive NOYS/Allstate Award**

On Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 1:00 p.m., an official presentation of the NOYS (National Organization for Youth Safety) and Allstate Foundation's award will be made to Savannah Arts Academy's SADD Chapter. The presentation will be held in the lobby at Savannah Arts Academy. Please join SAA in honoring the hard work of their SADD students. Members of last years SADD Chapter will be in attendance to receive the award.

For more information, contact Savannah Arts Academy at 395-5000.



### **Charles Ellis Montessori Launches "Ellis Afternoon Musicales" Concert Series**

Beginning on Tuesday, September 9 at 3:30 p.m., the Charles Ellis PTA will launch a series of free afternoon concerts called "Ellis Afternoon Musicales" in the school's multi-purpose room at 220 E 49th Street, between Habersham and Reynolds streets. The first Afternoon Musicale features harpist Anne Durant, who will outline the history of the Scottish harp, demonstrated through music.

Future musicales include harpsichordist Anne Acker on Tuesday, September 23, "What Is Jazz" featuring Jody Espina and friends on Tuesday, October 14 and the Shuman Middle School Chorus on Tuesday, October 28. The program will continue into November with guest artists yet to be announced. Held at 3:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the months of September through November, the Musicales are designed to raise musical knowledge so families can both understand the role of music in their child's education and advocate more effectively for successful programs to enrich that education.

The concerts are free and open to the public, and all are welcome.

For more information, go to the Ellis PTA website, [www.ellispta.com](http://www.ellispta.com).

### **SCCPSS and St. Joseph's/Candler Launch of Project SEARCH**

The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, Coastal Center for Developmental Services, Georgia Department of Labor Vocational Rehabilitation Program and St. Joseph's/Candler will hold a press conference on Friday, September 12, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. to announce the Launch of Project SEARCH at St. Joseph's/Candler.

Project SEARCH is a one-year program to give high school graduates with disabilities training and education they can take into the workforce. St. Joseph's/Candler will hire eight students a year and they will rotate through three 10-week positions.

The press conference will be held in the Marsh Auditorium at Candler Hospital located at 5353 Reynolds St. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and remarks from district and hospital leaders begin at noon.

For more information, contact Scott M. Larson, PR Manager at (912) 429-1430.

### **"Meet the Teachers Night" at Juliette Low Elementary**

Juliette Low "Meet the Teachers Night" is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2008. The entire staff will be introduced to parents. Then the parents will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms and get an update on what will be cover throughout the year in their child's class.

For more information contact Juliette Low at 303-6380

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