

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

**Coming Soon**

To A School Near You.....

October 20, 2008

## ***District Events***

### **Oatland Island Wildlife Center Presents the 2008 Halloween Hike**

Oatland Island Wildlife Center will host its 2008 Halloween Hike on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00–9:00 p.m. Admission is \$7.00 per child and \$5.00 per adult. Take a hike through Oatland's "Friendly Forest" with your little trick-or-treater. Along the way, meet some friendly critters and collect tasty treats. Put on your costume and enjoy this family friendly event. Other activities include face painting, hay rides and crafts. Treat bags will be provided!

Oatland Island Wildlife Center is also proud to present the all new **SkyLase Laser Show**. This incredible experience features laser lights and images that play in time to Halloween Music. Show times will run throughout the Halloween Hike event so check the schedule when you arrive for exact times. This exciting show is not to be missed!

For more information, call Oatland Island at 898-3980.

### **Oatland Island Wildlife Center Annual Cane Grinding and Harvest Festival**

Oatland Island Education Center's Cane Grinding and Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Visitors will enjoy this festive fall celebration amidst the aromas of cane syrup, hearth baked corn bread, and other fall harvest foods. Visitors can taste samples of home made butter, apple butter, hearth baked corn bread and other harvest food.

There will be games and crafts for the kids and entertainment by the Savannah Folk Music Society, as well as pony rides and hay rides. Bring non-perishable food items for Second Harvest Food Drive and receive a free pass for a future visit to Savannah's 'Wild Side'!. Admission is \$7.00 for 18 and older, \$5.00 for military, seniors and children 4-17 and children under 4 are admitted free.

For more information call 898-3980 or visit Oatland's web site at [www.oatlandisland.org](http://www.oatlandisland.org).

## ***School Events***

### **Jacob G. Smith's First Graders to see Junie B. Jones**

The first-grade students at Jacob G. Smith have been listening to the Junie B. Jones books by Barbara Park. They are all looking forward to attending the Junie B. Jones play at the Savannah Civic Center on Tuesday, October 21. There they will watch a theatrical performance for information and pleasure. After they return, the students will be asked to describe their experiences through descriptive writing.

For more information, contact Jacob G. Smith at 395-6530.



### **Largo-Tibet Family Read Night**

Largo-Tibet is having its first Family Read Night on Tuesday, October 21, from 5:00-6:30 p.m., in the school's cafeteria. Parents and community members are welcome to come and listen to our students read.

For more information, contact Largo-Tibet Elementary at 395-3450.

### **Georgetown Elementary to Host English Language Learners Outreach Program**

The Georgetown Elementary ELL program will host an English Language Learners Outreach Program on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The purpose of the program is to allow parents to get to know the school community and their child's teacher. Information will be distributed to parents regarding the services and programs that are provided for the students such as the ELL program, Parent Teacher Association, Parent University and School Social Services. Armstrong Atlantic State University students will be in attendance as translators for the event.

For more information, contact Sharon Chalmers or Chris Fry at 961-3475.

### **Georgetown Elementary PTA to Host Parent Focus Group**

The Georgetown Elementary PTA is hosting a Parent Focus Group on Thursday, October 23, 2008. The purpose of the group is to provide parents an opportunity to discuss and share their thoughts regarding the school, student experiences and improving parent involvement.

Parents who are interested in attending, please contact Jenny Johnson at 920-8588.

### **Oglethorpe Charter School to Vote in School Mock Election**

Students and teachers at Oglethorpe Charter School will be conducting a mock election on October 21<sup>st</sup>-October 24<sup>th</sup>. Students will use a state-of-the art online voting system as they participate in a mock election program sponsored by the Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI), a national civic education program based at the University of Virginia Center for Politics. With millions of students expected to vote nationwide during the two-week voting period from October 20-October 30, the YLI Mock Election is the largest secure, student-only online mock election in the nation.

National and statewide results of the YLI Mock Election will be available the morning of Friday, October 31, 2008, on YLI's website at [www.youthleadership.net](http://www.youthleadership.net). Students will be able to compare their choices to those of other students in the same town, in the same state and from other states throughout the nation.

For more information, contact Oglethorpe Charter School at 201-5075.

### **May Howard Mock Election**

On Thursday, October 30, 2008, May Howard Elementary students in grades 1 thru 5 will be participating in the National Student Mock Election. Each student will be casting a vote for US President. Their votes will be tallied and added to the national total and then published through Google on the Internet.

In addition, May Howard will hold a Patriotic Hat Contest on Thursday, October 30. All students are encouraged to design, create, and wear their hat to school on Mock Election Day. Homeroom and grade level winners will be chosen.

For more information, contact May Howard at 395-3925.



### **Garrison Elementary Events**

Garrison's School Council will meet on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the media center. Also on Thursday, October 23, 2008 is the school year's first Gallery Walk and PTA night on at 6:00 p.m. The evening will be themed around American Heroes. Join them for an evening of Reader's Theatre, a tribute to the Star Spangled Banner and the artistry of Garrison's students.

Contact Linda Farley or Sharon Draeger at 201-5975 for more information.

### **State Writing Winners at Shuman to be Honored**

Two Shuman Middle School sixth graders won second and third places in Georgia Insurance Commission's statewide Fire Prevention Essay. Michael Walker placed second and Jada Pinckney placed third. Both students will be honored at an awards ceremony in Atlanta on Thursday, October 23, 2008.

For more information, contact Shuman 201-7500.

### **Georgetown Elementary PTA Meeting**

Georgetown Elementary School will hold their first PTA meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meeting will include a presentation by the gifted education program followed by a performance by second and third grade students. The public is invited to attend.

For more information contact Jenny Johnson at 920-8588.

### **Southwest Elementary Celebrates Red Ribbon Week**

#### **Monday, October 27, 2008**

Hand Out Ribbons - Teachers will hand out Red Ribbons to the students. Encourage them to wear the ribbons all week.

#### **Tuesday, October 28, 2008**

Sign the Banner - Students will sign a banner by the cafeteria stating that they pledge to stay drug free.

#### **Thursday, October 30, 2008**

Wacky Sock Day - Wear wacky socks to show your commitment to a drug free lifestyle.

#### **Friday, October 31, 2008**

Chain Hanging - All week in guidance classes, the students will write something that they can do instead of drugs on a slip of red paper. They will staple the paper together creating a huge chain. The chain will be hung throughout the school and be on display for the rest of the month.

For more information, contact Southwest Elementary at 961-3301.



## ***Community Events***

### **EPACT, INC. Presents its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual What's the "411?"**

Join EPACT, Inc on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at Savannah State University's Tiger Arena from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual What's the "411?" event. Family and friends are invited to come out and "make a difference." Information about services in the community will be available. The day will be filled with valuable information about how to reduce your energy bills, proper vehicle maintenance and there will also be FREE food samples, door prizes and much more!

For further information, contact Linda Bright at 356-1713 or 484-1992.

### **Teen Leadership Summit**

The City of Savannah's Leadership Development Institute in collaboration with the Youth Council and Chatham County Youth Commission presents the Teen Leadership Summit on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Savannah Civic Center. There will be workshops on professional development and other sessions to include, money management tips for teens, finding your leadership path, professional etiquette and more! There will be prizes, refreshments and entertainment.

For more information, or to register, call Lillian Grant-Baptiste, Leadership Development Coordinator at (912) 525-3100 ext. 1625.

### **Savannah Children's Book Festival**

The 5th Annual Savannah Children's Book Festival will take place on Saturday, November 15th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Forsyth Park in Savannah, Georgia (rain location is the Savannah Civic Center). Celebrate the joy of reading, the power of the written word and the magic of storytelling with children's book authors and illustrators from around the country. The festival also features dozens of local authors, arts and crafts, food, a variety of entertainment, an international tent, costumed characters, a "teen scene" and more!

For more information, contact the Public Library at (912) 652-3600.

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