

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

Coming Soon

To A School Near You.....

October 27, 2008

District Events

Oatland Island Wildlife Center Annual Cane Grinding and Harvest Festival

Oatland Island Education Center's Cane Grinding and Harvest Festival will be held 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.

School Events

Georgetown Elementary PTA Meeting and Student Performance

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 fourth grade students. The public is invited to attend.

For more information contact Jenny Johnson at 920-8588.

Mercer Middle School to Host Math Family Night

On Tuesday, October 28, 2008, Mercer Middle School faculty and students will host Math Family Night and Student Led Conferences. Community and family members are invited to join them from 4:00-5:00 p.m. for Math Family Night. Experience first hand the powerful impact of a differentiated lesson.

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend their Student Led Conferences from 5:00-7:00 p.m. During these conferences, students take the lead and share with their family members what they have learned, where they need help, and display their academic achievement.

For more information, please call 965-6700.



Shuman Middle School Chorus to Perform at Charles Ellis Afternoon Musicales

Afternoon Musicales at Charles Ellis continues on Tuesday, October 28 with performance by Shuman Middle School Chorus. This successful musical enrichment program, sponsored by the Charles Ellis PTA, is bringing the best local musicians to an appreciative audience; the children of Charles Ellis Montessori Academy. The Shuman Middle School Chorus, under the direction of John Tisbert, will perform at the next Musicale on Tuesday, October 28 at 3:30 p.m. This program is free and open to the public, and takes place in the Ellis Multi-Purpose room.

For more information, contact Shuman Middle at 201-7500.

Butler Elementary Oratorical Contest

The Alpha Bears of Butler Elementary School will be hosting their 3rd annual Sadie L. Cartledge Oratorical Contest. The contest will be held at Butler Elementary School on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 in the gymnasium from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Students from Bartow, Butler, Shuman, DeRenne, Jenkins and Johnson have been invited to participate.

For more information, contact Butler Elementary at 395-2525.

Pooler Elementary PTA Fall Dance and Character Parade

On Wednesday, October 29, 2008, Pooler PTA will hold its annual Fall Dance in the gym from at 3:45-5:00 p.m. Also, on Friday, October 31, 2008, the Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade will participate in a Character Parade. Students will be dressed as their favorite book character and parade through the school halls.

For more information, contact Pooler Elementary at 748-3625.

Pre-K Students at Jacob G. Smith are Learning to be "Green"

To begin their unit on Transportation and Ecology, Jacob G. Smith's Pre-K class is celebrating "Green" transportation by taking a pedicab ride for their first field trip! The folks at Savannah Pedicab have been nice enough to donate their time to bring pedicabs to the school. The children will ride in the back of the cabs as the drivers make laps around the parking lot adjacent to the Rite-Aid. This is the beginning of a Green Partnership between Jacob G. Smith Pre-K and the Savannah Pedicab company.

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

Butler Elementary to Participate in Mock Elections

Butler's third, fourth, and fifth grade students will participate in Mock Elections, October 20-30, 2008. Students will vote for the president of the United States and other state officials using an electronic ballot. Students will continue to participate in the voting process by electing new officers for the city of Bearsville, in Butler's MicroSociety community.

For more information, contact Butler Elementary at 395-2525.

Georgetown Elementary Annual March Against Drugs Parade

Georgetown Elementary will hold their annual March Against Drugs Parade at the school on Friday, October 31, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. There will be many honored guests attending the parade to show their commitment to a drug-free life.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Anita Simmons at 961-3475.



Butler Elementary Bearsville MicroSociety Academy Celebrates Hispanic Heritage

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage month, Butler Academy students will purchase passports to a wonderful multicultural experience on Friday, October 31, 2008. The travel packages will be purchased using the Bear Bucks students earned from their MicroSociety jobs. They will shop, dance, and celebrate this rich and festive culture. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

For more information, contact Butler Elementary at 395-2525.

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.

Pooler Elementary PTA Box Top Elections

Pooler PTA is holding a "Box Top Election". Voting Polls will be opened October 16th through November 3rd. Students will bring in Box Tops for Education to place votes for either Mr. Cooper, 5th grade Science teacher, or Mr. Harold, Art teacher, to receive a pie in the face at 3pm on November 7th. Each Box Top counts as 1 vote. The voting booth is set up in the Main Hall.

For more information, contact Pooler Elementary at 748-3625.

Oglethorpe Charter School to Vote in School Mock Election

Students and teachers at Oglethorpe Charter School conducted a mock election last week by using a state-of-the-art online voting system sponsored by the Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI), a national civic education program based at the University of Virginia Center for Politics. 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. 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.

Jacob G. Smith's Pre-K Put Pumpkins to Good Use!

Pre-K has been participating in a unit on pumpkins. The children have been participating in activities that revolve around pumpkins! Sorting pumpkins by size and counting for pumpkin math. Hypothesizing about the insides of pumpkins and beginning a pumpkin decomposition observation experience for pumpkin science. They also wrote spooky stories. The culmination of this unit is a Pumpkin Party. The children will eat the pumpkin bread that they baked themselves, drink "pumpkin juice" and have other delicious pumpkin treats. Parents and special guests are invited to join in the fun on Friday, October 31 at 2:15 p.m.

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



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.

Shuman Middle School Dance Ensemble to Perform at the Savannah Theatre

Shuman Middle School Dance Ensemble has been chosen to perform for GA Health, Physical Education Recreation and Dance Alliance's Kaleidoscope concert on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Savannah Theatre. Kaleidoscope is a concert during GAHPERD's convention which consists of acceptable entries from dance programs all over the state.

For more information, contact Shuman Middle at 201-7500.

Community Events

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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