

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

Coming Soon

To A School Near You.....

January 20, 2009

District Events

4th District Informational Meeting

Fourth District School Board member Mr. Greg Sapp and Superintendent, Dr. Thomas Lockamy, will host an Informational Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Coastal Middle School. It is being held in connection with May Howard Elementary School's PTA Meeting. The location was moved from May Howard to Coastal to help better accommodate the high turnout expected. The meeting will focus on a number of topics of interest to Islands area families including the pros and cons of K-8 schools, upper grade redesign and options for potential educational programs. The public is invited to attend.

Lockamy Technology Center Grand Opening

The Skidaway Rotary Club, Derenne Middle School, and Paces Foundation will celebrate the Grand Opening of the Dr. Thomas B. Lockamy, Jr. Technology Center on Friday, January 23, 2009. The facility will serve as an educational resource for area children during after school hours. The dedication ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. at Montgomery Landing Apartments on 714 West 57th Street.

5th District Town Hall Meeting

Fifth District School Board member Mrs. Irene Hines will host a Town Hall meeting Monday, January 26, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Bartlett Middle School. A roundtable discussion will be held on a number of topics including AYP, CRCT, student achievement, school improvements, specialty programs and ESPLOST. A "Q & A" session will also be held concerning these and other matters related to the district. Joining Mrs. Hines for the meeting will be the Superintendent, Dr. Thomas Lockamy, and his executive staff. Principals from the fifth district schools (Haven Elementary, Largo-Tibet Elementary, Pulaski Elementary, Bartlett Middle and Derenne Middle) will also be in attendance. Everyone is invited to attend.

Abraham Lincoln Museum Exhibition

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum has selected Massie Heritage Center to host a traveling exhibit in celebration of the 16th president's 200th birthday. Massie will be one of 40 sites to host *Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America*, a traveling exhibit featuring reproductions of original documents, artifacts, broadsides, prints, photographs, pamphlets and newspapers drawn from the collection of more than 50,000 Lincoln related items that animate the story of a man who embraced the 19th century note of self improvement. The exhibit is composed of seven learning stations that examine Lincoln's life from his humble beginnings to his ascension to the Presidency and his assassination. The exhibit will be on display at Massie from Thursday, January 29 – Friday February 20, 2009 and is open to the public. For more information call 201-5070.



Savannah Reads Event

The Massie Heritage Center has scheduled a discussion featuring author Stephen Berry about his book *"House of Abraham: Lincoln and the Todds, A Family Divided by War"* on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The lecture is the first Savannah Reads event of the year. A reception will be held following the event.

District Social Science Fair

The District Social Science Fair for students in grades 5-12 will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at the Massie Heritage Center. First and second place winning projects in each division will be eligible to enter the Regional Fair held on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at Georgia Southern University.

Georgia Day Parade

The annual Georgia Day Parade will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2009, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Forsyth Park at Bull and Gaston Streets. The event involves thousands of elementary school students as they march behind banners honoring the legacy of Johnny Mercer and commemorating the founding of Georgia in 1733. The parade concludes with a program in front of City Hall, where the mayor and other officials offer greetings and announce banner competition winners. After the festivities, students are invited to eat their lunches in Calhoun Square and enjoy a piece of Abraham Lincoln birthday celebration cake!

Sherman in Savannah

A special guided walking tour will take guests through the Green-Meldrim House, which served as General William Tecumseh Sherman's headquarters while in Savannah; Second African Baptist Church, the site of the reading of the Field Order No. 15; Colonial Park Cemetery, the city's largest Civil War relic; and Massie School, which served as a Union hospital and a Freedmen's school. The event will take place on Sunday, February 15, 2009. The cost is \$25 per person and includes the guided tour and museum admission. For more information contact the Massie Heritage center at 201-5070.

School Events

Windsor Forest Elementary Student Mentoring Program

Twenty Windsor Forest high school students are traveling to Windsor Forest Elementary once a week to work with second grade students. The high school students have been trained in a special program called Teen Trendsetters Reading Mentors, and will mentor the second grade students as well as tutor them in reading. They will work with the students for 45 minutes each session now until June. For more information contact Dee-Ann Baldwin, Windsor Forest Elementary School counselor, at 961-3353.

Beach High School Hosts Presidential Inauguration Celebration

On Tuesday, January 20, 2009 Beach High School will present a Presidential Inauguration celebration for students, faculty, staff, and the entire community. The event will take place in the Joseph Greene Athletic Center on campus from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will center on a live viewing of the Presidential Inauguration from Washington, D.C. at noon. Preceding this viewing, students will present a musical and dance tribute. In addition, Ms. Stephanie Edwards of "American Idol" fame is scheduled to appear and perform. Winners of a student poetry competition at the school will also be recognized at the celebration. For more information about the event, contact either Fred Cichon or Albert Blocker in the Social Studies Department of Beach High School at 201-5330.



Mercer Middle School Commemorates Presidential Inauguration

On Tuesday, January 20th, 2009 Mercer Middle School is devoting the entire school day to celebrating the Presidential Inauguration. Second District School Board Member Mr. Floyd Adams Jr., Savannah's first African-American mayor, will speak to the students as part of the activities. The campus will also be decorated in a festive, patriotic theme. For more information contact the school at 965-6700.

Spelling Bee at Charles Ellis

Charles Ellis will hold a Spelling Bee for students in grades 4-8 on Thursday, January 22, 2009. The event begins at 9:15 a.m. in the Media Center. For more information call 201-5470.

Math and Science Night at Largo-Tibet

On Thursday, January 22, 2009 Largo-Tibet Elementary School will host Math and Science Night from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more information contact the school at 395-3450.

Charles Ellis Hosts Open House

Charles Ellis invites the community to a Specialty Programs Open House on Thursday, January 22, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It's an opportunity to learn more about the school and the Montessori method. For more information call 201-5470.

Mercer Middle School Open House

Mercer Middle School invites 5th grade students and their parents to an Open House on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The event will give you the opportunity to learn more about the school's programs and meet faculty and staff members. For more information contact Julie Nichols at 965-6700.

Jump Rope for Heart at Islands

On Thursday, February 5 & Friday, February 6, 2009 students at Islands Elementary School will participate in Jump Rope for Heart events at the school. For more information call 898-3900.

Happy Birthday Mr. Lincoln

On Tuesday, February 10, 2009 Islands Elementary, a designated Lincoln Legacy school, will celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday with a party in his honor! The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Students and their families are invited to participate in a variety of fun and instructional Abraham Lincoln-themed activities. For more information call 898-3900.

Gadsden Elementary PTA and Family Science/ Math Night

Gadsden Performing & Fine Arts Academy will hold PTA and Family Science/Math Night on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The goal of the event is to help foster a greater experience level and appreciation for Math and Science by actively engaging families in hands-on activities in each grade level. Paddlin' Dave from U.S. Fish and Wildlife (reptile viewing), Mr. Hunter from Savannah State University (touch tank), and a representative from the City of Savannah (recycling demonstrations) will also make presentations. Students from grades 1 & 2 will also perform. For more information contact Gadsden Elementary School at 395-5940.

Gadsden Elementary Students Perform at State Conference

Gadsden Performing & Fine Arts Academy's dance majors will perform at the 2009 Georgia Compensatory Educational Leaders (GCEL) Conference on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at noon. For more information, contact Gadsden Elementary at 395-5940.



Awards Day at Gadsden Elementary

Gadsden Performing & Fine Arts Academy will host Awards Day on February 20, 2009 to honor the academic achievements of our students. Students K-2 will have their program at 9:15 a.m. and students in grades 3-5 will be recognized at 10:15 a.m. We are "Setting the Stage for Excellence"! For more information, contact Gadsden Elementary at 395-5940.

PTA/Family Literacy Night at Islands

Islands Elementary School will host PTA/Family Literacy Night on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. For more information call 898-3900.

Gadsden Elementary Jump Rope for Heart

Gadsden Elementary salutes Jump Rope for Heart's 30th anniversary with activities scheduled on Friday, February 27, 2009. For more information, contact the school at 395-5940.

Community Events

Parent University January Session

Parent University will hold their next session on Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Savannah Arts Academy. Parents will have the opportunity to take classes, learn valuable lessons and network. Free childcare and lunch will be provided. Exciting character and virtues classes are available for youth and special guest appearances. To register for Parent University or for more information concerning the program, call 507-8566, 201-5090 or 201-2155.

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