

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

Coming Soon

To A School Near You.....

January 26, 2009

District Events

Phonebook Recycling Drive

Keep Savannah Beautiful and SCCPSS have teamed up for their annual phonebook recycling drive. The collection process will utilize the existing red and green or yellow bins stationed at the following locations. **Alternative School:** Coastal GA Comprehensive Academy; **Elementary Schools:** Bloomingdale, Butler, Gadsden, Garden City, Georgetown, Haven, Hesse, Howard, Islands, Isle of Hope, Juliet Low, Largo-Tibet, Marshpoint, Southwest, J.G. Smith, and West Chatham; **Middle Schools:** Bartlett, Coastal, DeRenne, Myers, Southwest, and West Chatham; and **High Schools:** Beach, Jenkins, Johnson, Savannah Arts, and Windsor Forest. Phonebooks, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, books and white office paper are being accepted now through Tuesday, March 31, 2009. Officials are also asking you to remove the materials from boxes or plastic and paper bags before placing them into the bins. If your school does not have a bin, phonebooks can be dropped off at SP Recycling located at 10 Hoss Drive in Garden City. Their hours of operation are: Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Be sure to specify which school you are supporting so they will receive credit for your donation. Recycling proceeds will benefit the PTA. For more information, call SP Recycling at 964-4224.

Dollars for Disasters Week

On Monday, January 26, 2009 SCCPSS and the Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross will kick-off the third annual "Dollars for Disasters Week" campaign to raise funds for local disaster relief. The campaign will last through Friday, January 30, 2009. The kick-off ceremony will be held at the Board of Education Central Office, 208 Bull Street, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Lockamy, School Superintendent, Dr. Buck, School Board President, school administrators and Red Cross officials will be in attendance. The following schools will participate in this year's campaign: Bartow Elementary, Bloomingdale Elementary, Butler Elementary, Gadsden Elementary, Garden City Elementary, Gould Elementary, Garrison Elementary, Heard Elementary, Isle of Hope Elementary, Largo-Tibet Elementary, Pooler Elementary, Port Wentworth Elementary, Southwest Elementary, West Chatham Elementary, White Bluff Elementary, Windsor Forest Elementary, Coastal Middle, Mercer Middle, Oglethorpe Academy, Southwest Middle, West Chatham Middle, Savannah High, and Windsor Forest High. For more information, contact the local Red Cross at 651-5300 or visit www.savannahredcross.org.



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 to 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.

Georgetown Elementary PTA Meeting

Georgetown Elementary will hold their PTA meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. The meeting will also feature performances by third and fifth grade students. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact Jenny Johnson at 920-8588.

Teen Trendsetters™ Kick-Off Rally

On Friday, January 30, 2009 SCCPSS will hold a Kick-Off Rally for the new youth Teen Trendsetters™ Reading Mentoring Program. More than 200 principals, teachers and students are expected to be in attendance. Joining them will be program sponsor Comcast and Savannah Sand Gnats team mascot, Gnat The Gnat. The rally will be held at Woodville Tompkins Technical & Career Institute located at 151 Coach Joe Turner Dr. beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Teen Trendsetters™ Reading Mentors Program pairs Future Educators Association (FEA) High school students with third-graders, who struggle with reading, for one-on-one weekly sessions. The goal is to improve the basic reading skills of the younger students and to nurture the volunteer spirit among youth leaders. Contact Dr. Angie Lewis at 201-5000 or Elizabeth Hirst at (850) 562-5300 for more information.

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 to 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.

Book Fair at Largo-Tibet

Largo-Tibet Elementary School will hold their annual Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday, February 5, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Parents and community members are invited to enjoy a night of pizza and help promote the joy of reading.



Wildcat Wellness Night

Windsor Forest Elementary will hold "Wildcat Wellness Night" on February 5, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the school's Office Wing classrooms. Information concerning both student and adult health will be provided. Some of the topics include: Medicaid, dentistry, blood pressure checks, and American Cancer Society programs. For more information contact Dee Baldwin, school counselor, at 961-3353.

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 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.

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 to 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.

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. 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.

Black History Month Celebration at Garden City Elementary

Garden City Elementary School will hold a Black History Month celebration on Friday, February 27, 2009. The event will feature African dance performances and begins at 9:30 a.m. in the school's cafeteria. For more information call 395-6820.

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.

Savannah Book Festival

The Second Annual Savannah Book Festival kicks off on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Trinity Church, 225 W. President St. The main event takes place on Saturday, February 7, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Telfair Square, and features authors, booksellers, and vendors. Volunteers are also needed to fill a variety of positions to help make this year's event a success. For more information call 358-0575 or log on to www.savannahbookfestival.org.

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