

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

Coming Soon

To A School Near You.....

February 2, 2009

District Events

National School Counseling Week

National School Counseling Week will be celebrated Monday, February 2 - Friday, February 6, 2009. This year's theme "School Counselors: Making a Difference," highlights the positive influence they have on students to help them achieve academic success and plan for their future careers. School Board President, Dr. Joe Buck, will also make a special proclamation to recognize National School Counseling Week and SCCPSS Counselors at this month's board meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

Phonebook Recycling Drive

Keep Savannah Beautiful and SCCPSS have teamed up for their annual phonebook recycling drive. All schools are participating, but some don't have their own collection points. Red and green or yellow bins are 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. To support a school not mentioned above, just drop off your materials at SP Recycling located at 10 Hoss Drive in Garden City. It's also very important to specify which school you are making the donation to, in order for them to receive credit. Recycling proceeds will benefit each school's PTA. SP Recycling's 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. For more information, the company can be reached at 964-4224.

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 now through Friday, February 20, 2009 and is open to the public. For more information call 201-5070.



Monthly School Board Meeting

The Savannah-Chatham County Board of Public Education will meet in regular session on Wednesday, February 4, 2009. The Executive Session, which is closed to the public, begins at 11:00 a.m. The Informal Session begins at 1:00 p.m. and the Formal Session follows at 3:00 p.m. All meetings are held in Building G of the Whitney Administrative Complex at 2 Laura Street.

Annual New Beginnings Youth Art Exhibition

The artistic creativity of several hundred SCCPSS students will shine at the Eighth Annual New Beginnings Youth Art Exhibition. The opening reception will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the S.P.A.C.E. Gallery on West Henry Street. The artwork created by more than 200 students from 12 schools throughout the district is based on the 2009 Black Heritage Festival theme, "Our Journey Through the Arts". The pieces will be judged and the winning artist will be announced during the reception. All of the student's designs will remain on display throughout the month of February. Light refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend. For more information call 651-6783.

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.

Chatham County Spelling Bee

The Annual Chatham County Spelling Bee will be held on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Savannah Arts Academy. The event sponsored by Chatham Association of Educators will feature SCCPSS elementary and middle school students who won Spelling Bees held at their schools earlier this academic year. First, second and third place winners of the competition will represent Chatham County in the District Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at Ware County High School in Waycross. The event is open to the public.

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.

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 at Windsor Forest Elementary

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 Elementary

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.

DeRenne Middle School Quiz Bowl Team to Compete in State Finals

DeRenne Middle School's Quiz Bowl Team will compete against three other schools from around Georgia in the state finals of the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Academic Bowl for Middle Grades. The competition is set for Saturday, February 7, 2009 at Georgia College & State University (GCSU) in Milledgeville. The team coached by Del Scott and Judy Baisden advanced from a field of 22 schools in the semi-final round last month.

Spencer Elementary Students to Help Create "Assemblage Quilt"

Students from Spencer Elementary School have been invited to help create an "Assemblage Quilt" with local artist Lillian Blades. On Monday, February 9, 2009 they will meet at 10 a.m. in the Beach Institute located at the King Tisdale Cottage Foundation, 502 Harris St. With the assistance of Ms. Blades, each student will create an individual square for a permanent quilt, which will be assembled by her at a later date. Once completed, the quilt will be displayed as a permanent exhibit in the facility's art gallery. For more information call Spencer Elementary School at 395-2500.



Mayor Johnson to Visit Windsor Forest Elementary

Savannah Mayor Dr. Otis Johnson will visit Windsor Forest Elementary on Monday, February 9, 2009. The Mayor will speak to students in grades 2-5 about his recent trip to Washington, D.C. for President Barack Obama's Inauguration from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. For more information contact Dee Baldwin, school counselor, at 961-3353.

West Chatham Elementary to Host Dance Off

On Tuesday, February 10, 2009 Adopt-A-School soldiers from the 4th Brigade 3rd AVN Regiment will challenge West Chatham Elementary students to a "Dance Off". First and fourth grade physical education students will move to the groove to Dance, Dance Revolution at the school from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information call 748-3601.

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 to 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.

Pizza Night at West Chatham Elementary

Dominos Pizza is teaming up with West Chatham Elementary School's PTA for Pizza Night on Thursday, February 12th, 2009 from 4 to 10 p.m. at the school. Proceeds from the event will help fund the construction of a future "Outdoor Classroom". For more information call 748-3601.

Family Valentine's Dance at West Chatham Elementary

West Chatham Elementary School will host Family Valentine's Dance: Kindergartners performing the "Wedding of Q and U" on Friday, February 13th, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. A reception will follow the ceremony featuring refreshments, dancing in the gym, and the 4th Brigade 3rd AVN Regiment's "Hershey Kiss Booth". For more information call 748-3601.

Career Day at Isle of Hope Elementary

Isle of Hope Elementary School will host Career Day on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives from police and fire departments, medical field, Mosquito Control, photography, and many more professions will be represented. The event provides students with information as they begin to think about their future careers. For more information call the school at 395-6555.



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.

Celebrate Black History Month at Hubert Middle School

Hubert Middle School will hold a Black History Month Celebration on Thursday, February 26, 2009. The event is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the school. For more information call 395-5235.

West Chatham Elementary School Spirit Night

The Chick-fil-A in Pooler will host West Chatham Elementary School's Spirit Night fundraiser on Thursday, February 26, 2009 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Magic acts, and face painting are additional highlights to enjoy along with a dining experience with other members of the community. Proceeds will help support the school's Field Trip Fund. For more information call 748-3601.

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.

Health Awareness Fair at Savannah High School

The Savannah High School PTSA is helping to raise health awareness in the community. On Friday, February 27, 2009 they have arranged for the St. Joseph's/Candler Mobile Mammography Unit to offer mammograms for patients at Savannah High School. There is a cost for the service. Appointments are required and need to be made before February 27. For more information call 819-6800. On Saturday, February 28, 2009 health officials will be on hand at Savannah High to offer free blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol checks from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Canned goods will also be collected on both days and donated to America's Second Harvest Food Bank to help benefit local citizens in need.



Community Events

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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