

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

Coming Soon

To A School Near You.....

February 16, 2009

District Events

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 is 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.

Board of Public of Education Workshop

The Savannah-Chatham County Board of Public Education will hold a Board Workshop Wednesday, February 18, 2009. It begins at 9 a.m. in the Whitney Administrative Complex – Building G, 2 Laura Street. The purpose of the Board Workshop is to continue discussions on K-12 redesign. Immediately following the meeting, the Board Accountability Committee will work on the draft of the Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument. An agenda for the Board Workshop will be posted to the "[BoardDocs \(Agenda\)](#)" section under the board tab of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System's website on Sunday, February 15, 2008. For more information contact the Board Office at 912-395-5534.



Odyssey of the Mind Competition

On Saturday, February 21, 2009, 67 teams from elementary, middle, and high schools around the state will participate in the Odyssey of the Mind competition at Johnson High School. Opening ceremonies kickoff at 8 a.m. and the event begins at 9 a.m. Winners will be announced during the closing ceremonies at 5 p.m. For more information contact Karen Clark in the Social Studies Department at Johnson High School at 303-6400.

Regional Social Science Fair

SCCPSS students who won first or second place in the District Social Science Fair held earlier this month are eligible to advance to the Regional Fair scheduled Saturday, February 21, 2009 at Georgia Southern University. First place winners were: **Katrina Roberts & Larisha Robertson** – Beach High School, **Jena Williams** – Savannah Arts Academy, **Cole Lewis** – Coastal Middle School, **Joseph Frankosky** – Coastal Middle School, **Beverly Dorsey** – Coastal Middle School, **Montisha Montgomery** – Mercer Middle School, **Covena White** – Coastal Middle School, **Alex Shelton** – Bartlett Middle School and **Bryan Knauff** – Oglethorpe Charter School. Second place winners were: **Laken Chatman, Jesse Smalls, & Jeran Smalls** – Beach High School, **Neha Zaer** – Savannah Arts Academy, **Nichole Lindholm & Alicia Shuman** – Mercer Middle School, **Dae'Keria Stewart** – Mercer Middle School, **Jameze Muldrow** – Bartlett Middle School and **Charles Carter** – Oglethorpe Charter School.

District Spelling Bee

The 2009 District Spelling Bee will be held Saturday, February 28, 2009 at Ware County High School in Waycross. The two students representing SCCPSS in the competition are: **Christopher Alexander** (first place) 6th grader – Oglethorpe Charter School and **Olivia Carr** (second place) 8th grader – Mercer Middle School. They advanced from the Chatham County round of competition on February 9.

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.

Jump Rope for Heart Events at Charles Ellis

Students at Charles Ellis will participate in *Jump Rope for Heart* the week of February 16-20, 2009. For more information contact Rebecca Fleming at 201-5470.

Career Week at Charles Ellis

Charles Ellis students will take part in various activities during Career Week, February 16-20, 2009. For more specific information contact Rebecca Fleming at 201-5470.

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.



Math Family Night at East Broad Street Elementary

East Broad Street Elementary will hold Math Family Night Thursday, February 19, 2009 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call the school at 201-5500.

Math and Science Family Night at Pooler Elementary

Pooler's Math and Science Family Night will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call 748-3625.

Pizza Night for Pooler Elementary

Pooler Elementary School will hold Pizza Night at the Domino's Pizza in Pooler Thursday, February 19, 2009. For more information call 748-3625.

PTA Meeting & Cultural Diversity Dinner at Charles Ellis

Charles Ellis Montessori Academy will hold their PTA Meeting Thursday February 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. A Cultural Diversity Dinner will be held immediately following in the school's Multi-Purpose Room. For more information contact the school at 201-5470.

Mini-Career Expo at Hodge Elementary

Hodge Elementary School will host a mini-career expo featuring black-owned businesses Thursday, February 19, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. For more information contact the school at 395-5200.

East Broad Street Elementary Jump Rope for Heart

East Broad Street Elementary salutes Jump Rope for Heart's 30th anniversary with activities scheduled Friday, February 20, 2009. For more information contact the school at 201-5500.

Awards Day at Gadsden Elementary

Gadsden Performing & Fine Arts Academy will host Awards Day Friday, 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.

Afternoon Musicales at Charles Ellis

Afternoon Musicales continue at Charles Ellis with Guitar Exploration, Benedetto Guitars, presented by Howard Paul Tuesday, February 24, 2009 from 3:30-4:00 p.m. in the school's Multi-Purpose Room. For more information call Rebecca Fleming at 201-5470.

Beach High School to Participate in National African-American Read-In

Beach High School will participate in the "National African-American Read-In," sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of English Teachers Wednesday, February 25, 2009. For more information contact the school at 395-5330.



Black History Program & Soul Food Festival at Jacob G. Smith Elementary School

On Wednesday, February 25, 2009, Jacob G. Smith Elementary School will host their 16th annual "Black History Program." This year's event will feature a fashion show with faculty, parents and students dressed in African attire. Musical selections will be presented by first and second grade students, The Jacob G. Smith Chorus, The Jacob G. Smith Strings Ensemble and The Blue Notes Jazz Band from Savannah High School. Students will recite biographical sketches focusing on African-American firsts. The guest speaker is Savannah Mayor, Dr. Otis Johnson and guest music performer is Huxie Scott. The program begins at 1:00 p.m. and will culminate with the annual "Soul Food Festival" in the school's dining hall. For more information contact the school at 395-6530.

CrabEcology at Pooler Elementary School

Officials from the UGA Marine Science Extension will visit Pooler Elementary School Thursday, February 26, 2009 and present CrabEcology to all 3rd graders (9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m.) in the school's Math and Science Lab. For more information call 748-3625.

Black History Month Program at Hodge Elementary

On Thursday, February 26, 2009 Hodge Elementary School will present their annual Black History Program at 1:45 p.m. For more information contact the school at 395-5200.

Black History Celebration at Hubert Middle School

Hubert Middle School will host a Black History Celebration at their monthly PTA meeting Thursday, February 26, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker is Savannah Mayor, Dr. Otis Johnson. For more information contact the school at 395-5235.

West Chatham Elementary School Spirit Night

The Chick-fil-A in Pooler will host West Chatham Elementary School's Spirit Night fundraiser 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 Program at Juliette Low Elementary

Juliette Low Elementary School will present their annual Black History Program Thursday, February 26, 2009. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the school's gym and will include reenactments of historical events and celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans. For more information contact the school at 395-6380.

Windsor Elementary Hosts Family Literacy Night

Windsor Elementary will hold Family Literacy Night Thursday, February 26, 2009 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Media Center and in the Art and Music rooms. The Art and Music teachers are planning activities that will highlight their programs and provide Art and Music literacy to parents and students. In the Media Center, computer literacy will be incorporated into the game "Are You Smarter than a Wildcat?" Parents, teachers, and students will have the opportunity to compete against each other. Students will make up questions from lessons they've learned throughout the year. A Book Fair will also be held. For more information contact Patricia Tucker, Windsor Media Specialist, at 961-3353.



Black History Month Awards Program at Coastal Middle School

Coastal Middle School will hold a special assembly program Friday, February 27, 2009. The event will feature a special guest speaker and awards will be presented for all Black History Month contests at the school. For more information contact the school at 898-3950.

Sidewalk Art Festival at May Howard Elementary

On Friday, February 27, 2009 May Howard Elementary School will celebrate Black History Month with a Sidewalk Art Festival from 9:40 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each class will be assigned an area of sidewalk to illustrate the individuals & events they have been studying concerning Black History. Students from SCAD, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah State University and Savannah Arts Academy will also be on hand to assist May Howard students with their drawings. For more information contact the school at 395-3925.

Cross That River Presented at Charles Ellis

Charles Ellis will present *Cross that River* Jazz Performance in the school's Multi-Purpose Room Friday, February, 27, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. For more information call Rebecca Fleming at 201-5470.

Black History Program at East Broad Street Elementary

On Friday, February 27, 2009, students in the 21st Century after-school program at East Broad Street Elementary School will present a Black History program at 4:30 p.m. Students will perform various plays, poems, and songs based on the theme "Seeds Planted in the Past for a Harvest in the Future." For more information contact Trudy Hargrave at 201-5500.

Black History Month Celebration at Garden City Elementary

Garden City Elementary School will hold a Black History Month celebration Friday, February 27, 2009. The event will feature African dance performances and begins at 2:00 p.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 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

MEGAGENESIS 2009

Students in grades 5 through 12 and their parents/guardians are invited to attend MEGAGENESIS, a program that provides helpful information and resources about preparing for the future and a college education. The event will be held Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Johnson High School. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. MEGAGENESIS is free and open to the public. For more information, call Dr. Zke Zimmerman at 756-2326 or log on to www.megagenesis-savannah.org.

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