

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

Coming Soon

To A School Near You.....

February 23, 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.

Mid-Year Graduation Ceremony – Webcast Available!

SCCPSS will hold its 2008-2009 Mid-Year Graduation ceremony Monday, February 23, 2009 at the Savannah Arts Academy, 500 Washington Avenue. The event begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the school's auditorium. Ninety-six students, representing the seven Savannah-Chatham County Public high schools, are eligible to participate. SCCPSS is also partnering with the Savannah Morning News to webcast the event. A link to tune in to the ceremony will be available on the homepage of the BOE's website www.sccpss.com. For more information on the Mid-Year Graduation ceremony contact Marcia Clanton, Executive Director of High Schools, at 395-5871.



JGG Regional Competition Winners Advance to State Finals

The winners of the 2009 Jobs for Georgia Graduates (JGG) regional competition have been announced. These students are eligible to represent SCCPSS in the state round held Tuesday, February 24, 2009 in Macon. **Public Speaking:** First Place – Asia Calhoun (*Beach HS*) , Second Place – Jessica Gardenhire (*Jenkins HS*) , Third Place – Cierra Johnson (*Savannah HS*). **Interviewing:** First Place – Quintavious Frazier (*Savannah HS*) , Second Place – D'Monique Green (*Jenkins HS*) , Third Place – Jamilah Jones (*Johnson HS*) . **Decision Making:** First Place – Howard Maye (*Jenkins HS*) , Second Place – Claudette Bly (*Savannah HS*) , Third Place – Tiffany Blake (*Beach HS*). **Outstanding Leadership:** First Place – Brianna Brooker (*Jenkins HS*) , Second Place – Cierra Young (*Beach HS*) , Third Place – Analcia Wallace (*Johnson HS*). **Creative Problem Solving:** First Place – Kiera Royal, Ashsten Clark, Nathaniel Brooks, Jeffrey Brown (*Savannah HS*) , Second Place – Adante Pratt, Qua Netria Wilson, Chanty Chaney, Phylcia Boles, Anna Jackson (*Beach HS*) , Third Place – Rashawn Anderson, Reneka Kelsey, Dijonay Harris (*Johnson HS*). State winners will be announced Thursday, March 12, 2009.

Students' Art on Display During National Youth Art Month

As part of National Youth Art Month (YAM), Savannah Mall will feature the works of public school students. Their designs will be displayed on the second floor, near the food court. Exhibit dates are as follows during regular hours at Savannah Mall: **Middle and High Schools: February 25 – March 16 and Elementary Schools: March 16 – April 13.** For more information contact Laura Victore, Teacher Specialist for Visual Arts, at 659-6725.

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.

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.

Savannah Music Festival Visits Public Schools

As part of the Gulfstream Music Education Series', The 2009 Savannah Music Festival (SMF) presents free performances of *Cross that River with Allan Harris* at ten elementary schools February 23-28. The show is in conjunction with the Black History Festival and will take listeners on a journey of a little-known part of Western history: the black cowboy saga. Accompanied by a five-piece band, Harris will share a unique bit of Americana cowboy soul with students at the following schools and times:

Monday, February 23: Pooler Elem. at 10 a.m., Bloomingdale Elem. at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24: Hodge Elem. at 10:15 a.m., Juliette Low Elem. at 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25: Marshpoint Elem. at 9:30 a.m., Isle of Hope Elem. at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 26: Pulaski Elem. at 10 a.m., Southwest Elem. at 2 p.m.

Friday, February 27: Thunderbolt Elem. at 10 a.m., Charles Ellis Elem. at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, log on to www.savannahmusicfestival.org.



DPW Engineering Motivational Speakers to Visit Gadsden Elementary

Gadsden Performing & Fine Arts Academy will welcome the "Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Engineering Motivational Speakers" Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The group will speak to students in grades 3-5 about study habits, the importance of good grades and making good choices in life. The segment will incorporate music during the discussion, interactive questioning, and prizes for the students. DPW are a group of engineering personnel from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield who help make a difference in the lives of area students.

PTA/Family Literacy Night at Islands

Islands Elementary School will host PTA/Family Literacy Night 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.

PTA Meeting at Largo-Tibet

Largo-Tibet Elementary School's PTA will hold their meeting Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. Kindergarten and first graders will perform following the PTA meeting agenda. Parents and community members are invited.

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 Gadsden Elementary

Gadsden Performing & Fine Arts Academy will be culminating its Black History Month activities with a commemorative program Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. in the school's gymnasium. The program agenda will include corporate song, a transition in black history presentation, dance majors' rendition of "God Is Trying to Tell You Something" from The Color Purple, and "Rip the Runway: Parade of African Attire". Nationally accredited storyteller J'Miah Nabawi will also make an interactive presentation. For more information contact the school at 395-5940.



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 members of the community. Proceeds will help support the school's Field Trip Fund. For more information contact the school at 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.

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.

"A Walk through Time" at Georgetown Elementary

On February 27, 2009, Georgetown Elementary will honor the lives and achievements of African Americans from the past to the present. Tour Guides will lead students, staff, and visitors through the school's Black History Museum. The museum will showcase gospel performances, the civil rights movement, and African-American inventors. One stop on the tour will include the Cotton Club featuring student portrayals of jazz and Motown entertainers. A special feature of the tour will be African-American "Firsts" spotlighting a student portrayal of President Obama. The event begins at 11:45 a.m. The public is invited to join the students and staff as they celebrate these moments in our country's history. For more information contact Anita Simmons at 961-3475.

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.

Isle of Hope Elementary Jump Rope for Heart

On Friday 27, 2009, Isle of Hope Elementary will sponsor Jump Rope for Heart. Students in grades 3-5 will be jumping from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and students in grades K-2 will participate from 12:30-2:00 p.m. For more information contact the school at 395-6555.

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.

Granny P. to Visit Haven Elementary

Professional storyteller Granny P. will help kick off Dr. Seuss' Birthday celebration at Haven Elementary School Friday, Feb 27, 2009. She will present stories, songs, games, cheers and more to honor the legacy of Dr. Seuss. For more information contact the school at 395-6501.

Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast at Haven Elementary

On Monday, March 2, 2009 Haven Elementary School will celebrate Read Across America with a special Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Seuss books will also be read throughout the day. For more information contact the school at 395-6501.

West Chatham Elementary Celebrates "Read Across America"

West Chatham Elementary School will celebrate Read Across America Monday, March 2, 2009. Members of the school's community partners will visit and read with classes. Staff and students are also encouraged to dress up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character. For more information contact the school at 748-3601.



Juliette Low Elementary Celebrates "Read Across America"

Juliette Low Elementary School will celebrate "Read Across America" Monday, March 2, 2009. Many community leaders, school leaders, parents, grandparents and friends will stop by to read with the students. For more information contact the school at 395-6380.

Jacob G. Smith Students Learn Dental Hygiene

On Tuesday, March 3, 2009 Dr. Sandra Adam-Smith's office staff will teach good dental hygiene habits to Pre-K, Kindergarten and first grade students at Jacob G. Smith Elementary. Demonstrations will be held in the school's Media Center from 9:30-10:30 a.m. For more information contact the school at 395-6530.

Jacob G. Smith Hosts Blood Drive

On Friday, March 6, 2009 second graders at Jacob G. Smith will sponsor a community blood drive. The event will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. Everyone is encouraged to participate. For more information contact the school at 395-6530.

Kids Art Fair at West Chatham Elementary

West Chatham Elementary School will host a Kids Art Fair Friday, March 6, 2009 from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. The event will feature an art gallery displaying the works of student's, a silent art auction (by a local artist), a family portrait activity station and a brick and paver painting/decorating station. For more information contact the school at 748-3601.

PTA Garage Sale at Hubert Middle School

The Hubert Middle School PTA will sponsor a Garage Sale Saturday, March 7, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school. For more information contact the school at 395-5235.

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 .



Supplemental Educational Services Fair – Feb. 28

The Title I office will sponsor a Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Fair for parents and students Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Bartlett Middle School. State approved providers will be available to speak with and share with parents and students information about the free tutoring services they can provide. The services are designed to help students improve academically in reading, language arts, and math. For more information call 395-1087.

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