

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

Coming Soon

To A School Near You.....

March 9, 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.

Students' Art on Display at Savannah Mall

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: Now – March 16 and Elementary Schools: March 16 – April 13.** For more information contact Laura Victore, Teacher Specialist for Visual Arts, at 659-6725.

School Board Appreciation Week March 9-13

The SCCPSS school board along other school board officials around Georgia will be honored for their hard work and dedication during School Board Appreciation Week March 9-13, 2009. Our current school board members include: **President – Dr. Joe Buck, District 1 – Mrs. Susu Cox, District 2 – Mr. Floyd Adams, Jr., District 3 – Mr. Alexander Lutén, District 4 – Mr. Gregory V. Sapp, District 5 – Mrs. Irene G. Hines, District 6 – Mrs. Lori L. Brady, District 7 – Mrs. Julie Gerbsch and District 8 – Mrs. Ruby Jones.**

District Town Hall Meeting

A district-wide town hall meeting will be held Monday, March 23, 2009 in the Jenkins High School Auditorium to receive input from the community. It will be hosted by the Savannah-Chatham County School Board. Joining the school board for the meeting will be Dr. Thomas Lockamy, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Jacqueline Chavis, Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Otis Brock, Chief Operations Officer, and Mr. David Feliciano, Chief Information Officer. The meeting lasts from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and is open to all parents and community stakeholders.



SCCPSS Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation will take place at all Public School elementary sites Thursday, March 26, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Parents and guardians of children who will attend kindergarten next school year are encouraged to attend the orientation at the school their child will be attending in September 2009. For more information, contact the elementary school site your child will be attending or 395-5635.

Joe Turner & Jon Young Classic Rescheduled

The Joe Turner & Jon Young Invitational Track Meet originally scheduled Saturday, March 14, 2009 has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 28, 2009. It will still be held at Savannah State University at 9:00 a.m. For more information contact the SCCPSS Athletic Department at 395-5531.

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.

Oglethorpe Charter School Student Advances to State Spelling Bee

Christopher Alexander, a sixth grader at Oglethorpe Charter School, has advanced to the state round of competition in the 2009 Spelling Bee. Christopher was the runner-up in the district round held last month in Waycross. He will represent SCCPSS at the State Spelling Bee in Atlanta on Friday, March 20, 2009.

Charles Ellis Student Advances to State Geography Bee

Benjamin Eller, an eighth grade student at Charles Ellis, has qualified for the state level of the National Geography Bee. The competition will be held Friday, April 3, 2009 at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville.

Johnson High School Wins State Robotics Championship

Johnson High School's Robotics Team has won the 2008 - 2009 Vex Robotics Championship. The team won the competition last month in Conyers. The team members are: **Terry Campbell, Antone' Davis-Correia, Dontre Douse, Michael Hill, Parrish Mack and Michael McGadney.**

Coastal Middle School Student Wins Trip to Turkey in United Nation's Poster Contest

Greta Wood, a sixth grader at Coastal Middle School, has won a trip to Turkey for her entry in the 2009 United Nations' poster contest. Greta placed third in the competition's middle school category. Her teacher, Ron Phillips, will also accompany her on the trip. Two SCCPSS students also received honorable mention in the contest: **Tramaine Denson**, a sixth grader at Bartlett Middle School and **Michael Lerque**, an eleventh grader at Windsor Forest High School.



Oglethorpe Charter School Student Named Superintendent's Student of the Month

Joseff Kolman, an eighth grader at Oglethorpe Charter School has been named Superintendent's Student of the Month. He was recognized at this month's school board meeting by Dr. Lockamy and presented with an award plaque and savings bond.

Kiss-A-Pig Spirit Week West Chatham Elementary

West Chatham Elementary School will celebrate Kiss-A-Pig Spirit Week March 9- 13. All donations from the following fundraisers will help fight American Diabetes: Monday is Sun Glasses Day, Tuesday is Wear Pink Day, Wednesday is Crazy Socks Day, Thursday is Hat Day and Friday is Bubble Gum Day. For more information contact the school at 748-3601.

Kite Flying at Georgetown Elementary School

During the month of March, Georgetown Elementary students will take part in the ancient sport of flying kites. The school's Physical Education Department and PTA sponsor the event to offer parents an opportunity to take an active role in their child's Physical Education class. For more information contact Anita Simmons at 961-3475.

Science Speakers to Visit Charles Ellis

Each Friday during the month of March, guest speakers who work in the field of Science will speak with Charles Ellis students in grades 4-6. For more information contact the school at 201-5470.

Harlem Globetrotter Member Visits Isle of Hope Elementary

A member of the World-famous Harlem Globetrotters will visit Isle of Hope Elementary Monday, March 9, 2009. He will speak with students at 2:30 p.m. in the school's gym. For more information contact the school at 395-6555.

Windsor Forest High School Recognized by SchoolTube

Windsor Forest High School has been named a "Featured School of the Day" by SchoolTube. On Tuesday, March 10, 2009 projects by WFHS students will be featured on the website www.schooltube.com. For more information contact the school at 395-3400.

English Language Learners Outreach Program at Georgetown Elementary

The Georgetown Elementary will host an English Language Learner Outreach Program Tuesday, March 10, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. The purpose of the program is to provide parents with valuable tips and strategies to help their children succeed when taking tests. Translators will be in attendance for the event. For more information, contact Sharon Chalmers or Christine Fry at 961-3475.

Afternoon Musicale at Charles Ellis

Charles Ellis will host an Afternoon Musicale Tuesday, March 10, 2009. It will last from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the school's Multi-Purpose Room. For more information contact the school at 201-5470.

Islands Elementary Hosts Math & Science Night

Islands Elementary School invites the community to Math and Science Night, Tuesday, March 10, 2009. A variety of fun and educational activities have been planned for all grade levels during the event at the school from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Students and visitors will enjoy playing Bingo with multiplication facts and time, sorting coins, making a flag from pattern blocks, comparing sizes of leprechauns, building shapes with straws and toothpicks, and



more. Representatives from the SSU Marine Science Center will also be on-hand with their touch tank. For more information contact the school at 898-3900.

Charles Ellis Hosts Montessori Info Session

Charles Ellis will hold a Montessori materials session for parents of Kindergarten and first graders Thursday, March 12, 2009 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. For more information contact the school at 201-5470.

Pizza Night for West Chatham Elementary School

West Chatham Elementary School's PTA will hold Pizza Night Thursday, March 12, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Domino's Pizza. Money raised from the event will go toward building an "outdoor classroom" at the school. For more information contact the school at 748-3601.

"Jeans and Greens" Day at Georgetown Elementary

Georgetown Elementary staff and students will participate in a "Jeans and Greens" dress down day Friday, March 13, 2009. The event is in support of Jaydee Blice, a member of the school council and the regional supervisor for Sonic, one of the school business partners, who was recently diagnosed with Lymphoma. Money raised will be donated to the Jaydee Benefit Fund. For more information contact Lynn Strickland at 961-3475.

Charles Ellis PTA Meeting

The Charles Ellis PTA will meet Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. A Science Fair Show will be held following the meeting. For more information contact the school at 201-5470.

Jacob G. Smith celebrates Kick Butt's Day

On Wednesday, March 25, 2009 Jacob G. Smith students in grades 3-5 will support Kick Butts Day. The national campaign provides anti-smoking education to children. For more information contact the school at 395-6530.

Savannah Joe Supports West Chatham Elementary

Savannah Joe at Morgan's Corner in Pooler will donate 10% of their profits to West Chatham Elementary School Wednesday, March 25, 2009. For more information contact the school at 748-3601.

Spring Concert at Garden City Elementary

Garden City Elementary School will host its Spring Concert Program Thursday, March 26, 2009. The event begins at 6 p.m. and features the talents of their kindergarten, first & second grade choruses performing, "Kids Sailing in All Kinds of Weather." For more information contact the school at 395-6820.

CRCT Family Night at Hubert Middle School

Hubert Middle School will host CRCT Family Night Thursday, March 26, 2009. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact the school at 395-5235.

Spirit Night Fundraiser for West Chatham Elementary School

On Thursday, March 26, 2009, West Chatham Elementary School will host their Spirit Night fundraiser at the Chick-fil-A in Pooler. Proceeds will benefit the school's Field Trip Fund. For more information contact the school at 748-3601.



Community Events

Parent University

Parent University will hold their next session Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Savannah High School. 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 also available for youth. For more information concerning the program, call 507-8566, 201-5090 or 201-2155.

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