

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

Coming Soon

To A School Near You.....

March 23, 2009

District Events

Phonebook PLUS Recycling Drive

Keep Savannah Beautiful and SCCPSS have teamed up for their annual Phonebook PLUS 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 through Monday, April 13, 2009, during regular mall hours. For more information contact Laura Victore, Teacher Specialist for Visual Arts, at 659-6725.

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.

Godley Station K-8 School Groundbreaking

A Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Godley Station K-8 School will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 11 a.m., weather permitting. School Superintendent, Dr. Thomas B. Lockamy, Jr. and other dignitaries will be in attendance. The school is expected to open in Fall 2010.



Important Dates for 2009-2010 Specialty Program Applicants

SCCPSS wants to remind students and parents about the following important dates for those interested in participating in specialty programs for the 2009-2010 School Year:

March 25, 2009 – Lottery held at elementary sites (contact school for time)

March 26, 2009 – Lottery held at secondary sites (contact school for time)

April 14, 2009 – Notification letters mailed from sites

May 11, 2009 – Final date for student registration (by 5:00 p.m.)/Slots are forfeited after and waiting list action begins.

For more information on elementary programs contact Richard Krauss at 395-5530 and Marcia Clanton at 395-5871 concerning secondary programs.

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.

Congressional District Representatives to Host Public Hearing

State Board of Education Members Linda Zechmann (First District) and Allen Rice (Twelfth District) invite you to a public hearing Thursday, March 26, 2009. The event will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Room 158 at University Hall, on the campus of Armstrong Atlantic State University. Teachers, parents/guardians, students and concerned citizens are all encouraged to take part. Those wishing to speak at the meeting are asked to sign in when they arrive. For more information, contact Ms. Lynn Roberts at (404) 657-7410 or you can e-mail her at: lroberts@doe.k12.ga.us.

Track Meet 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.

District 3 Town Hall

Third District School Board member, Mr. Alexander Luten, will host a Town Hall meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at Johnson High School. The event will last from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Joining Mr. Luten will be Dr. Thomas B. Lockamy, Jr., Superintendent of Schools, and his executive staff. Representatives from every third district school (Juliet Low, Thunderbolt, Myers, Jenkins, Johnson and Savannah High) will also be in attendance. A "Q & A"/discussion session will be held concerning matters related to the district. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting as the school board continues its efforts to involve parents and the community as part of the District Accountability Plan.

School Events

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.

Career Day at DeRenne Middle School

DeRenne Middle School will host Career Day Tuesday, March 24, 2009. The event will last from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. with information booths and presentations planned. For more information contact the school at 201-5900.

Blood Drive at Largo-Tibet Elementary

Largo-Tibet Elementary will host a blood drive Tuesday, March 24, 2009 from noon to 5:00 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. For more information contact the school at 395-3450.

Afternoon Musicale at Charles Ellis

Charles Ellis will host an Afternoon Musicale Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the school's Multi-Purpose Room. The theme is Orff Exploration with Linda Galvan. For more information contact the school at 201-5470.

Gallery Walk Night at Garrison Elementary

Garrison Elementary School will be "Blooming with Literature" at its Gallery Walk Night Tuesday, March 24, 2009. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy a Gallery Walk around the school to view the great Gator work on display, visit the literature activity centers around the building, enjoy a performance by the Garrison Rumlbers, the school's percussion band. Student Science Fair projects will also be on display. Light snacks will be served. For more information, contact Sharon Draeger or Linda Farley at 201-5975.

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.

Georgetown Elementary Sponsors Blood Drive

Georgetown Elementary is teaming up with the Red Cross for a blood drive Wednesday, March 25, 2009. The drive will be held at the Georgetown Fire Department from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Students will be recruiting family members and neighbors to give the gift of life. Each child who gets someone to donate blood in their name will be awarded an American Red Cross yo-yo and the class that recruits the most donors will be rewarded with the "Buddy Blood Drop" mascot to keep in their classroom. Donors will need a picture ID and must be at least 17 years old. They can also enter to win a pair of domestic flight tickets from Delta Air Lines. For more information contact LaDonna Kennedy at 961-3475.

Charles Ellis Honors Johnny Mercer

Charles Ellis will honor the life of Johnny Mercer with a special program Friday, March 26, 2009. It begins at 1:30 p.m. in the school's Multi-Purpose Room. For more information contact the school at 201-5470.



Spirit Night Fundraiser for Largo Tibet Elementary

On Thursday, March 26, 2009 Largo-Tibet Elementary will hold Spirit Night at the Chick-fil-A in Oglethorpe Mall. The fundraiser will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information contact the school at 395-3450.

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.

Math/Science Night at Bartow Elementary

Bartow Elementary School invites the community to Math/Science Night Thursday, March 26, 2009. A wide variety of activities will be offered for all grade levels from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information contact the school at 395-5300.

Four Public Schools Collaborate for Dance Production of Cinderella

The Savannah Arts Academy Department of Dance, in collaboration with Bloomingdale Elementary School, Gadsden Elementary School, and Shuman Middle School, will present a magical production of Cinderella. The event will run March 26-28, 2009 at the Savannah Arts Academy Theatre. Showtime is 7:00 each night. General admission is \$10 and tickets for students and seniors are \$6. For more information contact the school at 201-5000.

Robotics Competition at Woodville-Tompkins

A Robotics Competition will be held at Woodville-Tompkins Technical & Career Institute Saturday, March 28, 2009. The event will last from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information contact the school at 395-6750.

Job Fair at Windsor Forest High

Windsor Forest High School will host a Job Fair Tuesday, March 31, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. For more information contact the school at 395-3400.

Law and Government Explorer Post

On Thursday, April 2, 2009 a select group of SCCPSS students will participate in a Law and Government Explorer Post event at South University. For more information contact Barbara Foley at 308-7892.



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 available for youth members attending. A free Health Fair will also be held during this month's session. For more information, call 507-8566, 201-5090 or 201-2155.

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