

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

Coming Soon

To A School Near You.....

May 4, 2009

District Events

Sports Physicals Available for SCCPSS Students

SCCPSS, in association with Memorial Health University's SportsOne, will be conducting sports physicals for all middle and high school student athletes May 5 and 6, 2009 at the Jenkins High School Gym. Registration begins at 2:30 p.m. on both days and will continue until the last patient has been seen. The cost of the physical is \$10 per student. All forms are available from each student's schools' Athletic Director or through the district's website.

Monthly School Board Meeting

The Savannah-Chatham County Board of Public Education will meet in regular session Wednesday, May 6, 2009. The Executive Session begins at 10:00 a.m. and is closed to the public for the purpose of discussing personnel, student and legal matters. The Informal Session begins at 1:00 p.m. and the Formal (Regular) Session begins at 3:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Whitney Administrative Complex, Building G, 2 Laura Street.

2009-2010 Specialty Program Registration Deadline Approaching

SCCPSS wants to remind students and parents that Specialty Program notification letters for School Year 2009-2010 have been mailed to their homes from the school sites. Remember, the final date for registration is Monday, May 11, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. Slots will be forfeited after this date and time and waiting list action will commence. For more information on elementary programs contact Richard Krauss at 395-5530 and Marcia Clanton concerning secondary programs at 395-5871.

District Eight Town Hall

Eighth District School Board Representative, Ruby Jones, will host a Town Hall meeting for residents of the eighth district Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at Beach High School from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Mrs. Jones will be joined by Dr. Thomas Lockamy, Superintendent of Schools, and his executive staff. Representatives from every eighth district school (Bartow, Beach, Butler, Coastal Empire Montessori, Gadsden, Garrison, Gould, Hodge, Oglethorpe Academy and Woodville-Tompkins) will also be in attendance. A "Q & A" session will be held concerning matters related to the district. District eight residents are encouraged to attend this meeting as the school board continues its efforts to engage parents and the community as part of the District Accountability Plan.

May Day

May Day, the traditional welcoming of spring, will be celebrated May 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Calhoun Square in front of the historic Massie Heritage Center. Students will participate in the festivities by performing ethnic dances from around the world. Originating in the 1850's, May Day continues to evolve into one of the largest multi-cultural events in the district.



2009 Summer Day Camp at Massie – Enroll Today!

Massie Heritage Center invites children to spend an exciting week investigating old and new Savannah this summer to explore the diversity of Georgia's first city. The camp will be offered June 15-19 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is open to students who have just completed grades 3-5. The registration deadline is May 22, 2009. For more information or to register call 201-5070 or visit www.massieschool.com.

Summer School and Credit Recovery Program

SCCPSS will offer a Summer School 1st Time Credit and Credit Recovery Program at Groves High School to provide students in grades 9-12 with the opportunity to complete missing credits and achieve academic success. Pre-Registration will take place June 8-10, 2009 at the Savannah Arts Academy from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Registration will be held June 18 and 19 at Groves High School from 8:00 a.m. to noon and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Angie Lewis at (912) 201-5000.

School Events

Muffins for Moms at Isle of Hope Elementary

Isle of Hope Elementary will host their annual PTA Muffins for Moms event, Friday, May 8, 2009. It will be held from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in the school's cafeteria. All moms and students are invited to attend. For more information, contact the school at 395-6555.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Gadsden Elementary

Gadsden Elementary will host a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Friday May 8, 2009. It begins at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the school at 912-395-5940.

PTA Book Fair at West Chatham Elementary

West Chatham Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair May 9-21, 2009. A wide array of books will be available at reasonable prices. The event is also a good way to help students get ready for their Summer Reading Programs. Proceeds will help purchase additional books for the Media Center. For more information, contact the school at 748-3651.

Oglethorpe Charter School Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

Oglethorpe Charter School will celebrate their tenth anniversary with a special program Wednesday, May 13, 2009. It will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lucas Theatre. All former and present students, parents, staff members, governing board members and Savannah Chatham-County Board of Education members are encouraged to attend. The event is free and will feature reflections from parents, governing board members and teachers. Entertainment will also be provided by former and present students and staff members. For more information, contact the school at (912) 395-5075.

Domino's Pizza Night for West Chatham Elementary

The West Chatham Elementary School PTA will team up with Domino's Pizza for Pizza Night Thursday, May 14, 2009. The event will be held at the Domino's Pizza location in Pooler and will help raise money for student incentive programs and teacher appreciation. For more information, contact the school at 748-3651.



Gadsden Elementary Hosts Awards Day

Gadsden Elementary will celebrate the accomplishments of their students with a culminating Awards Day Program May 15, 2009. The ceremony for students in grades K-2 will be held at 9:15 a.m. and the program for students in grades 3-5 begins at 10:15 a.m. For more information, contact the school at 912-395-5940.

Jacob G. Smith Elementary Partners with Chatham County Aquatic Center

The Pre-K students at Jacob G. Smith are participating in a pilot program with the Chatham County Aquatic Center. The Center is sponsoring a trip to Tybee Island on Friday, May 15, 2009 where the children will have a chance to practice the safety tips they learned as well as hunt for buried treasure. For more information, contact the school at 395-6530.

West Chatham Elementary Hosts Movie Night

West Chatham Elementary School will host National PTA Movie Night Friday, May 15, 2009. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria and will feature the Disney animated hit, *Bolt*. Students must be accompanied by a parent. Tickets for students are \$5 and admission is free for parents. Concessions will also be available for purchase. For more information, contact the school at 748-3651.

West Chatham Elementary PTA Meeting

West Chatham Elementary School's PTA will meet Tuesday, May 19, 2009. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. and will also feature dance performances by third grade students. For more information, contact the school at 748-3651.

Savannah Joe Supports West Chatham Elementary

On Wednesday, May 20, 2009, Savannah Joe at Morgan's Corner in Pooler will donate 10% of their proceeds to West Chatham Elementary School's PTA. For more information, contact the school at 748-3651.

Charles Ellis Hosts PTA Meeting

Charles Ellis School's PTA will meet Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the school. A Children's Drama Festival will be held following the meeting. For more information, contact the school at 201-5470.

Spirit Night for West Chatham Elementary

On Thursday, May 28, 2009, West Chatham Elementary School will hold its final Chick-fil-A Spirit Night of the school year. The event lasts from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Chick-fil-A location in Pooler. For more information, contact the school at 748-3651.

Awards Night at Hubert Middle

Hubert Middle School will host Eighth Grade Awards Night May 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Other activities will include a Marvelous Math Museum and information on the GEAR UP program. For more information, contact the school at 395-5235.

Movie in the Field Night at Hesse Elementary

Hesse Elementary School's PTA will host its first ever "Movie in the Field" Night Saturday May 30, 2009. A current family-friendly movie (to be announced) will be shown on a 30-foot screen. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin around 8:30 p.m., when it gets dark. Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs will be available for reasonable prices and glow-in-the-dark items will also be for sale. The event is open to families in the community. For more information, contact the school at 395-6440.



Community Events

Savannah Reads Event

As part of the Savannah Reads Program, noted author Andrew Ferguson will host a public lecture about his book *Land of Lincoln: Adventures in Abe's America*. The event will be held Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Episcopal Church, located on Madison Square. A reception will follow the lecture.

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