

# Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

## *Coming Soon*

To A School Near You.....

May 11, 2009

### *District Events*

#### **2009-2010 Specialty Program Registration Deadline is Today**

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.

#### **Teacher of the Year Writers' Workshop**

The Teacher of the Year Writers' Workshop will be held Monday, May 11, 2009 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Street. Leanne Maule, 2009 Georgia Teacher of the Year, will be there to provide the 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year nominees with an exciting motivational presentation on how to prepare an award winning application packet. In addition, she will share her experiences as a public education ambassador and answer questions about the upcoming process.

#### **Freshmen Night Schedule**

Freshmen Night activities will be held over the next few weeks for rising ninth graders and their families. The event will provide an opportunity to become familiar with what each school has to offer students. Information about Small Learning Communities and the Freshman Academy will also be available. The schedule is as follows:

Groves High - Tuesday, May 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Savannah High - Wednesday, May 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Johnson High - Thursday, May 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Beach High - Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Savannah Arts - Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Early College - Thursday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Windsor High - Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Jenkins High - Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m.

#### **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 to 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 Charter School 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 Tuesday, May 19, 2009. It begins 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.

## **GA PTA Sixth District International Spring Conference**

The Georgia PTA Sixth District International Spring Conference, a two day training event, kicks off Thursday, May 21, 2009, at Savannah Arts Academy from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Pooler Elementary School will host day two from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Mr. James Putney, 6<sup>th</sup> District PTA Director, at 912-308-5997.

## **ISPY Awards Reception**

The winner of the 2009 Instructional Support Person of the Year award will be announced at a special reception Friday, May 22, 2009. The event begins at noon at Woodville-Tompkins and serves as an opportunity to highlight the hard work and dedication of these outstanding individuals in our schools. Each school's ISPY nominee and principal are invited to the recognition ceremony. Superintendent Dr. Thomas B. Lockamy, Jr., School Board President Dr. Joe Buck, school board members and chief officers of the district will also be in attendance. WTOC's Dawn Baker will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies.

## **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 Friday, May 22, 2009. For more information or to register call 201-5070 or visit [www.massieschool.com](http://www.massieschool.com).

## **Summer School and Credit Recovery Program**

SCCPSS will offer a Summer School 1<sup>st</sup> 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***

### **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 WCES 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 6:00 to 8:00 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.

### **A Festival of One Acts at Savannah Arts Academy**

The Savannah Arts Academy's Theatre Department presents "A Festival of One Acts", a series of student directed, performed and produced one act plays, Wednesday, May 13 and Thursday, May 14, 2009. Showtime is 7:00 p.m. for both performances at the Savannah Arts Academy. The event will involve more than 100 students and include some of the following skits: *Barbie Goes to High School*, *The Lesson*, *Anything You Can Do*, *Check Please 2*, *From the Mouth of Babes* and *Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. For more information, contact Andrea Verdis, Theatre Department Chair, at 201-5528 or call the school's main number at 201-5000.

### **Spirit Night for Largo-Tibet Elementary**

Largo-Tibet Elementary School's PTA will hold Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Thursday, May 14, 2009 at the Food Court in Oglethorpe Mall. The event lasts from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Largo-Tibet's fund for a new playground. For more information, contact the school at 395-3450.

### **Field Week at West Chatham Elementary**

Field Week will be held at West Chatham Elementary School May 14-21, 2009. Each school day, a different grade level will participate in friendly competitions and other activities. For more information, contact the school at 748-3651.

### **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 at WCES. For more information, contact the school at 748-3651.

### **Book Fair Days for Largo Tibet Elementary**

Largo-Tibet Elementary School will hold Book Fair Days Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15 in the Children's Section of the Barnes and Noble in Oglethorpe Mall. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Largo-Tibet's fund for a new playground. For more information, contact the school at 395-3450.



### **Pooler Elementary Hosts ADA Kiss-a-Pig Campaign Events**

Pooler Elementary School will show their support for the American Diabetes Association's Kiss-a-Pig Campaign by participating in various activities from now until the end of the school year. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday, May 15 - "ADA Wear Pink Day" - students and faculty/staff are encouraged to wear pink clothing in support of the ADA.  
"Lil' Piggies in a Blanket" eating Contest. The event featuring faculty/staff competitors begins at 3:00 p.m. in the gym.

Tuesday, May 19 - "Faculty vs. fifth graders Kickball Game" - event begins at 2:00 p.m. on the school's playground. The official "ADA Pig-Kissing Ceremony" will immediately follow the game.

Friday, May 22 - "ADA Hat Day" - Students and faculty/staff can wear their favorite hat/cap.

Friday, May 29 - "ADA Movie Day" - Students will be treated to a special movie presentation.

Friday, June 5 - "ADA Sports/Uniform Day". Students and faculty/staff can wear their favorite sports jersey/uniform/outfit.

Tuesday, June 9 - "ADA Pooler Idol" - Faculty/staff members will perform their favorite acts for students beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, June 12 - "ADA Popsicle Day" - Students will help beat the heat by enjoying refreshing popsicles.

For more information on any of these events, contact the school at 748-3625.

### **Gadsden Elementary Hosts Awards Day**

Gadsden Elementary will celebrate the accomplishments of their students with a culminating Awards Day program Friday, 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.

### **Performance Benefit at Mercer Middle**

On Tuesday, May 19, 2009 the performing arts clusters of Mercer Middle School will host a performance benefit for the African Children's Choir. The event lasts from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will feature singing, soul stepping, poetry, drama and bluegrass music. Tickets are \$3. For more information, contact Julie Nichols at 965-6700.

### **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.

### **St. Joseph's/Candler Mobile Mammography Unit to Visit Largo-Tibet Elementary**

The St. Joseph's/Candler Mobile Mammography Unit will visit Largo-Tibet Elementary School Wednesday, May 20, 2009. Patients interested in receiving health services are asked to contact Central Scheduling at 819-6800.



### **Grandparents' Open House at Pooler Elementary**

Pooler Elementary will host a Grandparents' Open House Wednesday, May 20, 2009. Grandparents are invited to visit their grandchildren, read books to their classes, enjoy lunch, tour the Media Center and participate in other activities. For more information, contact the school at 748-3625.

### **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.

### **Pooler Elementary School Council Meeting**

The Pooler Elementary School Council will meet Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the school at 748-3625.

### **Pizza Night for Pooler Elementary**

Pooler Elementary School will hold Pizza Night Thursday, May 21, 2009 at the Domino's Pizza in Pooler. For more information, contact the school at 748-3625.

### **Charles Ellis Hosts PTA Meeting**

Charles Ellis School's PTA will meet Thursday, May 21, 2009 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.

### **Cow Eye Dissection Demonstration at Pooler Elementary**

Local Ophthalmologist, Dr. Judy Piros, will visit Pooler Elementary School Friday, May 22, 2009, to walk fourth graders through a cow eye dissection. The demonstration will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the school's Math and Science Lab. For more information, contact the school at 748-3625.

### **J.G. Smith Elementary Students to Visit Oatland Island**

Kindergarten classes from J.G. Smith Elementary School will visit Oatland Island Educational Center Thursday, May 28, 2009. The students will receive an opportunity to observe, pet and feed barnyard animals and learn more about the products these animals provide. For more information, contact the school at 395-6530.

### **Family Night at Mercer Middle**

On Thursday, May 28, 2009, Mercer Middle School will host Family Night. The event lasts from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Mercer Middle's staff and students will present a look at different cultures around the world, natural resources, map skills, and the Georgia Performance Standards. For more information, contact the school at 965-6700.

### **Pooler Elementary PTA Meeting**

Pooler Elementary School's PTA will hold its final meeting of the school year Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. The school's band and chorus will also perform. For more information, contact the school at 748-3625.

### **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 Thursday, 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.

### **Pooler Elementary Hosts Appreciation Breakfast**

Pooler Elementary School's Super Citizens PLC will sponsor an Appreciation Breakfast for their school's business partners and other volunteers Friday, May 29, 2009. The event begins at 8:15 a.m. in the Media Center. For more information, contact the school at 748-3625.

### **Fun Day at Pooler Elementary**

Fun Day will be held at Pooler Elementary School Friday, May 29, 2009. Students will participate in a variety of events and activities throughout the day including relays, water relays, basketball and more. For more information, contact the school at 748-3625.

### **Movie in the Field Night at Hesse Elementary**

Hesse Elementary School's PTA will host its first ever "Movie in the Field" 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***

### **2009 Transition and Resource Fair**

The Savannah-Chatham County Parent Advisory Committee and the Chatham County Navigator Team present the 2009 Transition and Resource Fair Saturday, May 16, 2009. It will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Bartlett Middle School. The event is free and sponsored by the Department for Exceptional Children, Coastal Georgia Comprehensive Academy PTA, Coastal and the Southeast Georgia Learning Resource System (GLRS) and Parent to Parent of Georgia.

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