

# Savannah-Chatham County Public School System

## *Coming Soon*

To A School Near You.....

May 18, 2009

### *District Events*

#### **Freshmen Night Schedule**

Freshmen Night activities continue over the next few weeks for rising ninth graders and their families. The event provides 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 remaining schedule is as follows:

**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.

#### **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.

#### **Board of Education Public Hearing**

The Savannah-Chatham County Board of Public Education will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2010 budget Wednesday, May 20, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Jessie Collier DeLoach Board Room at the Whitney Administrative Complex – Building G, 2 Laura Street. The meeting agenda is posted to the "[Board Docs \(Agenda\)](#)" section under the board tab of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System's website. Persons who wish to speak about the proposed budget should contact the Board of Education office by noon Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 395-5534.

#### **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, Friday May 22, 2009, 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 308-5997.



### **ISPY Awards Reception**

The winner of the 2009 Instructional Support Person of the Year (ISPY) 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.

### **THRIVE! Recognition Program**

SCCPSS will celebrate the accomplishments of our new teachers Friday, May 22, 2009. A special recognition ceremony will be held at the Armstrong Center, 11935 Abercorn Street, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for more than 400 novice teachers who have successfully completed THRIVE!, a comprehensive teacher induction program held throughout the year by the district. The event will also enjoy performances by students, door prizes and refreshments. Superintendent, Dr. Thomas B. Lockamy, Jr. and School Board President, Dr. Joe Buck will conclude the celebration with remarks. School Board Members, the 2008-2009 District Teacher of the Year and other district representatives will also be there to join in on the celebration and offer words of encouragement. For more information, contact the Office of Professional Learning at 395-5573.

### **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).

### **West Chatham Elementary Hosts West Zone Quiz Bowl**

West Chatham Elementary School will host the West Zone Quiz Bowl Wednesday, May 27, 2009 & Thursday, May 28, 2009. WCES and other district schools will test their knowledge of books nominated for the Georgia Book Awards. For more information, contact the school at 748-3601.

### **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***

### **Painted Ties Sale at Beach High School**

Looking for a special gift for dad this Father's Day? Mr. Daniel Bonnell, a Beach High School art teacher, is selling hand painted ties to help fund a field trip to the Telfair Museum for his students. Sixty ties, each with a unique design, are available for \$5 apiece. For more information, contact the school at 395-5330.



### **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 books for the WCES Media Center. For more information, contact the school at 748-3651.

### **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.

### **Gadsden Elementary Students to Visit King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation**

Art students from Gadsden Elementary will attend a Ceramics Workshop at the King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation Monday, May 18, 2009. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. and will feature Dr. Clifton Pearson, an Art professor at Montvello University. He has more than 30 years experience working in ceramics and glass and has done a number of workshops with young people over the years. For more information, contact the school at 912-395-5940.

### **S.T.E.P.S. Program at Bartow Elementary School**

During the week of May 18-22, Bartow Elementary School will host a mentoring program developed to help the fifth grade students bridge the gap to middle school. S.T.E.P.S., which stands for Students Taking Educational Performance Seriously, will include workshops and lectures by teachers and guest speakers concerning academic success, etiquette, study skills, organizational skills, coping with bullying and more. A brief program will also be held Friday, May 22nd at 9:30 a.m. It will include band performances and a special guest speaker presentation. The public is also invited to attend this event. For more information, contact the school at 395-5300.

### **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 remaining schedule is as follows:

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.

### **Charles Ellis Hosts Volunteer Brunch**

Charles Ellis Montessori Academy will honor their parent and community volunteers with an appreciation brunch Tuesday, May 19, 2009. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Media Center. For more information, contact the school at 201-5470.



### **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 School will host 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.

### **Media Festival Celebration at Charles Ellis**

On Thursday, May 21, 2009, Charles Ellis Montessori Academy will celebrate its Media Festival entries that proceeded to the district level of competition. All projects will be displayed in the Media Center beginning at 8:00 a.m. for participants and their families to view.

### **Math & Science Night at Isle of Hope Elementary**

Isle of Hope Elementary will host Math & Science Night Thursday, May 21, 2009 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Each grade level will have Math and Science activities for students and their families. Student science projects will be on display. For more information, contact the school at 395-6555.

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

Charles Ellis Montessori Academy's PTA will meet Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the school. A Children's Drama Festival will also be held following the meeting. For more information, contact the school at 201-5470.



### **Gadsden Elementary Hosts Family Portrait Days**

Say cheese! Gadsden Elementary School's PTA is sponsoring a family portrait fundraiser. The cost is \$10 for an 8 x 10 picture. The school is now reserving sitting times for Friday, May 22, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 23, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For details and registration information, contact the school at 395-5940 or click [here](#).

### **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.

### **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Isle of Hope PTA**

The Isle of Hope Elementary PTA will host a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser Thursday, May 28, 2009 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact the school at 395-6555.

### **Gadsden Elementary Presents Spring Arts Production**

Gadsden Elementary will host its culminating Spring Fine Arts Production Thursday, May 28, 2009. The featured French musical, entitled "How to Eat like a Child", will be performed in Café Gadsden at 6:00 p.m. The event will feature student acting, singing, dancing and musical renditions! For more information, contact the school at 912-395-5940.

### **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.

### **Gadsden Elementary Presents Art Show**

Gadsden Elementary will celebrate the accomplishments of its art students in its annual Best of Portfolio Art Show Friday, May 29, 2009. The awards program will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., with a reception to follow. The art exhibit will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. For more information, contact the school at 912-395-5940.

### **Visiting Artists Day at Isle of Hope Elementary**

On Friday, May 29, 2009 Isle of Hope Elementary will host Visiting Artist Day. Local artists will stop by the school to demonstrate their artwork, speak the classes and answer questions about their careers. For more information, contact the school at 395-6555.

### **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.

### **Groves High School Hosts Basketball Camp**

On Saturday, May 30, 2009, Groves High School's Boys Basketball Coach Ty Randolph will host a Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 5-14. The event will last from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the school's gym. Participants will go through fundamental drills, take part in 3 on 3 and 5 on 5 games and compete for prizes. To register, include the camper's name, age, parent's contact number and the \$15 camp fee and mail it to:

Attention Boys Basketball/Coach Randolph  
100 Wheathill Rd.  
Garden City, GA 31408

For additional questions, contact the school at 965-2520.

### **Charles Ellis PTA Meeting**

Charles Ellis Montessori Academy's will hold a general meeting Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. An Art Show featuring the works of second and third grade students will follow at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact the school at 201-5470.

### **Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon at Charles Ellis**

Charles Ellis Montessori Academy will host an Appreciation Luncheon for its teachers and staff Friday, June 5, 2009. For more information, contact the school at 201-5470.



### **Senior Appreciation Program at Savannah Corporate Academy**

The Savannah Corporate Academy Performance Learning Center will hold its Senior Appreciation Program Thursday, June 4, 2009. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Savannah Technical College Auditorium. For more information, call 303-3494.

### **Hubert Middle Hosts Family Cookout**

Hubert Middle School will host a Family Cookout Saturday, June 6, 2009. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact the school at 395-5235.

### **Savannah High School Hosts Basketball Camp**

The 12th Annual Hoop School Basketball Camp will be held June 22-26 at Savannah High School. The event is for boys and girls ages 6-14 and will help teach fundamental drills, conditioning, ball handling, fast breaks, post moves, defending, rebounding and passing. The cost of the camp is \$95 for each participant. Campers are also required to bring a lunch or purchase food and drinks from concessions. For more information contact: SHS Men's Basketball Coach, Tim Jordan at 201-5091, Coach George Johnson at 507-8573 or Coach Bakari Bryant at 596-1527.

## ***Community Events***

### **2009 Super Bowl Talent Showcase**

The "2009 Super Bowl Talent Showcase" will be held Saturday, May 23, 2009. The fundraiser benefiting the Mr. Black Teen Savannah Scholarship Fund will be hosted by Nick Eason, member of the 2009 Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers. It begins at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium at Armstrong Atlantic State University. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, contact Mr. Lester Lec'k White at (912) 351-6159.

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