

PASCAGOULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

* Weekly Announcements *

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FUNDRAISER UNDER WAY FOR TRENT LOTT ACADEMY STUDENT BATTLING CANCER

Southern Belle T-shirts are now on sale to raise money for medical treatment for Trent Lott Academy student Cailey Holliday, age 11, who has been diagnosed with cancer (Leukemia) for the second time. Cailey's mom is an assistant at Jackson Elementary and her brother and sister attend Pascagoula High School. The shirts are Caribbean blue, short-sleeve, and available in sizes from youth small to large and adult small to extra-large.

Orders are due on Feb. 2 and will take three to four weeks for delivery. Andrea Fagan at Colmer Middle School is heading up this fundraiser for Cailey and has teachers at Cherokee, Jackson Elementary and Trent Lott Academy assisting her with order forms. She needs teachers at the other schools to volunteer to help with this project. Checks should be made payable to Andrea Fagan and the money will be deposited in a bank account that has been opened for this fundraiser. For more information, contact Andrea Fagan at Colmer Middle.

Cailey has a long road ahead of her. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PSD PARENT OF THE YEAR!

Congratulations to Cynthia Whitley who is the district's Parent of the Year. Mrs. Whitley represented Gautier High School in this year's competition. Congratulations Mrs. Whitley! We are proud of you!

COME SUPPORT GHS BASEBALL TEAM AT MEET THE TEAM NIGHT FEB. 9!

Gautier High School Baseball Team is holding a Meet The Team night at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, at Tom's Pizza. This is a Meet the Team/Fundraiser, so the team can invite the schools, parents, anyone who would like to come out. When you order, 15% will come back to the baseball team. The back room will be set up for the Varsity Players and parents, with another table for Coaches, Administration and teachers. Come on out and support Gators Baseball!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CASSANDRA MURPHY!

Congratulations to Cassandra Murphy, a teacher at College Park Elementary School, the district's newest A+ Teacher in Reading. We are proud of you!

COLMER MIDDLE STUDENTS NAMED TO GULF COAST HONOR BAND CLINIC

Colmer Middle School students were among students from all over the Gulf Coast area who auditioned to be part of the 2012 Gulf Coast Honor band clinic two weeks ago. Six Colmer band students scored high enough on their auditions to be a part of this talented group of young people that will come together Friday, Jan. 27th and Saturday, Jan. 28th to rehearse and then perform a final concert Saturday evening!

These students are eighth graders Ethan Schultz, Justin Kellum, Haley Bennett, Mahogany Trotter; and seventh graders Christopher Nix and Sam Parker.

Several CMS students were also named as alternates which means if someone is not able to be at the clinic they scored high enough to allow them to fill in! They are eighth graders Jomarie Hawkins, Matthew Killen and Kendra Cherry and seventh graders Corey Crockett and Max Ridge.

DONORS CHOOSE DONATES \$800 to GHS GATOR TALK

DonorsChoose has fully funded Gautier High School's Gator Talk, Broadcast Journalism project. The school will receive \$800 worth of equipment to enhance the further production of Gator Talk. Congratulations to Laura Seymour and her students!

***** GHS MOCK

TRIAL TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL COMPETITION

The GHS mock trial regional competition is Jan. 28 at the Harrison County Courthouse, and this year GHS has two teams. The students have worked so hard for months, and they are ready to compete. Good luck to our students at this regional competition!

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF!

The district is kicking off the Heart Association's campaign for the Heart Walk! Many employees are already busy with weight-loss and exercise programs at their schools! Way to go!

Our kick off meeting will be held Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. here at central office for all heart representatives. This campaign is a great way to get in shape, exercise, and raise money for a great cause - to rid the world of heart disease!

This year's t-shirt contest will be for SECONDARY STUDENTS. If you have talented students at Gautier Middle, Colmer Middle, Gautier High or Pascagoula High, please have them design a t-shirt (preferably in marker) using the theme "My Heart. My Life." Deadline for entries is Thursday, Feb. 9.

FIRST REHEARSAL FOR "TRIAL BY JURY" IS JAN. 30

The Singing River Opera Company will present the Gilbert and Sullivan comedic opera, "Trial by Jury," on Saturday, March 17 at Singing River Elementary Auditorium. The first rehearsal for this opera will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 30 at St. Pierre's Episcopal Church on Gautier-Vancleave Road in Gautier. All are welcome to attend to be a part of this great opera. For more information, contact Debbie Anglin at danglin@psd.ms to receive a list of rehearsal dates and times.

THIRD SHOW ME THE MONEY HONEY CLASS IS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

A third couponing class, "Show Me the Money" Honey!, will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the Family Life Center Building of First United Methodist Church, on Highway 90 across from Singing River Mall. The class will be taught by our own Lisa McCuskar, secretary at Lake Elementary School.

Registration will be via email, and everyone should feel free to invite friends and family. We'll have plenty of room in this facility!! Bring exact change to cover your \$10 fee, and please plan to arrive early so everyone can get checked in. This will also help the line move quickly so everyone can be seated and ready by 5:30pm. There is a lot of important material to cover, so the program will start right on time!

NEW points of contact: Facebook page- ShowMeTheMoney, Honey Check it out and "Like" to get updates on deals in our area as she finds them! Plus contact email is now show.me.the.moneymy@gmail.com. Please add this email address to your collection, as new updates/emails will come from here.

Athletic Events

Pascagoula HIGH SCHOOL Athletic Events

BASKETBALL- Tuesday, January 24, 2012 PHS @ Gautier Away 5:00PM

Friday, January 27, 2012 PHS Vs Moss Point HOME 5:00 PM

9th Grade Basketball – Monday, January 23, 2012 PHS @ Gautier Away 5PM

SOCCER – Tuesday, January 24, 2012 PHS Boys Vs South Jones HOME 6PM

Please come out and support the boys in the first round of the soccer playoffs

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 PHS Girls @ West Jones Away 6 PM

COLMER MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

7th/8th Grade Basketball- Monday, January 23, 2012 CMS @ OSMS Away 4:30PM

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 CMS @ SMMS (make-up game) Away 4:30 PM

Thursday, January 26, 2012 CMS Vs Moss Point HOME 4:30 PM

GOOD LUCK PANTHERS

Gautier HS Athletic Events

Basketball – Tuesday, January 24, 2012 GHS Vs PHS HOME 5:00 PM
Friday, January 27, 2012 GHS Vs East Central HS HOME 5:00 PM

9th Grade Basketball – Monday, January 23, 2012 GHS 9th grade Vs Pascagoula HOME 5PM

GAUTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

7th/8th Grade Basketball – Monday, January 23, 2012 GMS Vs SMMS HOME 4:30 PM
Thursday, January 26, 2012 GMS @ OSMS Away 4:30 PM
Thursday, February 2, 2012 GMS Vs Moss Point Middle HOME 4:30PM

GOOD LUCK GATORS

CHEROKEE TO HOLD ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Join the fun at Cherokee's Annual Carnival and help support our PTO! The carnival will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 3 featuring carnival games, concession stand, snacks, pizza and drinks.

STUDENTS WELCOME TO ENTER DOODLE 4 GOOGLE

Welcome to Doodle 4 Google, a contest where we invite students in the United States to use their artistic talents to think big and redesign Google's homepage logo for millions to see. This year we ask students to exercise their creative imaginations around the theme, "If I could travel in time, I'd visit..." One lucky student artist will see their artwork appear on the Google homepage and take home some cool prizes--and as a special bonus, the winning artwork will appear on a limited edition of Crayola's iconic 64 box! Here's the link:
<http://www.google.com/doodle4google/>

MSU HOSTS CONSERVATION CAREERS DISCOVERY DAY

The Mississippi State University Extension Service and Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture is holding a girls-only event to introduce female high school students to careers in wildlife and fisheries science. Conservation Careers Discovery Day, supported by a grant from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, will be held March 30-31, 2012.

Female graduate students and agency professionals will be on-hand to lead the girls through a variety of exciting, educational activities related to the natural sciences. Possible topics for Discovery Day include wildlife capture and identification, a night hike, reptiles and amphibians, GPS technology, plant identification, campfire cooking, and art in science. Discovery Day is free for 24 female students in the 9th through 12th grades. Interested students should send a 200-word paragraph about why they want to attend to: Discovery Day, attn: Leslie Burger, Mail Stop 9690, Mississippi State, MS 39762. Name, school, grade, T-shirt size and contact info should be included in the application, which is due no later than March 15.

MISS. KIDS COUNT SUMMIT IS FEB. 3

Friday, Feb. 3 is 5th Annual KIDS COUNT Summit! Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m., and the event will run until 3:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson, Miss. The \$55 registration fee includes complimentary breakfast, networking luncheon, and a copy of the 2012 Mississippi KIDS COUNT Data Book which will be officially released at the Summit. After Jan. 25, the registration fee is \$65.

The Mississippi Department of Education will provide CEU's for educators attending the Summit.

Register today at www.ssrc.msstate.edu/mskidscount or, if paying by invoice, contact Dorris Baggett (dorris.baggett@ssrc.msstate.edu) Morning plenary will be Rachel Simmons, New York Times Bestselling Author ("Bullying and Relational Aggression")

Interactive session by Merve Lopus, Common Sense Media, San Francisco ("Teaching Kids How to be Safe, Smart and Responsible in the 24/7 Media World") Appearance by Jasmine Murray, American Idol Season 8 contestant (top 13)

Break-out sessions covering distracted driving and school bus safety

Presentations from 2012 KIDS COUNT Success Story winners: Gulf Coast Child Safety Coalition (Transportation); Talk about the Problems (TAP) peer mediation program (School Safety); The Mississippi State Department of Health Fire Academy for Kids (Environmental); The Family Resource Center of Northeast Mississippi (Child Abuse and Neglect)

KREWE OF LITTLE RASCALS CHILDREN’S MARDI GRAS PARADE IS FEB. 4, 2012

The 4th annual Krewe of Little Rascals Mardi Gras Parade is at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, 2011 at Pascagoula Beach Park. Sign up your school now to be a part of this great parade. Parade Marshal is our own Michelle Richmond, Gautier Elementary principal and the district’s Administrator of the Year! Late registration and line up is noon – 1 p.m.

Participation is open to all children 12 and under. Children under the age of six must be accompanied by an adult. Rain date is Saturday, Feb. 11. For more information, contact Rebecca Davis at 938-6604 or rdavis@cityofpascagoula.com

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS GRANT AVAILABLE

The next application deadline for Singing River Electric’s Neighbors Helping Neighbors Community Grant program has been extended from Friday, Jan. 13 to Friday, Feb. 3. This program awards up to two \$2,500 grants to non-profit organizations three times a year in January, May and September.

Click here or visit www.singingriver.com and select the “My Community” tab to view application requirements. Please note that requests for disposable items such as brochures or other forms of paper, travel, training, salaries, giveaway items and intangible items are discouraged. Applications from May and September 2011 will be considered for the January grants if applicable.

We appreciate your past participation and encourage you to apply. Please contact me with any questions - Carolyn Lewis, Communications Intern, Singing River Electric Power Association, 11187 Old 63 South | P.O. Box 767 | Lucedale, MS 39452, 601-947-4211 | Ext. 2266, www.singingriver.com or Lorri Freeman, Manager of Communications, Singing River Electric, 11187 Old 63 South, Lucedale, MS 39452-0767

TEACHER WALL OF FAME

Recognize a special person, living or deceased, who has put you, your child or someone you care about on the road to life-long learning. The Mississippi Association of Partners in Education hosts a Teacher Wall of Fame at www.mapie.org

For a \$25 donation, the honoree's name and school information will appear on a star icon along with your name as sponsor. For \$35, a picture will be added. All donations are tax deductible. Send electronic photo to PartnersinEd.@aol.com. Donations may be check or money order or by PayPal at www.mapie.org Mail form/payment to MAPE, P.O. Box. 2803, Madison, MS 39130-2803 or fax 1-601-853-4408. Applications for the Teacher Wall of Fame are also located at the website.

MORE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

K-12 Math and Science Programs Recognized

Intel Foundation: Intel Schools of Distinction

The Intel Schools of Distinction program, an initiative of the Intel Foundation, recognizes U.S. K-12 schools that have demonstrated excellence in math and science education through innovative teaching and learning environments. To be considered, schools must develop an environment and curricula that meet or exceed benchmarks put forth by national mathematics and science content standards. Up to three schools will be named as finalists at each level---elementary, middle, and high school---within the two categories of math and science. Six winners will be selected from the 18 finalists and one of these winners will be selected as the Star Innovator. Finalists will receive a \$5,000 grant, winners a \$10,000 grant, and the Star Innovator will receive a \$15,000 grant. All selected schools also receive a trip to Washington, DC, for a four-member student team. Online applications are due February 23, 2012. Visit the program's website to review the application process.

Grants Promote Young Social Entrepreneurs

Do Something Awards Program

Do Something is a national nonprofit organization that inspires young people to believe that change is possible, and trains, funds, and mobilizes them to be leaders who measurably strengthen their communities. The Do Something Award identifies exceptional young social entrepreneurs, activists, and community leaders who have a significant social impact. Five nominees will receive a \$10,000 community grant, participation in the Do Something Awards TV show, media coverage, and continued support from DoSomething.org. Of those five winners, one will be selected to win the Grand Prize and will receive a total of \$100,000 towards his or her cause or organization. The application deadline is March 1, 2012. Visit the Do Something website for application information.

Funds for Technology and Transportation Education Programs at K-12 Schools

Department of Transportation

The Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Education Program provides support for efforts throughout the nation to conduct programs to improve the science, technology, engineering, and math skills of students, particularly women and minorities, at the K-12 level. Proposed programs should also include provisions to plan, implement, sustain, and evaluate transportation education activities in order to facilitate students' interest in the field of transportation and ultimately prepare them for the transportation workforce of the 21st century. The application deadline is February 17, 2012.

GROSVENOR TEACHER FELLOW PROGRAM

National Geographic, in collaboration with Lindblad Expeditions and Google, has announced that applications are now being accepted for the 2012 Grosvenor Teacher Fellow Program. Selected fellows will travel on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to the Arctic, as well as to National Geographic headquarters in Washington, D.C., for professional development prior to the trip. The program celebrates excellence in geographic education and is meant to reward teachers committed to National Geographic's goal of inspiring students to care about the planet.

If you are a teacher who has demonstrated a commitment to these values in your work, please apply by January 31, 2012!

For more information:

http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/program/grosvenor-teacher-fellow/?ar_a=1

If you'd like the perspective of an MGA member who has been on this trip, read Eloise Portera's article in MGA's Fall 2010 newsletter http://www.mga.olemiss.edu/MGA_Newsletter_Fall_2010.pdf

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)

The Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for ESD, sponsored by Fulbright Japan, will provide up to 24 U.S. K-12 teachers and administrators with the opportunity to travel to a conference in San Francisco and to Japan to learn about ESD efforts and strengthen ESD curricula in both countries. The program is fully-funded with the exception of some meals. ESD is "a vision of education that seeks to balance human and economic well-being with cultural traditions and respect for the earth's natural resources," according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Up to 24 educators from Japan will travel to the U.S. in late April, and up to 24 educators from the U.S. will travel to Japan in June. At the end of the program in each country, all 48 educators will gather for a few days of joint collaboration. Visit the website at <http://www.iie.org/esdteacher> for more information or to start an application. The application deadline is January 31, 2012.

FROM SEN. ROGER WICKER'S OFFICE – GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

ING Run For Something Better School Awards Program

Organization Information – ING Run For Something Better is managed by the ING Community Fund, Inc., an accredited 501(c)(3) charity. The mission of the nonprofit program is to prevent obesity in children by making fitness opportunities available in schools. ING Run For Something Better funds free school-based running fitness programs that challenge children to get active, set goals and start a lifetime habit of physical activity. To make these school programs possible, ING Run For Something Better works with community partners and provides much needed grants through fundraising efforts and donations.

CFDA Number – Not applicable.

Web Resource – http://www.orangelaces.com/site/index/get_your_school_involved

Program Information – The ING Run For Something Better (ING RFSB) program can be as short as eight weeks or as long as the applicant chooses. Activities associated with the program can happen in physical education class, during recess, before school, after school or any combination of these. The program can be facilitated by a physical education teacher, coach, classroom teacher or school administrator. If the school already has a running program, simply choose to use an ING Run For Something Better customized program alongside your current running program or alone, as long as it meets our basic criteria. All students should take part in the Cardiovascular FITNESSGRAM PACER pre and post test. Results are turned in anonymously to NASPE for evaluation. The program's culminating running event can be any distance - such as 1 mile or a 5K (3.1 mile) event - held during school, after school or on a weekend day (and include families and community members). The program is meant to be personalized to meet the needs of the school.

Eligibility Criteria – Awards are available to programs that target grades Kindergarten through 8th grade in elementary or middle schools. Schools must design a before, during and/or after school program which will

be offered to the best of the school's ability to all students in eligible grades. The program must not be exclusive to participants of one gender. The program must be offered a minimum of 2 days per week and must have a commitment of at least 25 students in grades 4th-8th in order to be eligible to apply and supply the PACER data results. Awards are available to schools in all fifty (50) states, D.C. and U.S. territories, but will be limited to no more than seven (7) recipients per state. Schools with existing school-based running programs are eligible for an award, but the school must meet the outlined award criteria. The person conducting the program must be currently employed by the school or school district in which the program will be held. Schools must implement a minimum of an eight week running program with a culminating event by December 31, 2012.

Funding History – A minimum of fifty (50) grants up to \$2,500 to each school.

Contact Information – National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE); 1900 Association Drive; Reston, VA 20191; naspe@aahperd.org; Fax: 703-476-8316; Phone Numbers: 703-476-3410 or 800-213-7193

Deadline – May 15, 2012

COATS FOR KIDS

Don't forget to recycle your gently used coats for those children in need and drop them off at the nearest elementary school throughout the district!