



Canton Public School District

Tiger Talk



Community Day

April/May/June 2011

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Canton Public School District, I commend our "Parents of the Year" for their dedicated contributions to help our students better prepare for the future. Your enthusiastic spirit, your commitment to excellence, and your desire for our students to achieve greater academic success shows in all of the work you have put forth to help the district achieve its mission. With strong supportive parents, working together with the district the sky is the limit to what we can accomplish. I also thank the countless community leaders and school adopters who join forces with the district to offer hope, opportunity, and inspiration to our youth. Your financial support, mentoring efforts, and general support goes a long way in developing our students and creating a stronger, more productive community.

Let us continue *Working Together with One Vision, One Goal, One Mission...transforming lives while building futures.*

"Remember Working Together Works."

Dwight J. Luckett
Superintendent



Dwight J. Luckett, Ed. S.

SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Leading the Way to A Brighter Future



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***"There are no
shortcuts to
any place
worth going."***

Helen Keller



Leigh Michael Pace
Chairman

**Parents, Pastors, Business, & Community Leaders
Join our Team!**

The Canton Public School Board of Trustees
Monarch Butterfly: Believe & Achieve

Each fall, Monarch butterflies in Maine begin an unbelievable journey to a hilltop in Mexico. How do they do it? They focus on the goal, not the difficulties. Each day they take their bearings and set off, allowing their instincts and desire to steer them. They accept what comes: some winds blow them off course, others speed them along. They keep flying until, one day, they arrive. Your determination makes the difference.

Community Day



Community Day a Glorious Success

There were space jumps, waterslides, face painting, balloons, good food, and great fellowship. The right ingredients for everyone to have a blast! The Parent Corps, Parental Involvement Program, in conjunction with the Canton Public School District, hosted a Community Day at Canton Elementary School for students, parents, schools, and churches. The day was filled with excitement as Canton High School Teacher John Woodard, Jr. motivated parents, teachers, and the community to get involved in helping improve the academic performance of students in the district. He told the crowd with everyone working together more students would graduate and become successful, productive members of society using their talents and skills to make Canton a stronger, more vibrant, thriving community. Larry Readus, District Parent of the Year, echoed Woodard's sentiments encouraging parents to roll up their sleeves and join forces with the school district to improve the lives of future leaders. He told participants that negativity is wasted energy that could be utilized to move the future generation to a position to reach greater accomplishments if everyone would come together for the common good. The district salutes Johnnie Hawkins for her hard work in spearheading the event aimed at giving the community an opportunity to bond through a day of fellowship.

Students and parents also received helpful resources on everything from literature on tutoring and testing dates to tips and information on parenting programs. The crowd was treated to performances from CHS and Nichols Middle School bands and other fun-filled activities.







Mr. Larry Readus



Mr. Larry Readus has been named as **Canton Public School District's 2010-2011 Parent of the Year**. He also serves as *Canton School of Arts & Sciences Parent of the Year*. Mr. Readus is a resident of Canton, Mississippi and he is very active in the lives of his children and grandchildren. Mr. Readus was named Canton Public School District's Parent of the Year because of his tireless efforts at his granddaughter's school. At Canton School of Arts and Sciences, Mr. Readus works diligently to create a positive environment for the staff and students. Mr. Readus has led several initiatives this year that helped make the school year better for the students and staff.

Mr. Readus recognizes that teachers don't always get the appreciation they deserve for the hard work they do with students and at their schools. Because of this, Mr. Readus sponsored a dinner for the teachers and administration. He has also done several things to improve the school, including planting shrubbery in front of the school, working to build a playground, and donating money to the Parent Teacher Association, of which he currently serves as Vice President. Mr. Readus has sponsored many activities for the students, including a cupcake day and refreshments during a program for students. He is currently working to set up a clothes closet for needy students. He is also planning a May Day Barbeque in conjunction with the Parent Teacher Association for the students. Mr. Readus also took the lead in taking up money for a sick student at the school to assist with the child's medical expenses.

Mr. Readus has received many awards and recognitions as a result of his work with his children and grandchildren. In the past, Mr. Readus has been named Parent of the Year at the following schools: North Jackson Elementary, Lanier High School, Callaway High School, and Provine High School. He was also recognized for his contributions to the Band Boosters at Canton High School and Jackson State University.

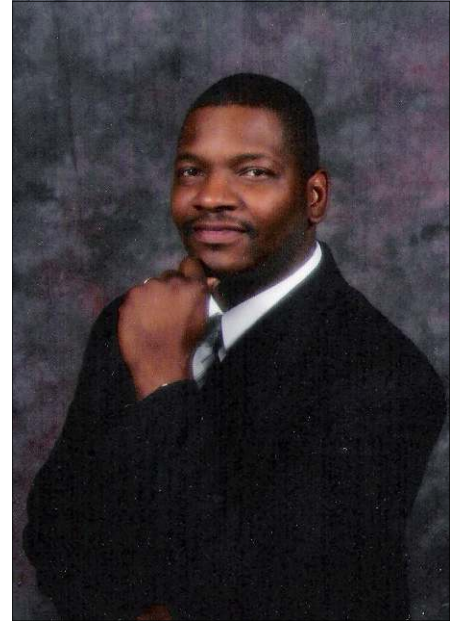
Mr. Readus is an excellent role model for grandparents who assume responsibility for their grandchildren. He gives not only of his financial resources, but also of his time and energy. He insists that his children and grandchildren do their best and work to their fullest potential. He exemplifies that same philosophy with other children that he encounters. The Canton Public School District salutes Mr. Readus for his endless support and countless contributions to the lives of children.



**Ladetrice Wilkes
McNeal Elementary**

The Starfish Story
Original Story by: Loren Easley

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the boy, he asked, What are you doing? The youth replied, Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die. Son, the man said, don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference! After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the



**Johnnie Brown
Canton High School**



**Lucinda Jackson
Nichols Middle School**

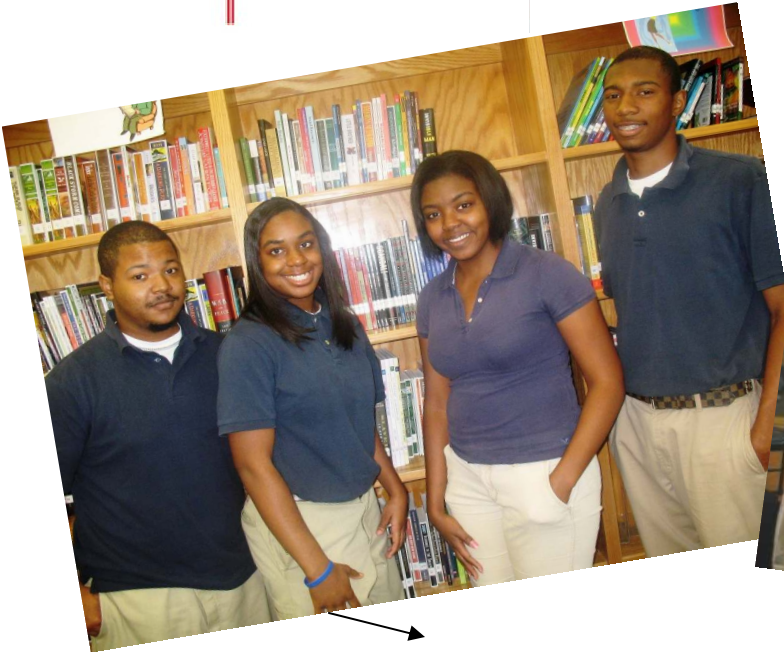


**Sylvia Whitehead
Canton Elementary**

Mississippi Scholars



*Giving Students the Foundation to
Succeed
by Increasing
Academic Rigor*



From left to right

Harry Williams, Ariel Ware, Fredricka Redd, Chris Sillimon



Assistant Supt. Cassandra Williams and Ahmad Choudhry, Nissan Director, Supply Chain Management, honored CHS' MS Scholars

Canton High Seniors Harry Williams, Ariel Ware, Fredricka Redd, and Chris Sillimon are honored for their scholastic achievements. The four are recognized as Mississippi Scholars with Grade Point Averages (GPA) ranging from 3.6 to 3.2. The Canton Public School District salutes its Mississippi Scholars for their outstanding academic achievements. Officials with Nissan North America of Canton honored the four at a luncheon at Char Restaurant in Jackson May 16th for their hard work. Nissan also awarded \$500 scholarships to each of the students for their accomplishments. The purpose of the Mississippi Scholars Program is to encourage students to take more challenging courses in high school. All national data indicates that students with a more rigorous academic schedule of high school studies are going to be better prepared for college and/or to enter today's competitive job market. The requirements include 40 hours of community service, a 2.5 cumulative GPA, 95-percent attendance, 16 ACT composite score, and NO outside suspensions. A graduating senior will be recognized as a MS Scholar and be recognized by the community, and receive a medallion and a decal on their diploma.



Shenequa Wilson, CHS Valedictorian
&
Supt. Dwight Luckett



Sophie Banks, CHS Salutatorian
&
Supt. Luckett



Fredricka Redd, CHS Salutatorian
&
Supt. Luckett



SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS 2011

A/B Construction Award
 Alcorn University Academic
 Alcorn University Alumni Award
 Alcorn University (Band)
 Arnel Bolden
 Bank Plus
 Bell's Educare
 Canton Flea Market
 Canton Gospel Music
 DAR Good Citizens Award
 CRC Alumni Award
 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
 Edward Jackson Award
 Girls Scout of MS # 5937
 Jr Auxiliary Madison/Ridgeland
 Kappa Alpha Psi
 Mississippi College Academic
 MS Valley University Band
 100 Black Men
 PTA Award
 RB Harris Scholarship
 Senior Youth Transition Award
 STEP Career Center
 Superintendent Award
 Thomas Johnson Award
 Tougaloo College Academic
 Trustmark Award

Ambril McLaurin
 Fredricka Redd
 Melanie Burns & Keyaira Tompkins
 Artiencea Griffin & Jalisa Brown & Fredricka Redd
 Moneya Carter & Charles Williams
 Moneya Carter
 Kenderius Bess, Bridgett Hughes, Demonshay Lewis,
 Keasia Readus , & Montiuna Williams
 Nelgeria Smth
 Clarence Pace
 Sanjaris Johnson
 Moneya Carter & Mareka Henderson
 Keyaira Tompkins & Fredricka Redd
 Fredricka Redd & Quendarious
 Jessica Poston
 Randricka Henderson & Nitayuna Stewart
 Clarence Pace
 Cierra Grant
 Jerrel Jones & Fredricka Redd
 Clarence Pace, Nitayuna Stewart & Shenequa Wilson
 Regina Greenwood & Sanjaris Johnson
 Nitayana Stewart
 Transition Students
 Shunerica Small
 Shenequa Wilson
 Cierra Grant
 Shenequa Wilson
 Jazman Turner





**CHS Principal Richard Gray and Supt.
Dwight Luckett congratulate Valedictorian
Shenequa Wilson**

The Canton Public School District celebrates its largest graduating class in over 20 years with 192 seniors receiving diplomas. When you look at the number of students graduating versus the percent, our number of students graduating has increased every year over the last five years. For instance, in 2006 the total number of students graduating was 101. That increased in 2007 to 132. In 2008 it increased to 142. In 2009, 154 students graduated. Last year we graduated 179 students, our largest class in over 15 years. These numbers are the total number of students who graduated which includes our special needs students with disabilities. The graduation rate does not include those students. It only reflects the number of students getting a regular diploma. As a result of a meeting with the State Department of Education, we quickly put internal measures in place to better document students transferring out of our district. As a result, when the final test scores come in for this school year, the number of graduates is expected to increase for the 2011 graduating class.



CHS GRADUATION



Nichols Promotion Day



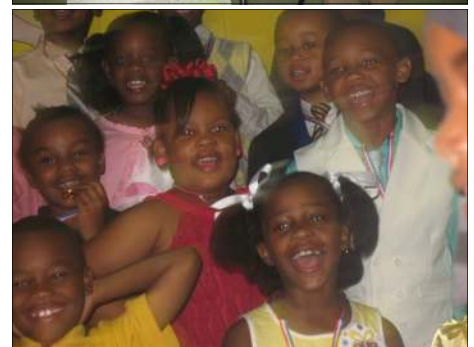
CSAS/CES Promotion Day

CANTON SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES



CANTON ELEMENTARY





Board of Trustees Recognition & Retirement Program



Administrator of the Year Award-
Michael Ellis/Principal McNeal Elementary



Parental Involvement
Award-Roberto Mena



Assistant Principal of the Year Award-
Tina Manning/Asst. Principal Nichols
Middle School



Retirees:

Roosevelt Roberts- Canton High School
Wanda Woods- Canton High School
Willie Williams- Nichols Middle School
Eva Jones- McNeal Elementary School
Stella Dixon- Canton Elementary
Richard Gray- Canton High School
James Davis- Canton High School
Hosea Anderson- Central Office/Office of Maintenance



District Parent of the
Year

Larry Readus
Canton School of Arts
& Sciences



Parents of the Year

Johnnie Brown – Canton High School
Lucinda Jackson – Nichols Middle School
Ladetrice Wilkes – McNeal Elementary
School
Sylvia Whitehead – Canton Elementary
School



District Teacher of the
Year
LaTanya Sanders



Teachers of the Year

Rodney Harris – Canton Career Center
Corice Anderson – Canton Educational
Services Center
Firenza Anderson – Canton High School
Rene' Johnson – McNeal Elementary
School
Elaine Harden – Canton School of Arts &
Sciences
Edna Drake Edna Drake – Canton Ele-
mentary School

Board of Trustees Recognition & Retirement Program



Dorothy Smith accepts
Assistant Principal of the Year
Award-

for
**Kimberly Pittman/
Asst. Principal Canton Elementary**



Delois Harden
Service Award



Bonnie Smith
Superintendent's Award



Alpha Myers



Harry Watson



Gary Freeman



Matisha Luckett



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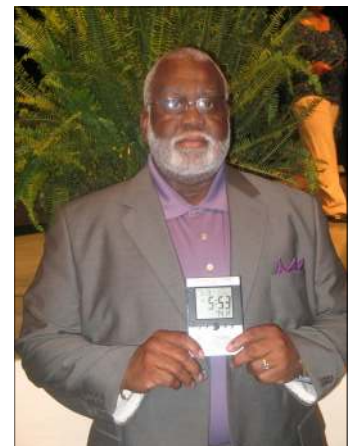
Delore Nelson



Sonya Freeman



Sharon Brown



Billy Joe Wells

Canton Public School District

Annual Board of Trustees Recognition and Retirement Program

Parental Involvement Award-**Roberto Mena**

Assistant Principal of the Year Award- **Tina Manning/Asst. Principal Nichols Middle School**

Assistant Principal of the Year Award-**Kimberly Pittman/Asst. Principal Canton Elementary**

Administrator of the Year Award- **Michael Ellis/Principal McNeal Elementary**

Service Award-**Delois Harden**

School & Community Involvement -**Nissan North America Canton**

Superintendent's Award- **Bonnie Smith/Asst. Finance Director**

Professional Development Awards

Canton Elementary School

Delores Potts
Nora Bounds

Canton School of Arts & Sciences

Sherrita Robinson
Shawonna Coleman

McNeal Elementary School

Alphia Myers
April Walker

Nichols Middle School

Sharon Brown
Bettie Holmes

Canton Career Center

Gary Freeman

Office of Business & Finance

Bonnie Smith

Academic Achievement Awards

Canton Elementary School

LaTasha Burroughs
LaQuandra Jones
Tameka Crews
Jessica Smith

Canton School of Arts & Sciences

Quanterria Evans
Felicia Pinkston
Lakisha Watkins

McNeal Elementary School

Barbara Sims

Nichols Middle School

Ashley McGee

Canton High School

Audrey Matthews
Firenza Anderson

Office of Exceptional Services

Effie Jackson
NeShay Jackson

Outstanding Service Awards

Canton Elementary School

Lou Ella Allen
Billy Joe Wells

Canton School of Arts & Sciences

Harry Watson
Sonya Freeman

McNeal Elementary School

Cartessia Angrum
Michelle Patterson

Nichols Middle School

Tara Small-Jackson
Bobby Hawkins

Canton High School

Sabrina Williams
Marvin Hart

Canton Educational Services Center

April Shearer
Noami Johnson

Office of Public Relations & 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Linda Baylark

Office of Technology

Eugene Clay

Office of Maintenance

Elsie Henderson

Office of Business & Finance

Martha O'Cain

Office of Federal Programs

Delore Nelson

Office of Child Nutrition

Matisha Luckett

Office of Security

Marcus Williams

Bower Grant Ends but not without Successful Results



The Canton Public School District was the recipient of a \$161,000 three-year (2008-2011) John D. Bower M.D., School Health Network Grant through the Mississippi Department of Education. This program integrated children's health and academic needs so that students could become fit, healthy, and ready to succeed.

The eight CSHP components include nutrition services, physical education, health promotion for staff, and family involvement. Now that funding from the grant will end, the district will be developing and implementing sustainable programs using the CSHP Model.

The lessons learned from this process, such as effective ways to address at-risk behaviors using school health needs assessment data, will be applied district-wide to support a coordinated approach to school health. The district has experi-

enced impressive results in assessing school health needs, addressing health disparities, and nurturing community support for Coordinated School Health. We were honored to be selected to join this prestigious network of Mississippi schools. As a result, the grant enabled the district to purchase equipment to improve the physical fitness of students and educators. Becoming positive role models for children is just one of many benefits from the health promotions programs at Canton Elementary School. Worksites wellness programs – at schools and other settings – also improved morale and productivity, reduced absences and injuries, lowered health insurance costs, and increased the ability to attract high quality employees.

The district focused its counseling efforts on Character Education, Behavior Management, and improving our students' daily attendance to help lower our drop-out rate. Region 8 Mental Health Center partnered with the district to provide onsite counseling. G.A. Carmichael pro-



Bower Grant Ends



***"Health Is Academic"
Healthy Students Make Better
Learners***



vided a nurse for every school at its school-based clinics and offered referrals to community programs or mental health professionals. School Nurse Ida Thomas provided health services to individual students and staff, as well offering health classes and important screenings, like vision and hearing. She helped individual children manage serious problems, like asthma and diabetes, and also offers important health education lessons to groups of students. When our students are healthy, it improves both their ability to learn and their behavior in the classroom. Canton Parks and Recreation provided ongoing recreational and physical activities for the students, staff, and community. The Madison County Extension Office and the district Food Service Office provided *"food for the brain"* during testing sessions. The district's Parent Center offered parenting classes for families with training on everything from homework help to anger management. It also offered district-wide and community-wide Parent Fairs that provided valuable information and resources to parents and the community throughout the year. Using funds from the Bower Grant, the School Nutrition Program purchased a steam cooking oven and fruit slicer to eliminate serving fried foods and enhance the preparation and quality of food served on a daily basis in the school cafeteria making fruits and vegetables more appealing. "We are committed to teaching lessons about healthy habits in the classroom, cafeteria, and on the playground," says CES Principal Dorothy Smith. Dr. Emma George, Grant Coordinator, says "Coordinated School Health helped us to do three important jobs at the same time. First, it helped our students become fit, healthy, and ready to succeed-while improving their behavior and achievement in the classroom. Secondly, they learned healthy habits to prevent health problems for a lifetime. Thirdly, we had the resources we needed to comply with the Mississippi Healthy Students Act of 2007."

CPSD Board of Trustees



Linda Dunigan accepts the oath of office as she is sworn in following the resignation of former board Chairman Derek Starling.

Walter Jones is sworn in after being re-appointed to a five-year term.

Linda Dunigan, a Registered Nurse and assistant administrator of Madison River Oaks Medical Center, has over 25 years of healthcare experience. She earned her nursing degree from Boise State University and holds a master's degree in healthcare administration from Tulane University, as well as a doctorate degree in healthcare administration from Warren National University. She has previously held positions as CEO for Guardian Angel Hospice Care for Children Inc., CEO for Guardian Angel "Special Needs Developmental Center" Inc. and vice president of Neo-Ventures Health Services.

Dunigan says her goal is to "provide an optimum level of leadership by empowering the faculty, the parents and students toward achieving excellence."

Jones says his goal is to improve test scores by involving the whole community in education. He says parental involvement is key.



"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

~ Henry Ford

CPSD Board of Trustees



Leigh Michael Pace was elected as the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Reverend Ronald Middleton was elected Vice Chairman and Mrs. Jimmie Goodloe was elected Secretary.



The Canton Public School District salutes Derek Starling for serving more than 15 years on the School Board of Trustees. The former Chairman of the board, resigned to devote more time to his family and business. He is part owner of SOL Engineering. Starling's term would have ended March 2012. Starling devoted many countless hours ensuring students in the Canton Public School District receive a quality education. His tireless dedication to improving the lives of our future leaders will be long remembered. The district commends him for his years of service and relentless efforts to improve the community by improving the academic performance of our students.



CES gets Top Honors for Student Achievement

The Canton Public School District salutes Canton Elementary for its outstanding achievement. The school received three value added PREPS awards. The Program of Research and Evaluation for Public Schools (PREPS) recognized Canton Elementary School for outstanding performance in MCT2 Language Arts and Mathematics, for outstanding gains in student achievement for its QDI or Quality of Distribution Index, and for extraordinary service to the children of Mississippi. Superintendent Dwight Luckett congratulates Principal Dorothy Smith, students, and the faculty at Canton Elementary School for their hard work.

Canton Career Center Takes Home the Gold Two years in Row

The Canton Public School District salutes the Robotics Engineering Class from the Canton Career Center for trouncing the competition and taking home the gold for two years in a row. The class, under the direction of Instructor Gary Freeman, won the annual Nissan S.T. E.P Challenge Championship Trophy, Tuesday, April 26, 2011. Canton Career Center Students beat out competitors from high schools in Madison, Leake, and Hinds counties. In addition to



Pictured left to right-Mr. W K Luckett, CCC Director, Anisha Mormont, Shaniqua Porter, Kyeshia Hanson, Trevor Williams, Khadijah Adams and Mr. Gary Freeman, Instructor

winning the overall Student Technology Exchange Program (S.T.E.P.) Championship, team members Khadijah Adams and Trevor Williams each won individual scholarships in the amount of \$500.00. Other team members participating in the competition were Anisha Mormont, Kyeshia Hansen, and Shaniqua Porter. Superintendent Dwight Luckett salutes the achievements of these outstanding students.

CSAS/CES MCT2 Pep Rally



Miss Jackson State University encourages students at Canton Elementary to ace the MCT2 tests by studying hard and believing in themselves. Mrs. Catchings at Canton School of Arts & Sciences tells students the sky is the limit to what they can accomplish if they stay focused on what they have learned all year long. The pep rally helped students at both schools get pumped up to perform their best.

Nissan/CES MCT2 Pep Rally



Clifton Goodloe/Nissan, Caroline Wright/Nissan, Steve Beattie/Nissan, CES Principal Dorothy Smith, Ahmad Choudhry/Director Supply Chain Management Nissan, Victoria Johnson/Secondary Curriculum Coordinator, Cassandra Williams/Asst. Superintendent

Pumped Up to Pass MCT2

Employees from the Nissan manufacturing plant helped students at Canton Elementary and Canton School of Arts and Sciences get ready to pass the MCT2 tests. Nissan employees Caroline Wright, Clifton Goodloe, and Steve Beattie excited the students with songs, music, and chants. Clifton Goodloe, a Canton High Alumni, lead the chant "We ready, we ready, yeah, yeah, yeah, we are!" The Nissan employees encouraged students to believe in themselves, relax, and just do it. They reassured students that their teachers have prepared them all year long and now the time has come for them to show what they have learned by passing the tests. Students roared back that they were ready and up for the challenge.

Nissan/CSAS MCT2 Pep Rally



Good schools are essential for businesses to thrive. Collaborative efforts between the local school and local businesses are mutually beneficial and will help each group to attain both individual and collective goals. Successful businesses know that good schools are an investment worth making. Through programs such as internships, mentoring and shadowing, businesses help students to discover their talents, abilities and skills and learn how to apply lessons learned in the classroom in a business setting. Not only do they gain present employees, but businesses are also helping to ensure they have a well-prepared work force in the future. By sharing the knowledge, expertise and wisdom gained from years in their respective fields, local professionals help reinforce the information and material that is taught by the instructor. Their insight can help students make critical decisions and set goals for the future as well as make the right choices in reaching the goals they set for themselves.

Businesses can also be invaluable in providing the human and financial resources for schools to provide special programs for its students. From business and career fairs to mock investment competitions to providing scholarships for outstanding students, the contributions local businesses can make to a school are endless.

Source: MS Dept. of Education

The Canton Public School District salutes Nissan North America Canton for providing countless contributions to help improve our students' academic performance and overall success.

Delore Thomas Nelson is a native of Forest, Mississippi. She earned her B.S. degree in Special Education from Jackson State University with a minor in psychology in 1984. She completed her teacher evaluator certification in 1985. She completed her two-year certificate in Theology in 1996 and Masters Degree in 1997 from Jackson State University. She received her training in the teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages from Mississippi College. Mrs. Nelson's research interests span three areas of Applied Linguistics: Second language teacher education, approaches to second language instruction, and the teaching of ESL oral communication (listening, speaking, and pronunciation).



Delore Nelson
ESL Educator

Mrs. Nelson began her career as a teacher of English to speakers of other languages in 1998. She joined Canton Public School District as an ESL teacher educator in 2009 where she currently serves under the Federal Programs Director. Delore and husband Joe have three daughters: Pharen, Jomiski, Joesilk, one step-son Joshua and one grand-daughter, Jana Lizabeth. She enjoys reading, writing, being outdoors and spending time with family. After the approval of her Doctorate of Education degree, her future goals are to become a director of professional development and training.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Canton Public School District, with full participation of parents and the total community, is to enable all students to become analytical thinkers, self-directed lifelong learners and effective communicators who are prepared to continue their education and /or to enter the global workplace and to participate in society as responsible citizens.

OUR VISION

Children are our greatest asset and value. It is the responsibility of the parents, school and the community to serve as a perpetual bridge for the development of our children's character and the enhancement of their ability to master data, interpret knowledge, and apply the practical principles of their mastery.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

- **All children can learn, but at different rates and in different ways.**
Students must be actively involved in the learning process.
- **Education is a community effort.**
It is the responsibility of the parents, the community and the schools to be active participants in nurturing and educating our youth.
- **Family is a powerful influence on both children and the community.**
Parents must be informed about and involved in the education of their children.
- **Self-respect and self worth are essential to success.**
The schools are the vehicles for students to develop the positive attitudes and goals that lead to a sense of motivation and self worth.
- **High expectations for our children will produce higher achievement.**
The schools provide the environment to model and reinforce higher goals for students.
- **Working together it is possible to change negative perceptions and environmental factors that affect student learning.**
Civic organizations, businesses, churches, news media, and the schools must become active partners in change.

CPSD 2010-2011 School Calendar



Canton Public School District 2011-2012 District Calendar

First Semester	
New Teacher Orientation	August 2-3, 2011
First Day for Teachers/Convocation/½ Day Building Level Principal Meeting	August 4, 2011
District Professional Development Day	August 5, 2011
First Day for Students (First Term Begins)	August 8, 2011
Labor Day Holiday Schools/Central Office Closed	September 5, 2011
SATP English II Writing Retest	September 14-15, 2011
SATP Retests	September 19-23, 2011
First Term Ends (44 days)	October 7, 2011
Second Term Begins	October 10, 2011
Parent /Teacher Conference Day /Report Cards Issued (No Students)	October 13, 2011
Professional Development Day (No Students)	October 14, 2011
Thanksgiving (Schools Closed; 12-month employees off Wed. – Fri.)	November 21 - 25, 2011
SATP Writing Retest	December 1-2, 2011
SATP Retests	December 5-9, 2011
Last Day for Students (60% Day for Students)	December 16, 2011
Second Term Ends (43 days)	December 17, 2011
Christmas Holiday (Schools Closed; 12-month employees on duty)	Dec. 19, 2011 – Jan. 2, 2012
Second Semester	
Third Term Begins	Tuesday, January 3, 2012
Students/Teachers Return to School	Tuesday, January 3, 2012
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Schools/Central Office Closed)	January 16, 2012
Parent / Teacher Conference Day/Report Cards Issued (No Students)	January 17, 2012
Professional Development Day (No Students)	February 20, 2012
Writing Assessment (Grades 4 & 7)	March 1-2, 2012
Third Term Ends (46 days)	Friday, March 9, 2012
Spring Break	March 12 – 16, 2012
Fourth Term Begins	March 19, 2012
Report Cards Issued	March 23, 2012
SATP2 English II Writing Test & Retest	March 21-22, 2012
SATP Retests	March 26-29, 2012
WIDA Access Administration for ELL Students	April 2-30, 2012
Easter Holiday	April 6, 2012
Inclement Weather Day (or Easter Holiday)	April 9, 2012
MS-CPAS2 Administration	April 9-27, 2012
SATP Primary Administration	May 1-4, 2012
MS Science Test (Grades 5 & 8)	May 1-2, 2012
Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	May 2012, TBA
MS Curriculum Test (MCT2)	May 8-10, 2012
Graduation	May 19, 2012
Last Day for Students (60% Day for Students)	May 24, 2012
Fourth Term Ends (47 days)	May 24, 2012
Teacher Workday/Last Day for Teachers	May 25, 2012

Student days = 87 and 93 per semester, respectively
Teacher days = 91 and 96 each semester, respectively
Student days = 180; Teacher days = 187

Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss



McNeal Elementary celebrated the National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America to encourage children to pick up a book and read. Wednesday, March 2, 2011 marked the fourteenth annual celebration of reading and Dr. Seuss's 107th birthday! With this year's theme, "Seussational Science Explorabration", educators at McNeal hoped to ignite curiosity and inspire lifelong discovery and a love of reading. Guest readers from the community put aside the many hats they wear for work and play and donned the ultimate reading hat, the red and white striped stovepipe made famous by the Cat in the Hat, to motivate students to read.

Regional Science & Reading Fair Participants



Nichols Middle School Students Attend the Regional Science Fair at Jackson State University

The following students and sponsors participated in the science fair that was held on Jackson State University's campus. Front row: Ashley McGee, sponsor, Mikayla Johnson, Keosha Brown, MarKenya Manning, Jamekia White, Destiny Harris, Ye'Senia Williams, Kadedia Lockett, Vincent King, Joe Carter, and Ray Green. Second row: Le'Andra Lowery-King, sponsor, Jessica Johnson, sponsor, Brylan Robinson, Scottie Neyman, Adorah Ousley, Treonna Readus, Marion Brooks, Jaylan Taylor, and Stepfon Green. Third row: Alvin Hamlin, Caleb Collier, Demaquez Jones, Monjenae Jackson, Diamond Collins, Tiara Carter, Brittany Mack, Gabrielle Bridgeman, and Zaccheus King.

Eight-Grader **Gabrielle Bridgeman** won first place in the Health & Medicine Division at the Regional Science & Engineering Fair held at JSU. Bridgeman also won first place at the State Science and Engineering Fair held at Mississippi State University. She is the first student from Nichols Middle School to ever win first place at the regional and state competitions.



The following students received first place awards in the District Reading Fair and advanced to the Regional Reading Fair held at the R&D Center in Jackson.

Division A
Deja'Ne Bates, **The Jungle Book** McNeal Elementary School

Division B
Maurica Woods, **Fancy Nancy and the Delectable Cupcakes** CSAS

Division C
Ernest White, **The Rainbow Fish** McNeal Elementary School

Division D
Arrington Robinson, **Quarterback Comeback** CSAS

Division E
Garrison Gillum, **Old Man Steals the Sun's Leggings** CSAS

Division F
Vincent King, **Wolven**, Nichols Middle School

Division H
Erin Nichols, Aniya Pinkston, Brittlyn Gillum, Lorrin Nichols, **All Tutus Should Be Pink** CSAS

Division I
Charice Smith, Adriana Ware, **All Night Party** Nichols Middle School

Division K
Dwight Luckett, Jr., **Whiplash! Ironman Armored Adventures** McNeal Elementary School

Division L
Ashley Jackson, Nappy Hair, CSAS/ Won 2nd Place at the Regional Reading Fair

Division M
Mieyah Garrett, **Dear Mrs. Parks**, CSAS



CHS Beauty Review Winners

The winners of the 2nd Annual Canton High School Beauty Review, from left to right, are 3rd Runner-Up O'Raven Riley, 1st Runner-Up Ambril McLaurin, **Winner Shelsi Smith**, and 2nd Runner-Up Jamesha Wise.



Get STEMulated! Career Fair aims to expose underrepresented populations, namely minorities and girls, to careers and educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This project is an educational outreach component of MPB's Canton Community Outreach Project and television program "Job Hunter." MPB invited state agencies, organizations, community colleges and universities, and local businesses to a STEM Career Fair to exhibit and demonstrate STEM-related job skills and career paths for students in grades nine through twelve. MPB also provided a series of presentations to students on career discovery and development, along with Workplace Essentials. "Job Hunter" is a pilot television program that guides viewers through the journey to find careers in advanced manufacturing in Mississippi and seeks to bring together students, educators, and employers to ensure the continuation of Mississippi's manufacturing base, to advance the level of production among its workers, and to provide skilled workers to Mississippi's growing advanced manufacturing industry. The Canton Community Outreach Project, a service of MPB's Education Services bureau and an outreach effort in Canton, is impacting this community of need and making a difference by providing resources and collaborating with established agencies currently serving the community. Presentations:

Enhancing Your Communication Skills – Shelia Brown Robinson

Session focused on developing effective oral and written communication skills and working with teams and customers,

Daring to Dream – Maggie Stevenson

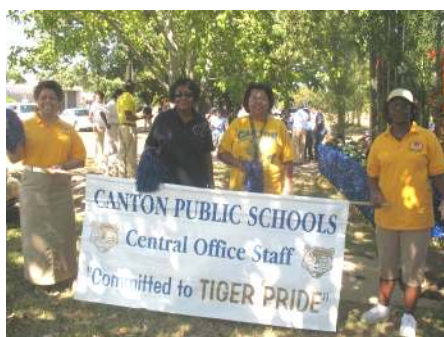
Session focused on having the power to become, discovering career paths and assessing career interests, and choosing technical schools or colleges/universities

Making Yourself Marketable – Nikki McCelleis

Session focused on selling yourself with winning résumés and important interview skills and on learning at work



CHS Homecoming Parade



CHS Homecoming



CHRISTMAS DONATIONS



Kendarius Nichols has Leukemia. He received a portable DVD player, athletic socks, and cash. (Pictured left to right: Goffan Simmons CPSD Payroll Clerk, Kendarius Nichols, Natasha Burks/mom)



Rhyneshia Ford, a 12 year old 7th grader at CESC, recently lost her mother to cancer.



Nine year old Demarco Smith, a 4th grader at Canton Elementary, needed help to enjoy a little holiday cheer.



CPSD Employees in the Spirit of Giving

In the true spirit of Christmas, this year employees of the Canton Public School District's Central Office chose to warm the hearts six needy families in the district instead of exchanging gifts with each other.

Those students are faced with challenging situations. One student has undergone a liver transplant, another is battling sickle cell anemia and trying to deal with the death of her mother, another also recently lost their mother to cancer, another student's family recently lost everything in a house fire, one is battling cancer, and yet another student is in need of a winter coat and winter clothes.

Let me introduce you to one of the students diagnosed in August with Leukemia. Eleven year old Kendarius Nichols, a former student at Canton School of Arts and Sciences, is now being home schooled. After constantly complaining of headaches, doctors diagnosed him with cancer. When they discovered the problem doctors warned his mother not to let him go to sleep because his blood was so low he might not wake back up. He was rushed back to the hospital for an immediate blood transfusion. Now blood that used to last 120 days, is given to him every week because his body is not making enough of its own blood and chemotherapy treatments are also damaging some of the good blood cells. He has to go to the doctor every day. But his mother Natasha Burks, says Kendarius is a fighter. When doctors told him if his blood counts are still low, he will have to be admitted to the hospital Sunday. Kendarius' reply, "I have to go to church Sunday!" He is a member of Mount Able M.B. Church. Doctors are amazed at his strength. His mother says he has God's favor. His spirit is so contagious.



Braedon Johnson's family struggled when they lost everything they owned in a house fire.

He is a student at McNeal Elementary School.



Centriea Readirs lives with sickle cell anemia. The 14 year old Nichols Middle school eight grader is the youngest of three. Her mother is deceased and is being raised by her aunt who has seven children of her own.



16 year old Rashunda Manney an 11th grader, is recovering from a Liver Transplant. Her father R. C. Bennett encourages her daily.



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Canton Public School District Summer Programs/Offerings 2011

21st Century Community Learning Centers Summer Program

June 6-29, 2011

Orientation and registration June 6 at 8 a.m.

Program Highlights:

7:30 a.m. breakfast & 11:00-12:30 lunch (served daily)

Math & Science Academy (CHS)

Social Studies/English II Camp (CHS)

Reading, Math, Science (thematic unit studies) for Elementary students

Field trips: Audubon Aquarium & Zoo, Governor's Mansion, B.B. King Museum, Stennis Space Center, etc.

Service Learning activities

Teacher/Parent surveys

Technology literacy training for parents

district wide health summit & physical education activities

The Community Learning Center Program offers academic, artistic and cultural enrichment opportunities to students and their families when school is not in session.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program is designed to increase the academic success of students while providing a safe and drug-free school-community environment for out-of-school activities. The program's vision focuses on improving the special skills and talents students possess while empowering them to set educational goals that increase their academic achievement and inspire them to remain in school until high school graduation. The program provides an array of educational, recreational, health, nutrition, and youth development activities for all CCLC families.

Extended School Year 2010-2011

- Extended School Year is for students in grades 6-12.
- Classes will be offered for promotion and remediation for middle school students. Classes will be offered for remediation and credit recovery for high school students.
- CHS from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- June 6-29.
- Transportation is provided.

CPSD Summer Feeding Program

Free summer lunch is available to all children ages 18 and younger.

No fee- no registration

Free transportation (look for a bus in your area)

Places & Time:

Canton Elementary & Canton High School 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Holy Child & McNeal Elementary 11:00-1:00p.m.

Boys & Girls Club (members only)

Monday-Friday

June 1-July 15, 2011

CPSD Mini- Summer Reading Camp

Canton Elementary and McNeal Elementary Schools hold a Mini-Summer Reading Camp for students Kindergarten-5th grade.

June 1- July 15, 2011

7:30-11:00 a.m. (Monday -Friday)

The bus will pick up and drop off students.

Breakfast and lunch will be served.

**Canton Public School District
2011-2012**

Student Pre-Registration Dates

July 27, 28, 29 (Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday) 1:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.