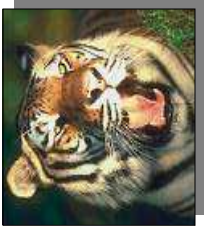




Canton Public School District



Tiger Talk

BACK TO SCHOOL

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One Vision, One Goal, One Mission....transforming lives, while building futures.



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! The Canton Public School District is already off to a good start this new school year. While there is much work ahead, we will rejoice in our accomplishments and not be deterred by those who continually choose to ignore our successes and only focus on our shortcomings. Let me be the first to say how proud I am of our highly qualified administrators and teachers who have worked tirelessly to improve our students' academic performance. As a result of our joint efforts, three of four of our schools are no longer in "school improvement". We will rejoice in this accomplishment because it is a major achievement. We are also proud of our third graders scoring higher than the State average and all third graders in the Jackson Metro area in Language Arts on the MCT2 Test. Their scores were also impressive in Math as well. Sadly, these accomplishments are often times overlooked by some in the media, instead only our shortcomings make the headlines even when we are clearly improving. We applaud those in the media who do highlight our efforts. That is why I will always share with you firsthand our accomplishments, areas where we still need to improve, and our plan of action to help us reach our goals. Furthermore, that is why it is so important to have a team of highly qualified professionals to help our district reach its full potential. Without highly skilled, certified, intensely committed and motivated professionals we cannot succeed in this new era of accountability and rigorous curriculum where the bar is raised every year with higher expectations of achievement. We must meet the challenge to survive.



Dwight J. Luckett, Ed. S.

I commend our parents for their dedicated contributions to help our students better prepare for the future. I also encourage our countless community leaders and school adopters to continue to 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

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**"It is not
wanting to win
that makes you
a winner; it is
refusing to
fail."
Kristi**



Derek Starling,
Board Chairman

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!
The Canton Public School Board of Trustees
“Team Performance”

Together gears perform tasks at a rate that makes machines run quicker, smoother and more efficiently. As a team of gears works in unison behind the scenes, they are moving in different directions and at different speeds; linked together they each have their own responsibility, but the same goal. You are an integral part of our team, allowing us to work better together and in turn driving us to success.

Three Schools No Longer in School Improvement



The Canton Public School District Shows Significant Growth with three of four schools no longer in School Improvement

School leaders in the Canton Public School District have been working hard to move the district forward. While there is still much work to be done, they are excited the district shows significant growth with three of four of its schools no longer in school improvement. Canton Elementary, McNeal, and Canton High have now met the Federal No Child Left Behind requirements, which includes testing 95% of students, testing all exceptional services subgroup students, meeting graduation requirements, showing academic achievement and growth and increasing average daily attendance. Nichols Middle School is the only school that remains in School Improvement.

The district is also excited about the outstanding achievement of its third graders. On the MCT2 Test in Language Arts, third graders at Canton Elementary and Canton School of Arts & Sciences, scored higher in percent proficient, than all schools in the Metro Area including the State average.

“While we are not content with our performance, we are pleased with the progress that our students, teachers, administrators, parents, and district have made,” says CPSD Superintendent Dwight Luckett. “We are elated that three of our four schools are no longer in school improvement. We are especially encouraged by and very pleased with the performance of our third graders. We are continuing to put systems in place to see this type of academic performance in all of our schools. This is the result of concerted efforts of teachers, administrators, and the entire Central Office staff working together to move our district to greater academic success. We are pleased our efforts have already led to a higher graduation rate and a lower dropout rate as we continue to strive for greater student achievement, says Luckett.”

“Overall we had significant improvement in our student achievement,” says Kaye Patrick, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

“We will continue our effort to improve student achievement by focusing on teaching and learning in the Canton Public School District, which is one of our district goals. It is also our goal to ensure all schools will be rated as successful or higher performing schools, ” says Patrick.

TEST SCORE ANALYSIS BY
Kaye Patrick/CPSD Asst. Superintendent of
Curriculum and Instruction & Curriculum De-
partment
Language Arts
Canton Percent Proficient 47.5%
State Average 34.1%

In Math, third graders at Canton Elementary and
Canton School of Arts & Sciences, scored higher
in percent proficient, than the State average and all
schools in the Metro Area except for Pearl.

Math
Canton Percent Proficient 54.9%
State Average 44.5% Pearl 55.3%

Canton Elementary
Canton Elementary showed good improvement
in student achievement.

3rd Grade
Language Arts
Percent Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 2008-09
45.5% 67%

Math
Percent Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 2008-09
58.7% 68%

4th Grade
Language Arts
Percent Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 2008-09
20% 39.5%

Math
Percent Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 2008-09
26.8% 38%

5th Grade
Language Arts
Percent Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 2008-09
25% 26.2%

Math
Percent Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 2008-09
23% 35%

Canton School of Arts & Sciences
CSAS met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)
in Math, Language Arts, and attendance.
However, the school did not show as much
growth as last year because more excep-
tional services students were tested and the
test was more rigorous.

3rd Grade
Language Arts
Percent Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 2008-09
80.2% 59%

Math
Percent Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 2008-09
82.9% 69%

4th Grade
Language Arts
Percent Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 2008-09
59.4% 67.7 %

Math
Percent Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 2008-09
59.3% 66.6%

5th Grade
Language Arts
Percent Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 2008-09
60.2 % 38.0 %

Math
Percent Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 2008-09
66.3% 47.7%

Nichols Middle School

Although we would have preferred more growth, we are encouraged to see continued incremental growth. Nichols did not meet AYP in Language Arts or Math. Our school improvement efforts include one-on-one teacher assistance, professional development, and addressing the needs of students who are performing at minimal and basic levels. Last year our Teacher Support Team identified 200 students with minimal and basic ratings on the MCT2. This year only 61 students were identified for immediate attention, which shows a big improvement in our intervention process to help our students be successful.

6th Grade

Language Arts

Percentage Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 **2008-09**
16.9% **23.7 %**

Math

Percentage Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 **2008-09**
19.4% **21%**

7th Grade

Language Arts

Percentage Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 **2008-09**
16.2% **26 %**

Math

Percentage Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 **2008-09**
22.3% **45.2%**

8th Grade

Language Arts

Percentage Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 **2008-09**
19.3% **26.8 %**

Math

Percentage Proficient & Advanced
2007-08 **2008-09**
14.8% **43%**

Canton High School

Canton High School showed its biggest gains in English II Multiple Choice scores. We are looking at every child’s individual needs and providing tutorials with interventions in order for all students to pass Subject Area Tests and graduate. Two of our district goals are to continue to increase our graduation rate and decrease our dropout rate in order for our students to enter the global workplace and to participate in society as responsible citizens. In the two years since Dwight Luckett has been Superintendent, the district’s dropout rate went from 42.7% in 2005-‘06 school year to 10.8 percent in 2007-‘08. That is over 30% more students choosing to stay in school. The graduation rate went from 29.7 percent in 2005 -‘06 to 65% in 2007-‘08. That is 35.3 % more students graduating.

Algebra

Percentage Passing
2007-08 **2008-09**
46.7% **50.6**
(That’s a 3.9% increase)

US History

Percentage Passing
2007-08 **2008-09**
82.2% **93%**
(That’s an 11% increase)

Biology I

Percentage Passing
2007-08 **2008-09**
88.1% **76%**
(That’s a 12% decrease)

English II Multiple Choice

Percentage Passing
2007-08 **2008-09**
37.6% **55%**
(That’s a 17.4% increase)

English II Writing		
Percentage Passing		
2007-08	2008-09	
96.2%	98%	
(That's a 2% increase)		
((The new accountability labels for the schools and the district will be issued by October from the State Department of Education.))		

CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
2009-2010 School Year

District Goals

- Produce a conducive climate and culture in our schools through improved student behavior
- Focus on the highest level of teaching and learning
- Increase student achievement, academic growth, and produce at a minimum, successful or higher performing schools
- Decrease dropout rate and increase parental involvement
- Increase graduation rate



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.

Nissan/ BankPlus Awards CPSD more than \$30,000

Teacher/School	Grant	Awarded Amount
Carol Ann Drane/CCC	Job Shadowing	\$484.00
Delores Potts/CES	Our Healthy Lifestyles	\$1,132.00
Quintana Goodloe-Steen/CES	Soaring through Strategic Thinking	\$1,406.00
Natalie Blackmon/CES	Water Works	\$1,436.00
Natascha Beals/CES	We Have the "WRITE" Idea	\$1,480.00
Vanessa C. Wilson/CES	Making Science Matter	\$1,497.00
Barbara Barnes/CES	Discovery Garden	\$291.00
Lakesha Doyle/CES	Elementary Printing Press	\$1,352.00
Shannon Whitehead/CES	Fun with Forensics: The Missing Money Mystery	\$1,425.00
Lisa Stanard/CHS	Excellence in English	\$693.00
Lois Merchant/CHS	Growing Together	\$1,498.00
Emaly Tucker/CHS	J-O-B Wanted	1,150.00
Tara Nimox/CHS	What's All the Buzz About? A Subject Area Tests Quiz Bowl	\$1,249.00
Glennetta Baker/CSAS	Little Einsteins Math Club	\$1,476.00
Jena Perry/CSAS	Egg-cellent Education	\$1,016.00
Dorothy Taylor/CSAS	Reader's Speech Choir	\$1,500
Dorothy Scott/CSAS	Working Together Works...	\$1,500.00
Angela Henson/CSAS	A Book and a Movie	\$1,307.00
Tara Smith/McNeal	Supporting Literacy through Mississippi Authors	\$885.00
Alpha Myers/McNeal	Character Counts	\$1,493.00
Melani Rankins/McNeal	Fitness Facts: The Benefits of Nutrition and Exercise	\$1,305.00
Rene' Johnson/McNeal	Around the World in 4 Days	\$870.00
Alpha Myers/McNeal	Reliable Readers Need Reasonable Resources	\$1,492.00
Keyshia Readlirs/McNeal	Whisper While You Work	\$1,582.00
Patricia Green/Nichols	GETK'NEX	\$830.00
		\$30,349.00

Outstanding Accomplishments

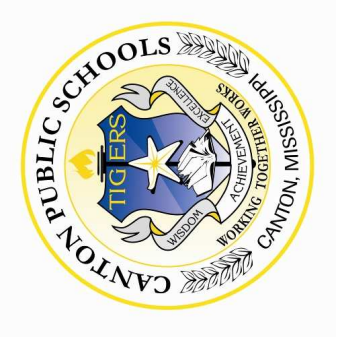
NISSAN



Dan Bednarzyk , Vice President of Manufacturing at the Nissan-Canton North America Plant and BankPlus representatives, awarded the Canton Public School District Education Mini-Grants totaling more than \$30,000. The mini-grants will support innovative teaching and learning projects that teachers created to enhance and enrich students' academic performance. Students and teachers were elated to hear their projects were selected. The grants cover everything from reading and math to science and speech projects to enhance student achievement. Superintendent Dwight Luckett thanked Nissan and BankPlus for providing mini-grants in grades K-12 to support the educational curricula of the Canton Public School District by providing financial assistance for deserving educational projects. The district also thanks the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson for selecting these educational projects that met their criteria. The winning teachers were also honored at a reception at Nissan.

- Canton Elementary School -\$10,079.00
- McNeal Elementary received- \$7,627.00
- Canton School of Arts and Sciences -\$6,799.00
- Canton High School– \$4,590.00
- Nichols Middle School– \$830.00
- Canton Career Center-\$484.00

Nissan/BankPlus Education Mini-Grant Winners



Canton Elementary School
Kimberly Pittman
&
Dorothy Smith



Canton Career Center
Carol Drane
&
W.K. Luckett



Canton Elementary School (l to r)
Lakesha Doyle, Quintana Steen, Shannon Whitehead, Barbara Barnes, Kari Johnson, Delores Potts, Natascha Beals



McNeal Elementary School
Michael Ellis, Tara Smith, Tempie Walker,
Melani Rankins, Alpha Myers, Rene' Johnson,
Willie Ruth Johnson



Canton School of Arts & Sciences
Jena Perry , Jacquelin Griffin, Tawari Goins, Angela Henson, Dorothy Scott, Dorothy Taylor, Glennetta Baker

OPEN HOUSE



Canton High School



Canton Career Center Open House



Canton High School



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True to the belief of the Canton High School Administration, Faculty, and Staff, we are committed to providing the best educational services for all of the Canton High School students. We are working to continue our goal of excellence in education, but we need the support of students, parents and the community. We made major accomplishments during the last school year and we will open new doors to achieve bigger goals for the 2009-2010 school year. I am looking forward with tenacity and vigor to make this year the most productive and the best year yet! Won't you join me?

Richard Gray
Principal



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Henry Dorsey
Principal

Summer vacation provided time for rest and relaxation. I hope that everyone is rejuvenated and ready for the start of a new year at Nichols Middle School.

I look forward to the new year. It offers excitement and promise for educators and students alike. This year, we will have a great opportunity to make a difference in their lives. Our array of talents, as faculty, has far-reaching effects toward establishing a rich and stimulating learning environment for the students of Nichols Middle School.

We look forward to working with our administration and all stakeholders, their past support enabled us to show significant growth on the MCT2 test. Their support also helped Nichols Middle School in the areas of creating a better culture and improving school attendance.

We have a number of new staff members joining the Nichols Middle School team; we welcome our new staff and our new students as well.

I look forward to the new 2009-2010 school year and envision a year filled with excitement and many reasons to celebrate.

Henry Dorsey
Principal



Canton Elementary School



Dorothy Smith
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“Prancing Toward Extraordinary Distinction”

School Vision: To enhance student learning and improve student achievement through cosmopolitan experiences.

Greetings Everyone!

A new school year presents opportunities for various beginnings-new classes, new faces, sometimes new courses, and often new materials. Summer breaks and vacations can be great healers; and as we enter a new school year, the end-of-year pressures that plagued us in June seem quite remote and inconsequential.

The Canton Elementary School staff is excited as well as humbled to be a part of the 2009-2010 school year. We look forward to the challenge of meeting children’s needs through a joint effort between the school, parents, and community.

Are you, at this point, asking how this somewhat unique task will be accomplished? Well, we (the staff) are indeed pleased you asked because we are thrilled to afford an answer of substance. This team effort of success will be driven through organization, instruction, and curriculum interlaced with love, empathy, motivation, and communication.

Our students are in the driver’s seat of knowledge arched with a colorful steering wheel labeled “A United Force in Pursuit of Excellence.” So let’s get on board, in unity, to secure our future investment (children).

I believe the below Old African Proverb affords the needed universal message.

“It Takes A Village To Raise A Child”

Mrs. Dorothy Smith
Principal



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McNeal Elementary School

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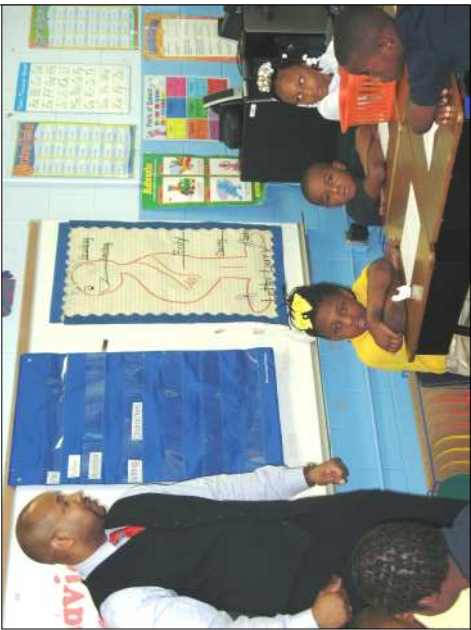
“Everyday We Learn”

Greetings McNeal Family:

I am delighted to welcome you once again to a “great educational adventure” inclusive of propelling students, zealous teachers, encouraged parents and a great community of fervent citizens. I am also eagerly anticipating students and staff return to a new era of Greatness at McNeal Elementary School. At McNeal Elementary, each student is challenged to develop essential academic skills, acquire a knowledge base to become a lifelong learner, and to become a responsible citizen.

I encourage you to come see McNeal School in action. You will immediately feel in our hallways a sense of community, positive energy, and respect. Our motto is “Everyday We Learn”. McNeal is the epitome of high expectations and student achievement where students are encouraged and empowered to learn. Thank you for supporting McNeal.

Michael Ellis
Principal



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LaShonda Catchings
Principal

Without hesitation, I would like to say that 2009-2010 will be a year of greatness: great teaching, great learning and great parental and community support. I am honored and excited to serve the children of Canton School of Arts and Sciences as their principal. We, the students and staff, are looking forward to a prosperous and productive school year! The exceptional staff of highly qualified teachers and I believe in educating the whole child. Our primary goal is to exceed the standards of excellence and equip our students with the academic and social skills needed to compete in a global economy and society. In the spirit of the district motto, “Working Together Works,” we would like to further encourage increased parental participation and continuous support from the community. As the African proverb states, “It takes a village to raise a child.” If we combine the spirit of the district motto and this famous African proverb and work together, there are no limits to the heights that our children will soar!

Thank you for your continuous support of Canton School of Arts and Sciences as we make this school year the best one yet!

LaShonda Catchings
Principal



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W.K. Luckett, Jr.
Director

We want to take this opportunity to welcome students back to school and we trust that you had a great summer. We are very excited about the upcoming school year. Our goal is to produce highly skilled and adaptable students and assist them in achieving academic and social success, in school and in the workforce. In order to achieve this goal, the faculty and staff will continue to provide a safe and conducive learning environment, so all students can acquire the skills necessary to become productive citizens.



We hope that all parents, guardians, and community members will take advantage of the opportunity to meet and greet the faculty and staff of Canton Career Center.

With your help, we look forward to a productive school year.

W.K. Luckett, Jr.
Director

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Cleveland Anderson
Principal

Welcome back to an exciting school year. Students attending the Educational Center in most instances are challenged academically and socially. Consequently, our focus is improving the reading level of our students and sharing the value of reading. Reading being the mainstay of our focus; allows the reading teacher to focus instruction on reading the entire instructional block period and sixty (60) minutes of reading activities in remaining classes across the week. In addition, I am focusing on structuring the Educational Center, whereby teachers will receive effective interventions and enrichments strategies in order to maximize their preparation and delivery of instruction.

Teachers are required to make adjustments for qualitative learning and structure a progress monitoring system to effectively use assessment data to facilitate instruction.

I advise students to get a quality education, with knowledge many paths and doors are accessible. “Our students are the future; now is the time to prepare them for the future. How we engage in this pursuit will ultimately determine the quality of living for years to come. With a shared common vision/goal and structured efforts, ultimately we will achieve measurable outcomes. I look forward to a prosperous year and extend an invitation to the community to come and join the Canton Educational Services Center’s path to excellence.

Cleveland Anderson
Principal



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 Mr. Richard Austin, Counselor

Canton Public School District
2009 - 2010 School Calendar

First Semester	
New Teacher Orientation	August 5, 2009
First Day for Teachers/Convocation/½ Day Building Level Principal Meeting	August 6, 2009
District Professional Development Day	August 7, 2009
First Day for Students	August 10, 2009
Labor Day Holiday Schools/Central Office Closed	September 7, 2009
SATP Retests	September 21 – 24, 2009
SATP English II Writing Retest	September 25, 2009
First Term Ends (44 days)	October 9, 2009
Second Term Begins	October 12, 2009
Parent / Teacher Conference Day (No Students)	October 16, 2009
Professional Development Day (No Students)	October 19, 2009
Thanksgiving (Schools Closed; 12-month employees off Wed. – Fri.)	November 23 - 27, 2009
SATP Retests	December 1 – 7, 2009
SATP Writing Retest	December 7, 2009
Last Day for Students (60% Day for Students)	December 18, 2009
Second Term Ends (43 days)	December 18, 2009
Christmas Holiday (Schools Closed; 12-month employees on duty)	Dec. 21, 2009 – Jan. 1, 2010
Students/Teachers Return to School	Monday, January 4, 2010
Second Semester	
Second Semester Begins	Monday, January 4, 2010
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (School Central Office Closed)	January 18, 2010
Parent / Teacher Conference Day (No Students)	January 19, 2010
Professional Development Day (No Students)	February 15, 2010
MS Science Test (Grades 5 & 8)	March 3, 2010
Writing Assessment (Grades 4 & 7)	March 10, 2010
Third Term Ends (47 days)	Friday, March 12, 2010
Spring Break	March 15 – 19, 2010
Fourth Term Begins	March 22, 2010
MS-CPAS Administration	March 22 – April 8, 2010
SATP English II Writing Test & Retest	March 24, 2010
English Language Proficiency Test	April 1 – 30, 2010
Easter Holiday	April 2, 2010
Inclement Weather Day (or Easter Holiday)	April 5, 2010
SATP Retests	April 7 - 12, 2010
SATP Primary Administration	April 26 – 29, 2010
Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	May 2010, TBA
MS Curriculum Test (MCT2)	May 11 – 13, 2010
Graduation	May 22, 2010
Last Day for Students (60% Day for Students)	May 26, 2010
Fourth Term Ends (46 days)	May 26, 2010
Teacher Workday/Last Day for Teachers	May 27, 2010

- Student days = 87 and 93 per semester respectively; Teacher days = 91 and 96 each semester respectively
- Student days = 180 (+1 inclement Weather Day); Teacher days = 187

McNeal Elementary

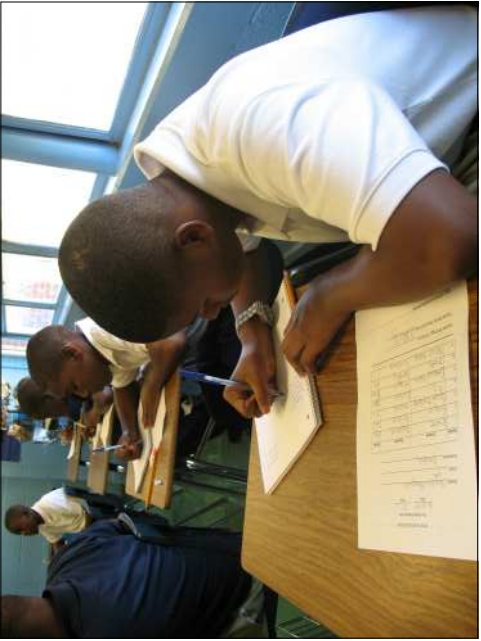


Canton Elementary



Canton School of Arts & Sciences





Nichols Middle School

Effective Parenting Workshops



2009 - 2010

Effective Parenting Workshops/ Activities

CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT CENTER

434 Trolio Street

"Effective Parenting"

Do you want to make a difference in your child's life? Do you want to be a better parent? Do you want to prepare your preteen for important decisions about drugs, alcohol, and tobacco? If so you are not alone. *THE PARENT CENTER* invites you to attend a series of parenting meetings.

August 24 - October 29, 2009

Active Parenting Mini Workshops

September 26, 2009

Parent Community Involvement Fair

October 22, 2009

"Make a Difference:

Get Involved in your Child's Education"

November 19, 2009

Children and Family Ready to Learn Workshop/Free Books

December 12, 2009

School/Parent/Community Health Fair

January 12 - 28, 2010

Active Parenting Mini Workshops

February 25, 2010

"Launch & Leand How to Help your Child Succeed
on Standardized Tests"

March 25, 2010

Dads and Moms Seminar

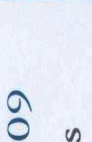
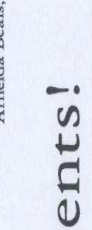
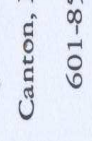
April 29, 2010

Active Parenting Awards Program

Meetings will be held at the PARENT CENTER, located at 434 Trolio Street, Canton, MS 39046. For more information call Pearl Otis, Parent coordinator or Arneida Beals, Assistant Coordinator. The Parent Center's number is 601-859-5889

Parenting Classes





Parent Center

434 Trolio Street
Canton, MS 39046

601-859-5889

Pearl Otis, Parent Coordinator

Arneida Beals, Assistant Coordinator

Attention Parents!

Starting Thursday, September 17, 2009

WHAT: Effective Parenting Classes

WHEN: Tuesday and Thursday

TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Parent Center
434 Trolio Street
Canton, MS 39046

If you have questions or concerns call the Parent Center at (601) 859-5889



Planning for Success
CPSD Instructional Specialists, Parent Center Staff, and Mrs. Demetria Armon, State and Federal Program Director, met to plan the Title I Parent Involvement Conference. The meeting was a success. Mr. Henry Luckett from the Parent Information Resource Center /(PIRC), joined the group to discuss how he can partner with Canton Public Schools.



Parent Involvement Committee Meeting
Parents who have children in Canton Public Schools met at the Parent Center along with State & Federal Programs Director, Parent Center Staff and the School Instructional Specialist to discuss the Parent Involvement Policy, Compacts and Title I requirements.

CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARENT CENTER

434 Trolio Street
Canton, MS 39046
601-859-5889

Pearl Otis, Parent Center Coordinator
Arneida Beals, Assistant Coordinator
Demetria Armon, Director of State & Federal Programs

Effective Parenting Classes Offered

Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

- September 17, 2009
Registration/Orientation; “Parents Rights”; “Get Involved in Your Child’s Education”
- October 1, 2009 -- October 15, 2009
“How to Build Your Child’s Self-Esteem”
- “MPB Parents’ Corner / Library Literacy/Raising Readers Initiative”
- “Help Your Child say “NO” to Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco”.
- “How to Prepare for Parent Teacher Conference”
October 20, 2009 --October 29, 2009
- “Mastering and Maintaining Your Family’s Health”
- “Violence Prevention: Dealing with Bullies, Trouble Makers and Dangerous Situations”
- “Helping Your Child Through Early Adolescence”
“Homework Without Tears”
November 3, 2009--November 10, 2009
- “School Attendance: Dropout Prevention”
- “Making Reading Fun: Come Read With Me; Volunteer Training”
- “Learning Disabilities: ADHD What Do We Know?
What Do We Need To Learn?”
- November 12--November 19, 2009
“Make and Take Workshop”
- “Stress-Less Parenting”
- Evaluations / Surveys / Certificates of Completion Program Luncheon

Parent & Community Involvement Fair
Saturday, September 26, 2009
PBS Raising Readers – Share A Story Program
Saturday, November 7, 2009
Districtwide Health Fair
Saturday, December 12, 2009

Parent Involvement Activities:

- Parent Teacher Conference
October 16, 2009 & January 19, 2010
- Academic Night
- PTA (Parent Teacher Association)
- Parenting Classes/Workshops
- Parent and Community Involvement Fair
- Districtwide Health Fair
- Mother Daughter / Father Son Seminar
- Dad and Mom’s Conference
- Raising Readers – Share A Story Program
(for Children and Families)
- Active Parenting Awards Program
- Tiger Talk Publication /Radio Show
- Resources
 - Take-home educational materials (books, learning packs, reading kits, educational games and more.)
 - Parenting guides for student success
 - Pamphlets
 - Brochures
 - Videos
 - Computers (Software) with internet access
 - Empowering Parents School Box
- Equipment
 - Laminating and AccuCut Machines
 - Binding and Copy Machines

Saluting Community Partners



Superintendent Dwight Luckett and the Canton Public School District Board of Trustees recognized Rosee Etta Bell, the Founder and Owner of Bell’s Educare Preschool and Daycare, for her outstanding contributions to students. Luckett says over the years, Bell has contributed thousands of dollars in scholarships to help students go to college. In just the last three years she has given more than \$15,000 to help fulfill the dreams of numerous students aspiring to attain a higher degree. Bell says she feels its important to give back to help ensure future generations reach their full potential. She encourages students to strive to get a good education, be lifelong learners, and productive citizens who will help make their communities better. (Front row l to r: Jimmie Goodloe, Rosee Etta Bell, Walter Jones, Back row l to r: John Christopher, Michael Leigh Pace, Derek Starling, Dwight Luckett)



The Canton Public School District thanks Terrence Kendrick, General Manager of Visions Physical Therapy, for donating \$2,000 to our schools. His company adopted Canton Elementary, Canton School of Arts & Sciences, McNeal, Nichols Middle School, and Canton High School. Each school will receive \$400.00. Principals say they are grateful for the financial assistance to offer various incentives to students to improve their academic performance. We salute our newest school adopter. (pictured from left to right: Richard Gray/ CHS, LaShonda Catchings/ CSAS, Janie Payne/Nichols Middle, Misty Greenwood/Visions PT, Terrence Kendrick/Visions Physical Therapy, James Rankins/Visions PT, Dorothy Smith/ CES, and Michael Ellis/McNeal Elementary)



Sandy Hammack and her husband Kerry say donating school supplies to needy children is a labor of love. The Hammacks donated everything from notebooks and pencils to crayons and construction paper to elementary students in the Canton Public School District. Kaye Patrick, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction says these generous donations help our students excel in their academics by providing them with additional tools to succeed. The Hammacks also delivered supplies to students in Yazoo City and Aberdeen. CPSD thanks you for your support. (left to right: Sandy Hammack & Kaye Patrick)

Canton High School

2009 Football Schedule



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 21	Murrah (Classic)	Away	7:30
August 28	Velma Jackson	Home	7:30
September 4	Greenville Weston	Away	7:30
September 18	Open		
September 25	Ridgeland*	Home	7:30
October 2	Yazoo City*	Away	7:30
October 9	Neshoba Central* (HOMECOMING)	Home	7:00
October 16	Pearl*	Away	7:00
October 23	Callaway*	Home	7:00
October 30	Provine*	Away	7:00
November 6	Lanier*	Home	7:00
*Denotes District Games			

Canton Tigers
Canton High School
2009 Softball Schedule



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
August 18	Velma Jackson	Away	4:00
August 20	Velma Jackson	Home	5:00
August 25	Neshoba	Home	5:00
August 27	Yazoo City	Away	5:00
September 1	Ridgeland	Away	5:00
September 3	Edinburg	Home	5:00
September 8	Callaway	Home	5:00
September 10	McAdams D-H	Home	4:30
September 15	Neshoba	Away	5:00
September 17	Yazoo City	Home	5:00
September 22	Ridgeland	Home	5:00
September 29	Callaway	Away	5:00

Nichols Middle School
"Baby Tigers"
2009 Football Schedule



Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Grade
Sept 1 (Tuesday)	North East Middle	Home	5:30	8 th & JV
Sept 8 (Tuesday)	Madison Crossing	Away	6:00	8 th Only
Sept 15 (Tuesday)	Olde Town	Away	5:00	7 th & 8 th
Sept 22 (Tuesday)	Crystal Springs	Home	5:30	8 th Only
Sept 28 (Monday)	Yazoo City	Home	5:30	8 th & JV
Oct 6 (Tuesday)	Yazoo County	Home	5:00	7 th , 8 th , & JV
Oct 13 (Tuesday)	J.J. McClain	Home	5:30	8 th & JV
Oct 20 (Tuesday)	Open			

A close-up photograph of a basketball and a basketball net. The basketball is orange with black lines, and the net is white and made of a mesh material. The image is tilted at an angle.

Date	Opponent	Place
November 7	Madison Central Classic	Away
November 10,12,14	Vicksburg/Warren Central Tourney	Away
November 19	Yazoo County	Home
November 21	Wingfield (G/B)	Home
November 24	Vicksburg (B)	Home
November 30,Dec. 1-5	Madison County Tournament	Madison Central
December 8	Pearl ** (G/B)	Home
December 11	Yazoo City*** (G/B)	Away
December 15	Velma Jackson (G)	Home
December 18	Callaway (B)	Home
December 21-23	Pearl Christmas Tournament	Pearl
January 2	Jim Hill (B)	Away
January 5	Madison Central** (G/B)	Away
January 8	Ridgeland *** (G/B)	Away
January 15	Neshoba Central *** (B)	Home
January 19	Velma Jackson (G)	Away
January 22	Ridgeland *** (G/B)	Home
January 26	Neshoba Central *** (G)	Away
January 29	Yazoo City *** (G/B)	Home
February 2	Lanier	Home
February 5	Callaway (B)	Away
February 8-12	District 4-3A Tournament	Yazoo City
All home varsity games will begin @ 6 p.m.		
*Denotes District Game		
**Denotes boys (B) &/or (G) girls junior varsity game that will begin @ 4 &/or 5		
***Denotes District Game and junior varsity game		
Head Girls Coach: Melissa Word		
Head Boys Coach: Melvin Gillum Assistant Boys/Jr. Varsity: Chris Love		
Athletic Director: Peter Brown School Phone: 601-859-5325 Gymnasium Phone: 601-859-6732		

Nichols Middle School
"Baby Tigers"
Basketball Schedule 2009-2010

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Beverly Luckett, Editor
Public Relations Director



Date Time	Opponent	Location
Nov 2	Worfolk Tourn.	Away
Nov 3	Worfolk Tourn.	Away
Nov 4	Worfolk Tourn.	Away
Nov 5	Olde Town	Home
Nov 9	Worfolk	Away
Nov 16	Yazoo County	Home
Nov 30	Crystal Springs	Away
Dec 7	J.J. McClain	Home
Dec 10	Crystal Springs	Home
Dec 14	Yazoo County	Away
Jan 4	Worfolk	Home
Jan 7	Olde Town	Away
Jan 14	J.J. McClain	Away
Jan 28	Olde Town Tourn.	Away

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