



Canton Public School District

Tiger Talk

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McNeal Students Raise \$7,000

McNeal Krispy Kreme Fundraiser 2007

McNeal Elementary students went all out to help their school raise funds by selling Krispy Kreme Donuts. McNeal students sold over 1,500 certificates and collected over \$7,000 in doughnut sales for the PTA Fundraiser. Mrs. Felecia Joyner, PTA President solicited the help of local businesses to sponsor prizes for students that sold the most certificates. School officials say they hope to use their portion of the funds to purchase a public address system, a copier, and teacher supplies. **Way to Go McNeal students & PTA!**



Mary Thompson
Kindergarten Top Seller
She won a bike.



T'Kayla Williams
3rd Place Top Seller
She won a portable CD Player.



Destini Barnes
Top Seller for 2nd Grade
She won a bike.



Equante Jeffery
Top Seller for 1st Grade
He won a bike.

Timothy Lee
2nd Place Top Seller for the
2nd Grade
He won a CD Player/
Stereo.



Winners

Kindergarten

1st Place- Mary Thompson

2nd Place- Danza McWillie

3rd Place- Christian

Garrett

3rd Place-T'Kayah

Williams

3rd Place- Amad Jones

1st Grade

1st Place- Equante Jeffery

2nd Place-Lakwanna Beal

3rd - Jameria Taylor

2nd Grade

1st Place- Destini Barnes

2nd Place-Timothy Lee

3rd Place- Zahlyn

McGruder

Pizza Party Winners- Classroom with Top Sales

Ms. Readirs- Top Sales
\$1,160.00

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



'Tis the season to be merry and give thanks. As we approach our winter holiday break, students let us not forget to continue our academic studies while we celebrate. We have so much to be thankful for however, we have so much work still ahead of us that we must not lose sight of accomplishing our goals. Parents I want you to know we are working hard to improve our graduation and dropout rates but we cannot do it alone. First we need your help. We need parents to send their child to school everyday prepared and ready to learn. Our children have to understand that dropping out of school is no badge of honor. We will increase accountability among our principals, teachers, and Central Office Directors to make sure when your child arrives at school he or she will be taught by highly qualified, effective teachers. It is our goal to attract and retain the best possible teachers so every child has a good teacher in their classroom. We're offering more instructional time and various learning strategies so every child will

have a chance to improve his/or her academic performance. We must concentrate on making sure our children master the fundamentals of reading and writing skills at an early age. We have seen a significant increase in parental involvement. We must continue our commitment to enhance the education of our children. I thank all of our community leaders for giving of their valuable time to encourage and motivate our students. It truly takes all of us working together with one vision and mission to make a difference.

*Remember the Reason for the Season and Remember Working Together Works!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*Dwight J. Luckett
Superintendent*



Dwight J. Luckett, Ed.S.

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The Canton School Board of Trustees wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Derek Starling,
Board Chairman



CANTON SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES



Canton School of Arts and Sciences held its second annual Junior Beta Club induction ceremony on November 29, 2007. Twenty-eight fifth grade students were inducted.

Dr. Percy Anderson, Jackson podiatrist and former Beta club member, was the guest speaker for the event.



Canton School of Arts and Sciences' production of "The Wizards of Smarts" was videotaped and presented at the Mississippi Reading Conference in Biloxi December 3-5, 2007. The writers of the play are Mrs. Kimesha Jones and Ms. Terilyn Smith, both 4th grade teachers at Canton School of Arts and Sciences.



Canton School of Arts and Sciences held its first Parent Reading Night during its November PTA meeting. It was a huge success with over 200 people in attendance.

In October, CSAS fifth grade students participated in the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation Fair. During the fair, they learned the importance of plants to decrease erosion, the harm of chemicals and recycling on the environment, and impact of agriculture crops on soil health. Because of their participation, the fifth grade class has been invited to enter a poster contest hosted by Madison County Soil and Conservation.



The STAR Lab from Jackson State University held an interactive lecture for fifth grade students at Canton School of Arts and Sciences. In the lab, students were able to examine constellations of the night sky.



CSAS' VOCABULARY PARADE



A Parade of Words

Canton School of Arts and Sciences had a Vocabulary Parade on October 31, 2007 in the front of the school. The parade was an alternative to celebrating Halloween. It taught children a vast amount of words in one setting and helped ensure long-term memory. The students dressed up in a costume that depicted their word. For example, if the student's word was bird's nest, the student wore a bird's nest around his waist or on his head. This idea was inspired by Debra Frasier's award-winning book, *Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster*. Ms. Carol Furr, 2nd grade teacher at CSAS, introduced this project to the administration that praised it and implemented it immediately. "I believe this will only enhance the creative learning here," stated Ms. Furr.

CANTON ELEMENTARY



Canton Elementary third grader Jamarius Brown, proudly displays his Honor Roll Certificate. Jamarius works very hard to maintain good grades and exemplifies good behavior. Way to go Jamarius!



Congratulations! Canton Elementary Assistant Teacher Carlos Beltran has been nominated for 2007-2008 *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.



Canton Elementary School's Thanksgiving Can Food Drive was a great success. With the help of parents and students, CES donated over 1,200 cans of food to "Folks Gotta Eat Incorporated," a local organization. Pictured with parent Roderick Travis, C.E.O. of "Folks Gotta Eat Inc." are (left to right) students Trek Boyd, Damien Lewis and Hamin Robinson.



Canton Elementary School fourth graders Francisco Gonzales (left) and Nykeem Liddell (right) playfully pose for a picture during a recent student presentation of "THE GONE GOBBLER" on Parents Day, Thursday, November 15.

CES students are learning about helping others during classes are preparing Christmas cards, letters, and other Iraq. The purpose is to wish all of them a safe holiday



this season of goodwill and giving. The third grade forms of greetings to send to 150 of our soldiers in and to thank them for their sacrifices.

MCNEAL ELEMENTARY

McNeal Elementary School hosts the afterschool 21st Century Lights On Program

McNeal Elementary School Principal Mr. Bobby Washington, Ms. Rishina Blount, Ms. Tempie Walker & Mrs. Katye Lindsey all pose with McNeal students. Ms. Blount, a "Parent of the Month" volunteer, provided doughnuts and other refreshments for students and faculty attending the "21st Century Lights On Program."



LaPatrick Whitehead and his great grandmother Mrs. Angie Davis enjoy doughnuts and other treats during the afterschool "21st Century Lights On Program."

CESC STUDENTS VISIT POLLS

As part of the "Promote the Vote" initiative held by the Mississippi Secretary of State, Ms. Dina Smith (Social Studies Teacher) and Ms. Bobbie Jones arranged for the students at Canton Educational Services Center to tour the voting polls in Canton. They wanted the students to see that the voting process they participated in at school is very similar to the official voting process. The students were able to see three of their chaperones take part in the democratic process. They were excited to see the process and vowed to exercise their right to vote when they get older.



3rd Row: Mr. J. Thompson, Eugene Jones, Kendrick Plummer, Xavier Johnson, Ty'Nesha Waller, George Gillum, Cardell Wilson, Cordell Griffin, and Brandon Lewis.

2nd Row: Mrs. M. Blackmon, Derrick Mack, Stephanie Hawkins, Waikiki Smith, Jennifer Louis, Percy Rogers, TaMichael Grant, Ms. D. Smith and Ms. K. Williams.

1st Row: Kendarius Bolden, Mrs. B. Jones, and Percy George

CANTON HIGH

Canton High School PTA Officers



2007-08

(Pictured left to right)

Willie Robinson/Secretary, Jimmie Davis/President, Carolyn Roberts/Treasurer, Mildred Brown/Membership Chairperson, Shirley Sanders/Assist. Principal, Tammy Mason/Vice Pres., Stella Byrd/Member

(Not Pictured: Percy Jackson/ Publicity Chairperson, Natawassi Booker/Fundraising Chairperson, Annie Pearl Nichols/Assist. Secretary)

Ken McDonald Lectures at CHS

Recently the students at CHS were captivated by Ken McDonald. His lecture was entitled "*Life & Stuff*." He covered the attributes of a good student. He says a good student is confident, has self-esteem, knows how to deal with rejection and bullies, sets goals, and always strives to be the best they can. Ken, a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York, has appeared on Broadway and throughout the United States in schools and other venues.

Highest History Score

Shaka Moody, a 17- year old senior at Canton High School has been hailed for making the highest score in the state on the U. S. History Exam. He made 493 point out of the possible 500. He holds membership in the National Honor Society, Student Council, and Mu Alpha Theta. Shaka is the son of Mrs. Barbara Moody.



Student of the Month

Joelynn Hamilton was named Student of the Month for September. The seventeen- year- old Canton High Senior is a member of the Honor Society, Student council, Softball Team, Mayor's Advisory Committee and is a NJROTC Commanding Officer. Her parents are Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Helen Hamilton.



PARENT & COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR



Joyous sounds of holiday cheer filled the air on the Historic Canton Square as students from Canton Public School choirs entertained hundreds of people trying to stay fit this holiday season. The school district held a Parent & Community Health Fair 8, 2007, to give and area shop-chance to get screenings. checked every-blood pressure terol levels. also enjoyed a mile walk and received valuable resources on health and fitness. The district thanks area businesses for providing healthy snacks and healthcare providers for making the health fair a success. The health fair was sponsored by Title I and the Superintendent's Advisory Board.



D.A.R.E. GRADUATION



Over 80 Canton School of Arts & Sciences fifth grade students graduated from D.A.R.E. The students pledge to stay drug free after participating in the 10 week-long Drug Resistance Abuse Education Program. The national D.A.R.E. Curriculum teaches students about the negative effects of drugs, alcohol, violence, gangs, and other negative behavior. D.A.R.E. Instructor and CPSD Diana Stewart, taught students ways to avoid peer pressure and say yes to a drug-free life. Commander Archie Hodge, D.A.R.E. Officer with the Jackson Police Department, served as keynote speaker. Area law enforcement officers also participated.



Diana Stewart
D.A.R.E. Instructor receives award

CANTON CAREER CENTER

Student Government Officials from Canton Career Center were sworn into office during an installation ceremony on December 13, 2007, sponsored by Mrs. Shelia Sumrall (DECA), Mrs. Ethel Mayberry (FBLA), and Mr. Rodney Harris (Skills/USA).

DECA Officers: (Pictured from left to right) Vice-President- Kristain Heath, President- Krystal Wells and Treasurer- Lashanta Brown



FBLA Officers: (Pictured from left to right) Front Row: Latrenza Thompson- Vice-President, Angelica Allen- President, Rashundria Anderson- Secretary, Back Row: Pamela Jackson- Miss FBLA, Tiara Pheal- Treasurer, and Tyneshia Penquite- Parliamentarian



Skills/USA Officers: (Pictured from left to right) Vice-President- Robert Emery and President- Michael Burns (Not Pictured: Samantha Jefferson- Secretary)



PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FAIR



Parents and community leaders joined the Canton Public School District for a day of fun-filled activities and valuable information at its "Annual Parent and Community Involvement Fair" held at Canton High School from 9 A.M. until 2:00P.M.



Participants got helpful advice from motivational speakers and important updates on Title I and Supplemental Services. They also

learned how to partner with school leaders to implement a dropout prevention plan. Parents learned how to increase their child's academic performance and got



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other valuable resources, all while enjoying great food and family fun.



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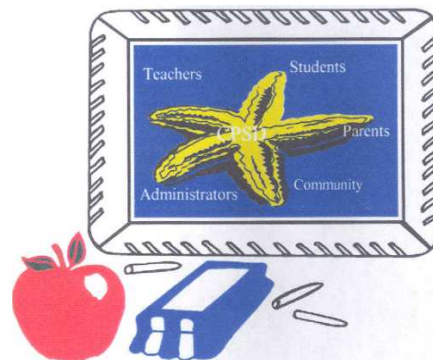
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"Working Together Works"

Canton Elementary School parent Keisha Smith (pictured) and approximately 15 other parents enjoyed a "Make and Take" Workshop Tuesday, November 6, at the District Parent Center. The presenters were Delois Towner, Lead Teachers Jacqueline Smith-McNeal Elementary, Peggie Turner-Canton Elementary, Aurilla Nash-Nichols Middle School, Mary Blackmon-Canton Educational Services Center and Parent Center Director Pearl Otis and Assistant Citikitia Brooks. More workshops are planned in the future. The parents made activities that they can use at home to help their children with reading, math, and language skills.



MISSION

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 life-long learners and effective communicators who are prepared to continue their education and /or to enter the workplace and to participate in society as responsible citizens.

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