



# *Canton Public School District*

Oct./Nov. 2013

**"A master can tell you what he expects of you.**

**A teacher, though, awakens your own expectations."**

**Patricia Neal**

## *Tiger Talk*



## *"Committed to Excellence"*

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**Mr. & Miss CHS  
Mardarius Mann & Comelia Walker**



# CHS CORONATION



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Miss CHS  
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&  
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*"TIGERS UNVEILING THE CHALLENGE TO WIN"*

DeAndrea Green/1st Runner Up to Miss CHS





# CHS HOMECOMING COURT



**Front Row:** Tierra Travis, Pheonecia Ratliff, Shelethia Whisenton (Homecoming Queen 2012), Tye'Reshina Taylor (Homecoming Queen 2013), Ivy Collins, Arabia Carr, Comelia Walker (Miss CHS 2013-2014), Mr. Robert Lee Davis **Second Row:** Jykiel Otto, Kenndy Lacey, Detomyel Sims, Mr. Micrin Taylor, Sr., Alvin Hamlin



# CHS HOMECOMING COURT

## Mr. and Miss Freshman

Xavier Carpenter & Nikita Bouldin

## Mr. and Miss Sophomore

Keyon Johnson & Aireanna Taylor

## Mr. and Miss Junior

Javoris Smith & Charese Smith

## Mr. and Miss Senior

Douglas Stanley & Joshline Jones

## Clubs and Organizations

### Miss ROTC

Dboara Whitfield

### Mr. Football & Miss Cheerleader

Keontre Anderson & Tre'Onna Rea-  
dus

### Miss Softball

Wednesday Porter

### Miss Superintendent Student Advisory Council

Alexandria Nichols

### Miss Gifted

Brittany Mack

### Miss Canton Career Center

Demeria Harvey

### Prom King and Queen

Delbrico Robinson & Shakeria Kelly

### Miss HOSA

Shamika White

escort: Jarrell Hollins

### Miss Journalism

Chrishondia Watkins

escort: Quantavious Gordon

### Miss National Tech Honor Society

LaKenya Travis

## Homecoming Court

Tye'Reshina Taylor escort: Alvin Hamlin  
Arabia Carr escort: Gregory Richards

Ivvy Collins escort: Detoymel Sims  
Pheonecia Ratliff escort: Timothy Lewis  
Tierra Travis escort: Jykiel Otto

## 1st Runner Up to Miss CHS

DeAndrea Green

## Ushers

MyQuasha Anderson  
Ardajha Brooks  
Tiara Carter  
Jacobi Lindsey  
Jacquez Ollie  
Gregory Richards

## Duke & Duchess

Jaylen Taylor & Tameria  
Hunter

## Homecoming & Coronation Committee

Stella Morris & Lessie Green,  
coordinators  
Sara Truss, Jamel Boatman,  
Shelethia Bolton, Melissa  
Word

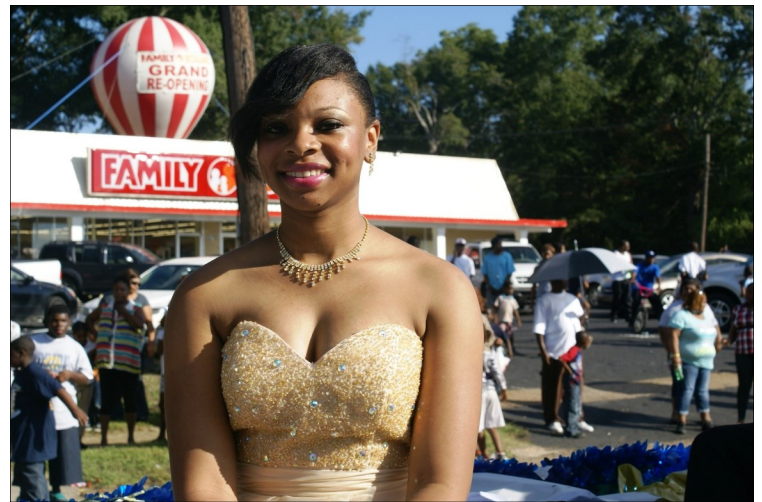


## Miss Homecoming Queen

Tye'Reshina  
Taylor  
and father  
Mr. Micrin  
Taylor, Sr.,



# CHS HOMECOMING PARADE



**DeAndrea Green/First Runner Up to Miss CHS**



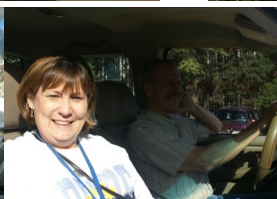


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## ***“Committed to Excellence”***



### ***Nissan and BankPlus award the Canton Public School District more than \$50,000 in Educational Mini-Grants***

The district thanks its supportive community partners for helping make a positive impact in the lives of its students. Jeffrey Webster, Nissan Canton Manufacturing Director of Human Resources and BankPlus Senior Executive Vice President, Gene Delcomyn, presented Canton Public School Teachers with a check totaling \$50,700.00. Officials awarded the district 39 mini-grants to support innovative teaching and challenging learning projects that teachers created to enrich students' academic performance. The mini-grants cover everything from reading and math to science and health projects to increase student achievement. Superintendent Dwight Luckett thanks Nissan, BankPlus and the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson for selecting these deserving educational projects that met their criteria to support the district's educational curricula in grades K-12. The annual education grant program awards up to \$1,500 to individual teachers and school administrators to fund projects that annual school budgets cannot. Nissan held a reception, August 26, at its Canton plant to honor the winning teachers.



# NISSAN BANKPLUS MINI GRANT WINNERS

| COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER JACKSON       |  |                |              |                 |            |                  |                        |                  |                   |
|---|--|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Nissan BankPlus Teacher Mini-Grant Program    |  |                |              |                 |            |                  |                        |                  |                   |
| 2013 Awardees - Canton Public School District |  |                |              |                 |            |                  |                        |                  |                   |
|   |  |                |              |                 |            |                  |                        |                  |                   |
|   |  |                |              |                 |            |                  |                        |                  |                   |
| #   | Project Title  | Request Amount | School Name  | School District | Grade      | Scope            | Teacher 1              | Teacher 2        | Teacher 3         |
| 92  | <a href="#">To Get a Problem Solved, Sometimes You Must Evolve</a> | \$1,500.00     | Nichols      | CPSD            | 7th        | Single Class     | Cristal Holmes         |                  |                   |
| 59  | <a href="#">Math Magic with Manipulatives</a>                      | \$1,380.00     | McNeal       | CPSD            | Kindergart | Multiple Classes | Roberta Dowell         | Rosalyn Anderson | Bonni Corley      |
| 61  | <a href="#">Mathematicians At Work</a>                             | \$1,451.00     | McNeal       | CPSD            | 2nd        | Single Class     | Tara Smith             |                  |                   |
| 17  | <a href="#">BOP TONES ON THE MOVE</a>                              | \$1,395.00     | McNeal       | CPSD            | K thru 2   | School Wide      | Donna Gross            |                  |                   |
| 57  | <a href="#">MAGNET-izing Reading</a>                               | \$1,500.00     | McNeal       | CPSD            | Kindergart | Multiple Classes | Quintana Goodloe-Steen | Alnita Ndebele   |                   |
| 18  | <a href="#">Bridging the GAP through Common Core</a>               | \$1,490.00     | McNeal       | CPSD            | Kindergart | Multiple Classes | Rosalyn Anderson       | Roberta Dowell   | Melissa Launkus   |
| 29  | <a href="#">Climb Aboard the Grand Central Math Station</a>        | \$1,380.00     | McNeal       | CPSD            | 1          | Multiple Classes | Deborah Cole           |                  |                   |
| 70  | <a href="#">Ready, Set, READ!</a>                                  | \$1,496.00     | McNeal       | CPSD            | Kindergart | Multiple Classes | Lauren Davis           | Judy Packer      |                   |
| 58  | <a href="#">Making Math Matter With Common Core!</a>               | \$1,298.00     | GoodloeElem  | CPSD            | K          | Multiple Classes | Devaughan Smith        | Cartessia Angrum | Darlene Rahim     |
| 7   | <a href="#">4th Grade Gets Some C.I.A.S.S.</a>                     | \$1,473.00     | GoodloeElem  | CPSD            | 4          | Single Class     | Taquela Garner         |                  |                   |
| 68  | <a href="#">Pupils Projecting Excellence</a>                       | \$1,500.00     | GoodloeElem  | CPSD            | 4          | Single Class     | Areale Hayes           |                  |                   |
| 87  | <a href="#">The Girlfriends Club</a>                               | \$816.00       | GoodloeElem  | CPSD            | 4 thru 5   | School Wide      | LeighAnne Cheeseman    |                  |                   |
| 85  | <a href="#">The Celebration Cart</a>                               | \$534.00       | GoodloeElem  | CPSD            | K thru 5   | School Wide      | Selena Young           |                  |                   |
| 5   | <a href="#">"Project Prep" (Senior Project Sessions)</a>           | \$1,500.00     | CantonHS     | CPSD            | 12         | Multiple Classes | Tiwari McLain          |                  |                   |
| 71  | <a href="#">SATP Know It Show It</a>                               | \$850.00       | CantonHS     | CPSD            | 11         | Multiple Classes | Inez cole              |                  |                   |
| 27  | <a href="#">Children Raising Children</a>                          | \$1,471.00     | CantonHS     | CPSD            | 9 thru 12  | Multiple Classes | teena ruth             |                  |                   |
| 62  | <a href="#">May the Force Be With You</a>                          | \$665.00       | CantonElem   | CPSD            | 5          | Multiple Classes | frieda gilmer          |                  |                   |
| 21  | <a href="#">Bullying STOPS Here</a>                                | \$1,274.00     | CantonElem   | CPSD            | 3 thru 5   | Single Class     | Marcesse Rose          |                  |                   |
| 75  | <a href="#">Smart Board for Smart Kids</a>                         | \$1,395.00     | CantonElem   | CPSD            | 4          | Single Class     | Rosalyn Pendleton      |                  |                   |
| 1   | <a href="#">"Did I Do That?" - A Writing Project</a>               | \$1,500.00     | CantonElem   | CPSD            | 3 thru 4   | Multiple Classes | Lakesha Doyle          |                  |                   |
| 10  | <a href="#">A Time Share Journey into Reading</a>                  | \$742.00       | CantonElem   | CPSD            | 3 thru 5   | Single Class     | Sara Truss             |                  |                   |
| 13  | <a href="#">Alternatives to Obesity</a>                            | \$1,500.00     | CantonEd     | CPSD            | 6 thru 12  | School Wide      | Jacqueline griffin     | tresalyn harris  | aleatrice liddell |
| 16  | <a href="#">Beagable Behavior Store Bucks</a>                      | \$1,427.00     | CantonEd     | CPSD            | 6 thru 12  | School Wide      | Jacqueline griffin     |                  |                   |
| 91  | <a href="#">There's an App for That</a>                            | \$986.00       | CantonEd     | CPSD            | 6 thru 12  | Single Class     | Aleatrice Liddell      |                  |                   |
| 86  | <a href="#">The ELMO Projector Project</a>                         | \$1,180.00     | CantonEd     | CPSD            | K thru 12  | Single Class     | vanessa tucker         |                  |                   |
| 3   | <a href="#">"Let's Get DECAcated" Join DECA Marketing</a>          | \$1,500.00     | CantonCareer | CPSD            | 10 thru 12 | Single Class     | Ethel Mayberry         |                  |                   |
| 12  | <a href="#">ADA Handles</a>  | \$1,496.00     | CantonCareer | CPSD            | 10 thru 12 | Single Class     | Sheila Sumrall         |                  |                   |
| 53  | <a href="#">Learning is Just a Touch Away</a>                      | \$700.00       | CantonArts   | CPSD            | 1 thru 5   | Single Class     | Pam Cassreino          |                  |                   |
| 60  | <a href="#">Math-Aletes! Flexing our Brains</a>                    | \$1,500.00     | CantonArts   | CPSD            | 5th        | Single Class     | Henry Doyle            |                  |                   |
| 54  | <a href="#">Lemonade, Skating Rink and A Red-Eyed Tree Frog!</a>   | \$1,423.00     | CantonArts   | CPSD            | 3rd        | Single Class     | shelia warren          | sheliawarren     |                   |
| 31  | <a href="#">Dance Away Obesity</a>                                 | \$1,425.00     | CantonArts   | CPSD            | k thru 5   | School Wide      | belinda palmer         |                  |                   |
| 98  | <a href="#">Why a SMART Board?</a>                                 | \$1,495.00     | CantonArts   | CPSD            | 3rd        | Single Class     | Felicia Pinkston       |                  |                   |
| 2   | <a href="#">"Get Amped Up for Performance"</a>                     | \$1,437.00     | CantonArts   | CPSD            | K thru 5   | School Wide      | Landros Jones          | Edna Drakes      | Tackery Hill      |
| 9   | <a href="#">A Little Drop Will Do Them</a>                         | \$1,500.00     | CantonArts   | CPSD            | K          | Multiple Classes | Patricia Green         | PATRICIA GREEN   |                   |
| 93  | <a href="#">Using UDL to make Word Walls, Books, and Journals</a>  | \$1,484.00     | CantonArts   | CPSD            | Pre thru K | Single Class     | Katherine Culpepper    |                  |                   |
| 15  | <a href="#">Attendance Auction</a>                                 | \$1,166.00     | CantonArts   | CPSD            | K thru 5   | School Wide      | Nancy Edwards          | Nancy Edwards    |                   |
| 22  | <a href="#">Buzz Is the Word</a>                                   | \$1,413.00     | CantonArts   | CPSD            | 4          | Multiple Classes | Lakisha Watkins        | Taquela Garner   | Areale Hayes      |
| 74  | <a href="#">SHORTBOOKS</a>   | \$1,147.00     | CantonArts   | CPSD            | K          | Single Class     | shirley white          | Shirley White    |                   |
| 88  | <a href="#">The Luna and A Now Project!</a>                        | \$1,311.00     | CantonArts   | CPSD            | 3rd        | Single Class     | shelia warren          | Shelia Warren    |                   |
|   |  | \$50,700.00    |              |                 |            |                  |                        |                  |                   |



# NISSAN BANKPLUS MINI GRANT WINNERS





## THANKS DONORS FOR HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED

### *Nissan and BankPlus make a Surprise donation to Enhance Learning*

Representatives of Nissan, Bank Plus, and the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson surprised Fourth Grade teacher Felicia Pinkston with a check for \$1,495.00. Students in her class at Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Arts & Sciences will use the mini-grant, entitled “Why a SMART Board?” to engage students and make learning fun.



Felicia was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi and raised in the small town of Louise, Mississippi. She has been married for 8 years to her husband, LaSalle Cleaver. He is a 5th grade science teacher at Canton Elementary. They have one daughter, Aniya, who is 8 years old. Felicia teaches 4th grade Math and Science. This is her third year teaching in the Canton Public School District.

Last year, Felicia won a Nissan/BankPlus Grant entitled, “Why Mathematic?” She wrote this grant after her first year of teaching. This grant is an example of what drives her instructions. She strives to teach with a purpose. Pinkston not only wants her students to grasp the intended learning outcome, but she wants her students to know why they are learning such a

skill and how this skill will benefit them in their everyday life.

Pinkston says, “I love teaching because there is so much to discover. It is a privilege and honor to be twice awarded a Nissan/BankPlus Grant. I treasure the opportunity to work with such inspirational educators at Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Arts and Sciences. I have learned so much from everyone.”

Felicia graduated from Jackson State University in May 2011 with a Bachelors Degree in Education. While working on her degree she worked as an Exceptional Education Teacher’s Assistant at Woodville Heights Elementary. Pinkston says she worked with exceptional educators who conveyed to her the value of learning was learning itself. She learned that with knowledge one would have the power to help change the world for the better and help those who were unable to help themselves. Pinkston says that’s why she chose to teach.





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### *United Way and Belk team up to donate School Uniforms*

Canton Public School District parents and students who received school uniforms donated from Belk Department Store and the United Way, were overjoyed and thankful to get much needed help. The United Way of the Capital Area selected Canton, Pearl and Jackson Public School Districts to distribute the items. CPS Principals chose families who could use a little assistance. Superintendent Dwight Luckett thanks the United Way and Belk for helping students be prepared and come to school ready to reach their full potential.

### *Automotive Parts Supplier donates school supplies to CPS students*

Pencils, paper, crayons and other school supplies warmed the hearts of students at McNeal Elementary School in Canton. Elizabeth Levi, an employee of Calsonic Kansei North America, Inc., delivered the school supplies. Employees of the automotive parts supplier, say they donated the items to help ensure elementary students have the tools they need to be successful in school. McNeal Elementary Principal Shalondia Washington thanked the company for its support.



### *Levi Strauss donates school supplies to needy students*

The Levi Strauss & Co. Community Involvement Team brightened students' day at Goodloe Elementary School in Canton with bags filled with schools supplies. The team donated everything from hand sanitizer and Kleenex to paper and crayons. Students and Principal Sebrina Palmer thanked the employees for their generosity. Palmer says when the community and business leaders partner with the school district children benefit by being given more tools and opportunities to help them succeed.





# NICHOLS MIDDLE SCHOOL A-TEAAM

Nichols Middle School students serving as **Ambassadors of the Evers Academy for African-American Males (A-TEAAM)**

mentoring program were inspired by a visit from the widow of slain civil rights activist Medgar Evers.

Myrlie Evers-Williams encouraged Nichols Middle School Students to become leaders and never take no for an answer like her late husband Medgar. "Use your intellect to improve yourself, your community, and the world. Sit up, think, and act tall because you are important. You may not understand it all completely now, but you are the future of all of us. We hope and pray to work along with you. There's nothing like seeing strong, black men move out into the community and make change." Evers-Williams reminded mentees their roles as ambassadors come with a responsibility to others.

Canton Mayor Arnel Bolden also encouraged members of the A-TEAAM to set high standards and goals for themselves so they can be role models for their peers to follow.

Canton Public Schools Superintendent Dwight Luckett told mentees they must believe in themselves, believe they can accomplish great things in life and with hard work and perseverance they can achieve.

Ten sixth grade males were selected to participate in the program this year. The students are mentored after school by mentors from community organizations. These sessions are held on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:30p.m. at Nichols Middle School. Students were given T-shirts and \$25 dollar Walmart gift cards for faithfully attending sessions and participating in the program.

The A- TEAAM, The Evers Academy for African American Males, formerly known as the Community Engagement and Empowerment Network (CEEN) Black Belt Initiative was started last year by Dr. Juanita Sims-Doty. She initiated the CEEN Black Belt mentoring programs at Blackburn and Nichols Middle School. Dr. Juanita Sims Doty, JSD Foundation Chair, says she is excited about the impact this mentoring program is having on the lives of so many black males. She says she is grateful to the 21 organizations for working together to make this academy a success.

## About the A-TEAAM

A-TEEAM is a mentorship program for Black males in middle school. Mentors come from Community Engagement and Empowerment Network (CEEN) volunteers. Mentors' roles are to inspire the participants to honor the life and legacy of Medgar Evers. The A-TEAAM's purpose is to improve the quality of life for young Black males by equipping them with skills, knowledge, and support of caring mentors. Their interactions are guided by a meaningful curriculum designed to empower the students as they navigate through middle school.



## The 21 organizations making up CEEN are:

- International Community Ambassadors Network
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Beta Delta Omega Chapter
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Rho Lambda Omega Chapter
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Upsilon Omega Chapter
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Jackson Alumnae Chapter
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Madison County Alumnae Chapter
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Epsilon Lambda
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Rho Xi Lambda
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Jackson Alumni Chapter
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Canton-Madison Alumni Chapter
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Beta Alpha Chapter
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Epsilon Kappa Kappa
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Mu Sigma Chapter
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter
- The Links, Incorporated, Jackson Chapter
- The Links, Incorporated, Le-Fleurs Bluff Chapter
- 100 Black Men of Jackson
- 100 Black Men of Canton
- Forward Lookers Federated Club
- Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Jackson (MS) Chapter
- National Council of Negro Women, Jackson Section



# MYRLIE EVERS-WILLIAMS VISITS A-TEAM



"Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best." -- Bob Talber

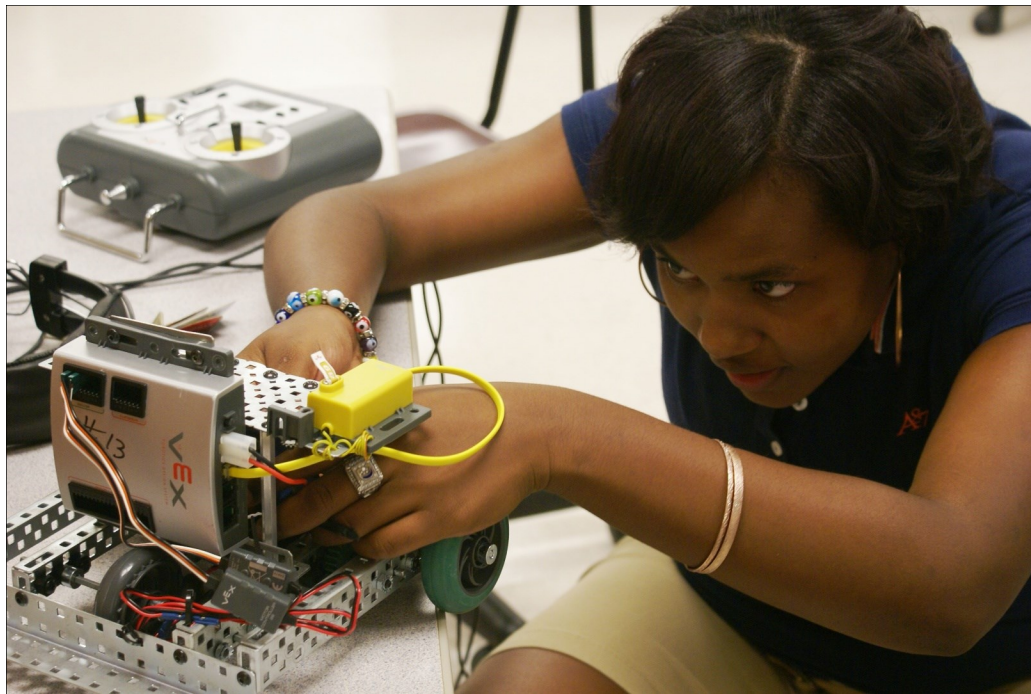


# PARENT & COMMUNITY WEEK

## *Canton Career Center hosts "Parent and Community Week"*

The Canton Career Center hosted "Parent and Community Week" September 9-13, to give visitors an opportunity to see the dynamic, state of the art training students receive using the latest technology. Students performed eye exams, blood pressure checks, and conducted various demonstrations on everything from basic robotics and woodworking to reviewing proper safety precautions.

CCC Director W.K. Lockett says this was an excellent opportunity for parents and the community to actually see the intense training students undergo to be prepared to compete in a global marketplace upon graduation.



ROBOTICS STUDENT BREANNA HORN SHOWS OFF THE ROBOT SHE BUILT.



Allied Health Student Ronnie Hudson performs an eye exam.



An Allied Health Student performs a blood pressure check.



# PARENT & COMMUNITY WEEK



CCC Automotive Services Instructor Rodney Harris shows parents the shop area where students train on the latest technology.



CCC Director W.K. Luckett updates Parent & Community Week visitors on programs offered at the center.



Construction Technology Instructor James Madison guides students as they give woodworking demonstrations.



Student Services Coordinator Sheila Sumrall helps a student understand an assignment.



CCC Automotive Services Instructor Rodney Harris explains to parents and visitors the training offered to students in his program.



CCC Allied Health Instructor Vanessa Bennett checks in with students to review data.



# “MARVELOUS MONDAY WITH MOM”

## *Goodloe Elementary School Celebrates Moms*

Supportive moms didn't miss an opportunity to have lunch with their children as Goodloe Elementary held its “*Marvelous Monday with Mom*” event. School leaders say these events give parents a chance to show their children they support them. It also helps parents and educators build a bond so they can work as a team to make sure children get a good education.



*Affirming words from moms and dads are like light switches. Speak a word of affirmation at the right moment in a child's life and it's like lighting up a whole roomful of possibilities. -- Gary Smalley*



# ***“FANTASTIC FRIDAY WITH FATHERS”***

## ***Goodloe Elementary School Celebrates Fathers***

Dedicated Dads enjoyed “*Fantastic Friday with Fathers.*” Students say it makes their day when their fathers are able to visit them and offer words of encouragement to help them work even harder and smarter in school. Dads say it warms their hearts to see their children excelling in school. They say its important they take time to stay involved in their children’s lives to help guide and mold them into responsible, caring adults.





# ***“ALL-STAR GRANOLA WITH GRANDPARENTS”***

## ***Goodloe Elementary School Celebrates Grandparents***

Goodloe Elementary School hosted an "All-Star" Granola with Grandparents Breakfast September 11th. Over 100 grandparents enjoyed a delicious breakfast with their grandchildren to help begin their day of learning. The amazing cafeteria staff prepared the morning breakfast that consisted of grits, bacon, biscuits, jelly, milk, and water. Grandparents were greeted with a warm welcome and granola snack as they entered to receive their breakfast. Students, staff, and guests were all smiles for this event ! Research shows that if one caring adult reaches out to a child and offers support, that child is more likely to succeed.





## **“REWARDING ACHIEVEMENT”**

### **SEPTEMBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 360 RECOGNITION**

*Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for our professional development initiative. We would like to highlight the PD 360 top users listed below for their dedication to professional development during the month of September.*

**(Based on hours logged from August 27, 2013-September 25, 2013)**

#### **District Top Teacher User**

Rosalyn Pendleton (Canton Elementary School)

#### **School Top Teacher Users:**

Vanessa Bennett (Canton Career Center)  
Rena Poston (Canton Educational Services Center)

Rosalyn Pendleton (Canton Elementary School)

Gayla Dixon (Canton High School)

Martha Stagg (Goodloe Elementary School)

Rhonda Duplessis (McNeal Elementary School)

Anquinette Olowo-Ake (Myers Elementary School)

Angela Boyd (Nichols Middle School)

Tyra Jackson (Porter Middle School)

#### **District Top User (Principal)**

Tina Manning, Nichols Middle School/Canton Educational Services Center

#### **District Top User (Assistant Principal or Instructional Specialist)**

Dr. Wanda Clark, Goodloe Elementary School

#### **District Top User (Counselor)**

Chancey Fort, Porter Middle School

#### **District Top User (Librarian)**

Dr. Valerie Williams, McNeal Elementary School

#### **District Top User (District Staff)**

Jacqueline Ellis, Curriculum Coordinator

The following schools had **100%** of their registered users **complete 100%** of the September requirements: ***Nichols Middle School, Canton Educational Services Center, and Canton Career Center.***



Mrs. Lakeisha Doyle is ***Canton Elementary School's "Professional Development 360 Champion of the Month" of August.*** Mrs. Doyle accumulated a total of 240 points. Teachers are required to view videos as part of their professional development to learn how to utilize innovative teaching strategies to increase student achievement. Doyle viewed and reflected on videos, added colleagues, created a group, and joined several groups on the interactive website.



Mrs. Ester Anderson is CES's ***'Employee of the Month' for September.***



Mr. Edward Dunigan and Ms. Carrice Sims earned over 200 points from ***PD 360 for the month of August.*** The teachers who earned 200 points and above were awarded with a "Teacher Survival Kit."





## McNEAL ELEMENTARY GRANDSTAR LUNCH WITH GRANDPARENTS

### *McNeal Elementary celebrates Grandparents*

Grandparents of McNeal Elementary students took time to bring smiles to their grandchildren's faces. Grandparents showed their support and encouraged their grandchildren to do their best in school by having lunch with them.



McNeal Elementary students are rewarded for excelling in their studies at the McNeal Parade of Stars Honor Roll Recognition ceremony.



McNeal Elementary Students celebrate Red Ribbon Week. Students hold banners that say they are "DRUG FREE" and "TOO SMART to START!" Red Ribbon week is a time when students learn about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and take pledges to live drug free lives.





# Myers Canton School of Arts & Sciences



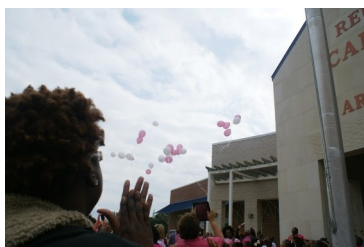
## Myers CSAS Parent Academy

Parents learned how they can help improve their students' performance by attending Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Arts and Sciences Parent Academy. Parents became students and were enlightened as they engaged in hands on activities that helped them see what is actually taught in the classroom. Teachers also informed them about how the new Common Core Standards are being implemented. Parents say participating in events like these help them learn new strategies to help their children succeed.



## Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Arts & Sciences held a school wide Breast Cancer Awareness Walk October 22, in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. That's why getting a screening is so important. The best way to find breast cancer early is to get screened. Talk to your health care provider about what screening tests are right for you. A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast. It is the best screening tool used today to find breast cancer early. A mammogram can find cancer in its earliest stages, even before a lump can be felt. All women age 40 and older should have a mammogram every year.



## Too Smart to Spook

The students were too smart to spook at Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Arts & Sciences as they enjoyed a day of trick or treating. School leaders thank Police Chief Otha Brown and the Canton Police Department for helping give treats to students.





# CES PARENT ACADEMIC NIGHT

## CES holds Parent Academic Night

It was back to the books for parents as Canton Elementary School Teachers rolled up their sleeves to teach parents some innovative approaches to help their children succeed. CES hosted a "Parent Academic Night" to give parents new tools and methods to help their children learn how to master skills as they tackle new Common Core Standards that emphasize critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. Parents say sessions like these help them keep their children at the head of the class.



"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." -- Benjamin Franklin



# PORTER MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMON CORE NIGHT

## Porter Middle School hosts "Common Core Night"

Porter Middle School leaders held "Common Core Night" to help parents understand the new rigors of the state standards. Educators shared PowerPoint Presentations, utilized hands on demonstrations and experiments, and answered questions to help inform parents about Common Core.

### **\*Why Common Core Standards?**

Mississippi adopted Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in 2010 because they provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn so that teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. Consistent standards, also adopted by 45 other states, will provide appropriate academic benchmarks for all students at each grade level, regardless of where they live.

The standards incorporate the best and highest of previous state standards in the U.S. and are internationally benchmarked to the top performing nations around the world.

Students will learn the skills and abilities demanded by the workforce of today and the future. The standards emphasize critical thinking, teamwork and problem-solving skills.

The standards are grounded in college and career readiness.

### **\*What will Mississippi Common Core State Standards mean to students and parents?**

- With the CCSS, parents will know exactly what their children should learn by the end of each grade level.
- The new standards are more rigorous and students will be learning important concepts in earlier grades.
- The Common Core shifts instruction from high school completion to college- and career-readiness for every student.
- When the standards are fully implemented, parents will see that each grade covers fewer topics, but teaches content in much greater depth.
- Curriculum and assessments are evolving to align with the Common Core.
- With the Common Core, parents can be assured that their students are learning to the same high-quality standards as other students across the country.
- New tests will measure learning under CCSS. These tests will be more difficult, which will mean that scores will be lower initially.

**\* Information provided by the Mississippi Department of Education**





# GOODLOE ELEMENTARY PARENT ACADEMY

Goodloe Elementary held its Parent Academy to help parents experience and understand the new rigors of Common Core. You may have already noticed that your children's homework is getting tougher. They are expected to learn in new ways and educators are expected to teach more in depth. Mississippi's students and teachers can meet the challenge of these higher standards but they need your support to succeed. If you notice your child is struggling in a certain area, talk with your child's teacher to identify strategies and resources that may be helpful. You are empowered to find ways to make sure your child reaches his/her full potential under these new standards.

## What can parents do to help their children achieve at these higher levels?

- ▶ Stay in touch with your children's teacher and monitor your children's school performance. Let your children know school work is important to you and that you expect them to do their best.
- ▶ Be ready to support your children as assignments become more difficult to read and more challenging to write. Be patient. Provide the time and location and resources needed to study at home.
- ▶ There is no substitute for reading. Reading a variety of books increases vocabulary, comprehension, general knowledge of the world, and love of learning. The more you read, the better reader you are! From the time your children are young, provide regular, structured time for reading. Fill your home with opportunities to read. Show them that you are a reader, too.

## **Resources:**

- ▶ [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org)
- ▶ [www.mde.k12.ms.us/curriculum-and-instruction/curriculum-and-instruction-other-links/common-core-state-standards](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/curriculum-and-instruction/curriculum-and-instruction-other-links/common-core-state-standards)
- ▶ [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)
- ▶ [www.teachingchannel.org](http://www.teachingchannel.org)
- ▶ [www.cgcs.org/Page/328](http://www.cgcs.org/Page/328)
- ▶ [www.parcconline.org/achieving-common-core](http://www.parcconline.org/achieving-common-core)

**Source:** *Mississippi Department of Education*





# CANTON CAREER CENTER SPEAKERS

## **“Career Planning” Speaker: Wendy Peeples/Holmes Community College**

Wendy Peeples spoke to students about the importance of selecting courses that will help them reach their career goals. Peeples informed students that it is never too early to plan for their future. She encouraged students to seek out affordable, local junior colleges that may offer many of their required basic courses for a fraction of the cost, before they head off to more expensive four year universities. Peeples told students it’s also an excellent way to see if they want to pursue college or enter the workforce.



## **“Credit Day” Speaker: Simon Collier, Vice President of the Canton BankPlus Branch**

Simon Collier gave students tips on mastering personal finance. He told students they are in charge and responsible for their finances that’s why they must create a realistic budget and stick to it. Collier warned students to watch their spending, use credit wisely, get a bank account, and be particular, don’t just trust anybody with your money. He says most importantly save your money so you are financially prepared for the unexpected. Collier told students to apply for scholarships, consider buying used books to save money, and try to entertain on a budget by limiting spending on fun items or activities. He told students to remember what’s important —things you need like food, shelter, and clothing, as opposed to things you want. Collier told students not to be afraid to ask questions of their parents or a banker if they want to learn more about taking charge of their finances.



## **“Career Options” Speaker: Joshua Seymour/Staff Sergeant Recruiting & Retention NCO Mississippi National Guard (Canton Armory)**

Staff Sergeant Joshua Seymour, a recruiter for the MS National Guard, shared with students the career opportunities that await them if they choose to pursue the armed services after graduating from high school. He told students he can retire from the military at the age of 41. He has served four years of active duty in the army in addition to several years as an engineer and recruiter for the MS National Guard. He told students if they choose the military, they can also get scholarships to pay for their education while serving their country.





# NICHOLS MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT ACADEMY

At Nichols Middle School's Parent Academy, educators shared information about how they can help students transition to Common Core. They told parents don't be afraid to reach out to your child's teacher—because they are an important part of their child's education. Ask to see a sample of your child's work or bring a sample with you. Ask the teacher questions like:

- Is my child at the level where he/she should be at this point of the school year?
  - What do you think is giving my child the most trouble? How can I help my child improve in this area?
- Where is my child excelling? How can I support this success?

## **What students will be learning in English Language Arts and Literacy:**

Students will read a range of challenging books, articles, and texts, and will be expected to demonstrate their understanding of the material by answering questions and contributing to class discussions. In writing, students will continue to work on their use of language, sentence structure, and organization of ideas. They will also be expected to integrate information from different sources and respond to challenging content through written interpretation and analysis.

*As they progress through grade levels, students will be asked more questions that require them to cite details or information from increasingly challenging texts. This will encourage them to become observant and analytical readers.*

*Some writing guidelines may seem similar from year to year. However, with practice at each grade level, students continue to learn and apply the rules of standard written English and to strengthen and expand their vocabulary, use of language, and sophistication in the development and organization of ideas.*

## **What students will be learning in Mathematics:**

In mathematics, this means three major changes. Teachers will concentrate on teaching a more focused set of major math concepts and skills. This will allow students time to master important ideas and skills in a more organized way throughout the year and from one grade to the next. It will also call for teachers to use rich and challenging math content and to engage students in solving real-world problems in order to inspire greater interest in mathematics.

**Source: MDE & Council of the Great City Schools**



Parent Lakeshia Sims is awarded a \$10.00 Penn's gift card from Nichols PTO .

**Nichols PTO Officers**  
 Stacy Fleming/Secretary, Lakeshia Sims/Treasurer, Irma Meeks/President, Kamiko Tucker/Asst. Treasurer



# NISSAN HELPS MOTIVATE STUDENTS & STAFF



## Nissan Showing Appreciation

Nissan hosted a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Tuesday, October 15th for Nichols Middle School Faculty and Staff during their professional development day. The Canton Public School District thanks its supportive corporate partner for helping keep hardworking educators motivated as they work to mold our future leaders.



Jeffrey Webster, Nissan Human Resources Director and Nichols Middle School Principal Tina Manning award 7th Grade Math Teacher Cristal Nix with a certificate of appreciation for having the highest QDI scores on the MCT2 test for the 7th Grade.



## Canton Career Center Students Job Shadow at Nissan

Canton Career Center Automotive Services Students participated in job shadowing as professionals at the Canton Nissan North America Plant showed them what their jobs entail.

Students were paired with Nissan mentors and spent several hours job shadowing and taking a tour of the facility. They learned about Nissan's manufacturing process and how vehicles are made from beginning to end. They also learned about many of their support roles that assist in production- like supply chain, logistics, and engineering. Following this activity, the students were given T-shirts and had lunch onsite with their mentors and several members of the leadership team before returning to school. The students say they learned so much from their tour and are thankful to Nissan for giving them this opportunity to explore their career options.





# CANTON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ACADEMY

At Canton High School's Parent Academy, educators told parents that Common Core Standards will call for a shift from "What's Taught" to "What Students Need to Be Able to Do." Educators say to **succeed in 21<sup>st</sup> century college and careers, students need to be able to:** solve problems, manage themselves, adapt to change, analyze/conceptualize, reflect on/improve performance, communicate, work in teams, create/innovate/critique, and engage in learning throughout life.

If you were unable to attend these parent academies, more will be held in December, February, and April. A \$250 gift card will be drawn at the final academies in April from the names of parents who have attended three or more.

Canton Public Schools Superintendent Dwight Luckett thanks parents who took the time out to get involved in helping their children succeed in school by attending the district's Parent Academies. He congratulates parents who were winners of the \$100.00 Wal-Mart gift card incentive given as a result of a drawing held at each school for attending the academies. Superintendent Luckett thanks our corporate sponsor, Mr. Leroy Walker, owner of the Canton McDonald's Restaurant, for providing the gift cards.

- These are the following winners:
- McNeal Elementary/ Lepeachee Smith
- Canton Elementary/ Rita Brent
- Myers CSAS / Tiffany Jones
- Goodloe Elementary /Nadia Travis
- Nichols Middle / Charlotte Reed
- Porter Middle/ Ishyneire James
- Canton High/ Rochelle Fields

## December Parent Academies 5:30-7:30 p.m.

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| Dec. 5  | CHS   |
| Dec. 10 | Nichols & Porter Middle Schools                 |
| Dec. 12 | Myers CSAS, CES, Goodloe, and McNeal Elementary |

Saturday, November 2, from 9-11 a.m., school leaders canvassed neighborhoods passing out helpful information and resources as they talked with parents about how they can work with the school district to help students achieve greater success. This outreach effort included residents in the Joe Pritchard Homes, Canton Garden Apartments, and the Canton Family Units. School leaders updated parents on everything from the importance of attendance and parental involvement to how to help students master the new Common Core Standards and much more. They also listened to parent concerns and suggestions to help the district continue to move forward.





# CANTON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

## 2013-2014



| <b>Date</b>           | <b>Opponent</b>                               | <b>Place</b>      |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>November 2</b>     | <b>Jamboree</b>                               | <b>For-</b>       |
| <b>est Hill</b>       |   |                   |
| <b>November 9</b>     | <b>Pearl Classic</b>                          | <b>Pearl</b>      |
| <b>November 12</b>    | <b>Provine</b>                                | <b>Away</b>       |
| <b>November 16</b>    | <b>Velma Jackson (B)</b>                      | <b>Home</b>       |
| <b>November 19</b>    | <b>Murrah</b>                                 | <b>Home</b>       |
| <b>November 21</b>    | <b>Wingfield</b>                              | <b>Home</b>       |
| <b>November 26</b>    | <b>Vicksburg (G)</b>                          | <b>Home</b>       |
| <b>December 2-7</b>   | <b>Madison County Tournament</b>              | <b>Germantown</b> |
| <b>December 10</b>    | <b>Lanier</b>                                 | <b>Away</b>       |
| <b>December 17</b>    | <b>Yazoo City</b>                             | <b>Away</b>       |
| <b>December 20</b>    | <b>Ridgeland Shootout</b>                     | <b>Ridgeland</b>  |
| <b>December 26-28</b> | <b>JPS Pepsi Tournament</b>                   | <b>Away</b>       |
| <b>January 7</b>      | <b>Ridgeland**</b>                            | <b>Home</b>       |
| <b>January 11</b>     | <b>Velma Jackson (G)</b>                      | <b>Away</b>       |
| <b>January 14</b>     | <b>Germantown** (B)</b>                       | <b>Home</b>       |
| <b>January 17</b>     | <b>Neshoba Central**</b>                      | <b>Home</b>       |
| <b>January 21</b>     | <b>Ridgeland**</b>                            | <b>Away</b>       |
| <b>January 24</b>     | <b>Germantown** (B)</b>                       | <b>Away</b>       |
| <b>January 25</b>     | <b>Mid-Mississippi Challenge (Girls Only)</b> | <b>Ackerman</b>   |
| <b>January 31</b>     | <b>Neshoba Central**</b>                      | <b>Away</b>       |
| <b>February 4</b>     | <b>Yazoo City</b>                             | <b>Home</b>       |
| <b>February 7</b>     | <b>Pearl</b>                                  | <b>Away</b>       |
| <b>February 14</b>    | <b>Jim Hill (B)</b>                           | <b>Away</b>       |
| <b>February 17-22</b> | <b>District 3-5A Tournament</b>               | <b>Ridgeland</b>  |

All home varsity games will begin @ 6 p.m.

\*Denotes district game

(B) Denotes boys' junior varsity game that will begin @ 5 p.m.

\*\*\*Denotes district game and junior varsity game

**Head Girls Coach: Melissa Word**

**Head Boys Coach: Chris Love**

**Girls Asst. Coach: Sandra McKinney**

**Athletic Director: Peter Brown**





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## 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.*

*The Canton Public School District will not discriminate, in its operation, on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, marital status, age, religion or lack thereof, or disability, in accordance with federal and state laws, and with state accreditation standards.*