



Canton Public School District

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"District Parent of the Year" & Canton High School "Parent of the Year" 2012-13



Mrs. Cheryl Horn

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Cheryl Johnson Horn is a 1982 graduate of Canton High School. She furthered her education at Hinds Community College and Tougaloo College.

Horn is the Chief Deputy Clerk of Madison County Justice Court. She has also served as a teacher assistant at Canton Elementary School, a Parent Liaison for the Even Start Program and an Avon Representative.

Horn serves faithfully at her church, Makarios Worship Center, where

Congratulations to our “Parents of the Year”

On behalf of the Canton Public School District, I commend our “Parents of the Year” for their relentless devotion to help our students succeed. Your enthusiastic spirit, your commitment to excellence, and your desire for our students to achieve greater academic success shows in all of the work you have put forth to help the district achieve its mission. With strong supportive parents, working together with the district the possibilities are endless as to what we can accomplish. Your support goes a long way in developing our students and creating a stronger, more productive community. Let us continue *Working Together with One Vision, One Goal, One Mission...transforming lives while building futures.*

“Remember Working Together Works.”

Dwight J. Luckett
Superintendent



Dwight J. Luckett, Ed.S.



***“Life affords no greater
responsibility, no greater
privilege, than the
raising of the next
generation.”***

***-C. Everett Koop
U.S. Surgeon General,
1981-1989***



"District Parent of the Year" cont'd

Reverend Leon Collier is the Pastor and Yolanda Collier is the Co-Pastor. Horn is a Deaconess, Leader of the Doorkeeper Ministry, and a member of the administrative board and finance committee.

Cheryl Johnson Horn is the wife of Mr. Adolf Horn. They have been married for twenty-six years. They are the parents of two daughters, Brittany Horn, a 2006 honor graduate of Canton High School and Breanna Horn, a freshman honor student at Canton High and a member of the 2013 Lady Tiger Basketball Championship Team. They have two grandchildren, Emmanuel and Kennedy James. Horn is the daughter of the late Mr. James Edward Johnson Sr. and Mrs. Helen Dean Johnson.

"Since God has blessed me with the spiritual gift of helping others, I enjoy the opportunities I have to serve my family, church, and community. To God be the glory for the great things he has done and is doing," says Horn.



Goodloe Elementary School "Parent of the Year"

Veda Greene Archie, a native Cantonian, has been an active parent of the Canton Public Schools for quite some time. Archie has held membership and past offices with the Parent Teacher Association at various schools within the district. Currently, Archie serves as a Room Mother at Jimmie M. Goodloe Elementary School and a Canton High School representative on the Parent Advisory committee.

Since June 2012, Archie has been Co-Certification Manager of the North Madison County Excel by 5 Coalition. The organization's purpose is to raise the awareness of early childhood education and foster a zeal for reading so that preschoolers will be school-ready by age 5.

Archie says she has tried to be an involved parent, by attending Black History and Awards Programs, and Parental Academic Nights. As 5th Grade Room Mother for Mrs. Marshal's class, Archie donated school supplies for the classroom. She also provided Easter treats for students and Easter cards for 5th grade teachers. Archie also donated scrap paper so students could recycle it and find various uses for it. Archie says she is truly honored to be named "Parent of the Year" for Goodloe Elementary School. "I know that there were other parents who are just as deserving, yet you chose me. I am so excited about the good things that have occurred this year - the completion of Jimmie Goodloe Elementary and Huey Porter Middle School! I know that we, the parents and community, can expect academic excellence from these schools and the district as a whole," says Archie.



Mrs. Veda Archie

McNeal Elementary School "Parent of the Year"



Mrs. Jimmie Smith

Mrs. Jimmie Lee Crawford Smith was born in Camden, Mississippi. When she turned six years old she moved to Canton with her family. Mrs. Smith was educated in the Canton School District with her start being at Cameron Street School and later at Rogers High School. One of the proudest moments of Mrs. Smith's life came in 1981 when she received her Graduate Equivalency Diploma or GED. "I was proud that night because my daughter and I graduated together," says Smith.

Mrs. Smith is the proud mother of four children, three sons and one daughter (who is deceased). She also has nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She and her husband, Mr. James Curtis Smith, Sr. has been married for 52 years. Smith says she loves the Lord and places Him at the head of her life. She is a member of Greater Sim's A.M.E. Zion Church pastored by Rev. Peggy McKenny where she serves as Deaconess.

"I want to thank everyone for thinking enough of me to have me represent McNeal Elementary as Parent of the Year. I thank God and I thank everyone," says Smith.

Nichols Middle School & Reuben Myers CSAS *"Parent of the Year"*

Kristy Robinson was born and raised in Hazlehurst, MS. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Victor and Lavoise Dixon of Hazlehurst. She has one brother, Stephen Dixon, of Byram, MS. In 1996, Robinson graduated from Hazlehurst High School where she was Valedictorian. She attended Alcorn State University and graduated magna cum laude with a B.S in biology in 2000.

While at Alcorn State she met and married her husband, Reginald Robinson, of Canton, MS. They have three children-Bralon, Branson, and Bria. From there Robinson attended the University of Mississippi Medical Center and received a B.S in nursing in 2002. In 2003, Robinson returned to the academic resort at Alcorn State and obtained an M.S in nursing. She has practiced as a family nurse practitioner for approximately eight years. In 2008, she, along with her husband fulfilled a lifelong dream and opened Primary Solutions Family Health Clinic, Inc. in Yazoo City, MS. They have hopes of building a medical structure at Primary Solutions focused on preventive care for patients across their lifespan. Robinson enrolled at the University of Alabama in Mobile, Alabama in 2012 and will complete all requirements for a doctorate in nursing in July 2013.

Currently, she is a member of Greater St. Matthew M.B. Church where she serves as Sunday school teacher and youth leader. Robinson is a member of the Mississippi Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Since relocating to Canton, MS after marriage, Robinson has been an active parent and advocate for the Canton Public School District where her children attend school. She currently serves as PTA president at Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Arts and Sciences.



Mrs. Kristy Robinson

Canton Elementary School "Parent of the Year"



Ms. Amber Cole

Amber Patrice Cole was born on January 3, 1983 at Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital in Los Angeles California. She is the daughter of Pearline Love and Walter Cole. She spent her childhood in California, moving to Canton with her mother when she was 13 years old. She spent her next years living with her grandmother Claudia Love in Canton, graduating in the Class of 2001 from Canton High School.

Cole is the mother of Mya Dudley, and Jatavious Cole. She says that she will always be there for them and that they are the reason that she tries to better herself. Cole describes her parenting style as tough, but fair. She has a routine for her children: snacks after school, then homework time, dinner, and some TV/ game time. Bedtime is at 8:00 every night. "I do this not because I want to be hard on my children, but because I love them and want them to succeed in school and in life," says Cole. Her often repeated quote says it all: "everything I do, it's all about my kids."

Huey Porter Middle School "Parent of the Year"

Sheryl Dickens Washington is a native of Crosby, MS. She has lived in Canton for 10 years. Washington is an Amite County High School graduate of the Class of 1995. She graduated from Alcorn State University in 2000.

Washington has been married to Dexter Washington for 17 years. They are the proud parents of six children. Washington and her husband are partners in the ministry.

Washington is an academic coordinator for Cultural Homestay International. Her responsibility is to find host families for foreign exchange students who attend our country to further their education. She is also a children's book author. Washington says she is a people person and can be found encouraging people on any given day. "My goal in life is to live my life with purpose and teach others to do the same. Shining the light of Christ is my highest and most honorable call," says Washington.



Mrs. Sheryl Washington

Parents are the Key to Successful Children

If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd finger-paint more, and point the finger less.
I would do less correcting and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.

-- Diane Loomans, from "If I Had My Child To Raise Over Again"



- 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
- If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders. -- Abigail Van Buren
- Taking time and sharing is the essence of teaching. The future of those we cherish, will be a reflection of what we model today. -- Author Unknown
- The best inheritance a parent can give his children is a few minutes of his time each day.
-- O. A. Battista

School - Parental Involvement



Parents play a vital role in the success of a school. Whether parents reserve their involvement only to their child, such as meeting with a teacher about the child's progress, or become involved with the school as a whole, perhaps serving as chairman of the fundraising committee of the PTA, each parent's interest in the school helps to improve the school. Involved parents are also setting a good example for their children. Parents' involvement in school demonstrates the importance of school and education. This message will influence the child's attitude toward school throughout the child's educational journey. It is important to find the right outlet for a parent's participation. Someone who is not familiar with Robert's Rules of Order may not feel comfortable as president of the PTA, but may enjoy tutoring children in math. Tapping into each parent's talents and abilities is crucial for the school-parent relationship to thrive.

Parents must also be given the tools necessary for them to succeed in the tasks given to them. Giving parents the information and support they need is an important part of the process. The power one parent has to make a difference may be limited, but each time parents join together, their power grows. By banding together, parents can accomplish great things for their children and schools.

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“WORKING TOGETHER WORKS”



The Canton Public School District

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 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.

One Goal, One Vision, One Mission.....



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