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Your daily guide to schools in your neighborhood

We asked school administrators to help us highlight positive things going on in tri-county public and private schools. This information is also available online at montgomeryadvertiser.com. Our goal is to ultimately include brief information from every school every day. E-mail events to schools@montgomeryadvertiser.com

Montgomery Public Schools

Note: Montgomery Public Schools Special Education Department will conduct Surrogate Parent Training from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of Bellinger Hill, 1153 S. Lawrence St. For more information about the program, call **Gayle Stewart**, special education transition coordinator for Low Incidence Populations, at 334-269-3808.

Blount Elementary: The school recently held its first in a series of Teacher Treat Days. Teacher Treat Days are held four times during the school year to recognize and thank the school's wonderful teachers. Each treat day is hosted by specific grade levels and parents donate lunch items for teachers to enjoy. Parents also volunteer to watch the classes so teachers can spend their lunchtime together. Future Teacher Treat Days are scheduled for Dec. 4, Jan. 15, March 5 and during Teacher Appreciation Week on May 4-9.

Brewbaker Intermediate: Fourth-graders will compile information about their grandparents into a class scrapbook.

■ The school will host a series of "Chat & Chews" at the EastChase Chick-Fil-A on the last Monday of each month from 5 to 6 p.m. These events give parents and students an opportunity to eat and talk with principal **Jesiletta Thomas.**

■ Students in **Heather Garrett's** fourth-grade class will discuss disasters and how they change the environment. They will perform a reader's theater on The Great Kapot Tree. They also will make an Alabama History project on the different instruments Indians used long ago.

■ Fifth-grade students in **Veronica Ashley, Philander Dillard** and **Heidi Casteel's** classes will make bookmarks and star photo frame cards for Grandparent's Day.

Chisholm Elementary: Marjorie Williams' class, Den 502, will present the character education words for the week during morning announcements.

Dannelly Elementary: Second-grade students in **Ronnie Doughty's** class will learn about the life cycle of the butterfly. They will observe caterpillars transforming into butterflies.

■ The PTA is currently sponsoring a cookie dough fundraiser through Oct. 10. Dannelly was the highest selling cookie dough school for 2007.

■ Third-grade students in **Dawn Arnette's** class will build their reading comprehension skills by playing Book Baseball with the story, "Penguin Chick."

Dozier Elementary: Speech teacher **Denise Dukes** will introduce the character trait of the week, "respect for others," on the school's daily schoolwide telecast.

E.D. Nixon Elementary: Sixth-grade students in **Curtis Moore's** class will learn how tornadoes form and their effects.

Fitzpatrick Elementary: First-grade students will take a nature walk to find objects representing every letter of the alphabet.

Garrett Elementary: The library will have a book fair throughout the week.

Goodwyn Junior High: The girls volleyball team will play Bellingrath at 4:30 p.m. today.

Lanier High: The school will have its open house at 6 p.m. today.

MacMillan International Academy: Students in **Emily Baldwin's** fourth-grade class will begin a study of France. Students will study the French language as well as its history and culture and will design a postcard to represent the country. The study will culminate with a presentation of France, presented by the fourth-grade students to the entire student body during the MacMillan Theme Day in November.

■ The MacMillan Chorus has begun rehearsals for its first production, "December in Our Town."

T.S. Morris Elementary: Fifth-grade students will work on four square writing activities on Native American Civilization.

■ Fourth-grade students in **Martin Stagg's** class will study multi-meaning words by creating sentences using the different meanings of a word. Each student will be given a different word to research and write about.

■ The school will have a Test Trax Training in-service in the technology lab at 3:15 p.m. today.

Vaughn Road Elementary: Third-grade students have been studying the human body using their kit. They have studied their bones and have dissected an owl pellet. This week, they will learn about their joints and how they help the body move by conducting several experiments.

■ Fifth-grade students in **Grace Quantock's** class will become foster parents to four dwarf black hamsters. The class will utilize the AMSTI method of analyzing, observing and predicting to determine possible names for the four new babies and then they will vote on the names.

■ During library time, students will continue their research on Hispanic culture.

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Blount Elementary parents provided the treats for the Teacher Treat Day luncheon.

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Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School's 2008-09 Middle School SGA officers are secretary Jack Starr, president Robbie Sankey, vice president Gabriella Hayes and chaplain Maggie Starr.

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Saint James students, first row, from left, Camilla Bryant, Claire Walter, Carlyn Watson, Mary Griggs, Hayley Bell and Logan Strane along with, background, Alexandra Wise and Wilson Adams took part in Senior Citizen Day, when all high school students dressed up as their favorite senior citizens.

Montgomery Private Schools

Alabama Christian Academy: The display in the elementary lobby shows students how they have reached out to others over the past few years. The display includes Malawi, Africa — students wrote note and sent goodies boxes by a mission team from Montgomery Inner City to the African city; Adullam House — students brought canned goods and food staples; Cozumel, Mexico — students sent uniforms; New Orleans — students brought toys for children displaced by Katrina; Long Beach, Miss. — students brought gloves and paper products to be taken by a work crew after Katrina; Zimbabwe, Africa — students brought supplies to be taken for a missoun trip; Panama — students made Christmas boxes for children; Manadero, Mexico — students brought backpacks and money to by school supplies for Mexican children; Agape — students filled Christmas stockings for foster children; Heavenly Hats Foundation — students raised money to buy hats for children with cancer; and Jump Rope for Heart — students raised money to help the American Heart Association. Elementary students are great at reaching out to others.

Evangel Christian Academy: Mrs. Ray's first-grade class is off to a great start this year. The students are learning one- and two-vowel rules in phonics. They also are learning about zoo animals and have taken a field trip to the Montgomery Zoo. The class took a survey about what they liked most about first grade: No. 1 favorite is P.E., No. 2 favorite is reading group and their No. 3 favorite is music.

Macon-East Montgomery Academy: The students have really been excited about the butterfly garden and the Webcam. Teachers and students have had wonderful spontaneous classes outside. The AWF Outdoor Classroom Expo scheduled for October is offering so many excellent classes for teachers. Also, the Alabama Wildlife Federation will give the school more than $400 of equipment and supplies this year.

Montgomery Academy: The Spanish Club has selected its new officers — president **Matthew Massey**, vice-president **Jonathan Barrington**, treasurer **Rebecca Tumblin**, secretary **Stead Hayes** and programs committee members **Lizzie Beale** and **Evan Broder.** The membership drive closed with 78 members. The Spanish Club is open to all students who are currently enrolled in any Upper School Spanish courses. Congratulations to all officers for conducting such a successful membership campaign.

Montgomery Catholic Preparatory: Middle School students recently selected their officers for the 2008-2009 academic year. **Robbie Sankey** was elected president, **Gabriella Hayes** as vice president, **Jack Starr** as secretary and **Maggie Starr** as chaplain. All of the eighth-graders are looking forward to a great year.

South Montgomery County Academy: The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders worked hard preparing for each football game. Keep up the good work.

■ The October issue of the school's newspaper Southern Gossip will be on sale starting today. Anyone wishing to purchase a paper, please call the office at 562-3235.

■ The Scholastic Book Fair will begin today and continue through Friday.

■ Congratulations to the volleyball team for its victories last week.

■ There will be a football supper at 6:15 p.m. today at the home of **Don** and **Claire Hicks.** The supper is for all varsity football players, coaches, cheerleaders and their parents. There will be a Booster Club meeting following the supper. The supper is sponsored by the athletes' parents.

Saint James: Students recently celebrated homecoming. All three schools on the campus participated in a variety of activities leading up to the homecoming pep rally and game last Friday. The ST! Trojans played cross-town rival, the Montgomery Academy Eagles. The "Trojan Olympics" — the theme for activities during homecoming week — generated tremendous school spirit and created a fun-filled environment during the week. Students were creative, humorous attire befitting the day's dress-up theme. Students competed on individual, district class and grade-wide levels. The prize for the winning grade was one denim "dress down" day, whereby an entire class of students will not be required to wear their school uniforms.

St. Jude: The 2008 homecoming festivities include:

■ **Pep Rally** – 6-7 p.m. Thursday behind the school

■ **Homecoming** – Friday. The pre-game show is at 6:30 p.m. and kick-off is at 7 p.m. Halftime show includes the presentation of Miss Varsity, Miss St. Jude and Miss Senior and courts, and recognition of alumni football athletes.

■ **Pirates Treasure Chest Raffle** — The winner will get a chest filled with $1,000 (coins and bills). Tickets are $10 each. The winner will be announced at the homecoming halftime show. Call the school at 334-264-5376 for tickets.

■ **Homecoming T-shirt** — T-shirts are on sale. Call the school to order.

■ Alumni are asked to contact **Erica Butler** (counselor) Monday-Friday at 334-264-5376, Ext. 103, or via e-mail erica.butler@tsaden.org; or call **Ovetta Moscatiello** at 334-201-3568 daily after 5 p.m. regarding homecoming events. Please RSVP by Wednesday.

Success Unlimited Academy: Taylor Skipper and **Jasmine McClain** were recently recognized for being outstanding students in the school's Tutoring Center. They both work extremely hard to maintain their grades and stay organized and motivated to do their best work. Their tutor, **Lauren Pitts,** has been working with them for more than two years. Taylor attends Alabama Christian Academy and Jasmine attends Evangel Christian Academy.

Taylor Road Academy:

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Montgomery Academy's Spanish Club selected its new officers.

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The South Montgomery County Academy varsity and junior varsity team members include Abby Brown, Haley Hicks, Lindley Edwards, Rebekah Halse, Monica Boswell, Ashley Weston, Chelsea Gilmore and Emily Jackson.

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Edgewood Academy varsity cheerleaders recently prepared for their black-light pep rally.

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Students in **Mrs. Gurley's** kindergarten class brought an item from home beginning with the letter "h" sound. They brought everything from hats to helicopters to homework flash cards. Kindergartners learned all of the consonant sounds first then the vowels. They then put the sounds together and formed the letter sounds into words.

Other Montgomery Schools

Maxwell AFB Elementary: Mrs. Buckner's third period class recently read "Clifford" books to **Mrs. Teal's** kindergarten class as they celebrated Clifford Day.

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Autauga Academy fifth-graders show off the banner they designed for their homecoming football game.

Autauga/ Elmore Public Schools

Note: School bus routes are available on the home page of the Elmore County Public School's Web site, www.elmore-co.com

Daniel Pratt Elementary: Parent conferences are scheduled today.

Elmore County High: Thirty-eight students were inducted in the Senior Beta Club at Elmore County High School. The Beta Club promotes the ideals of character, service and leadership among students.

Eclectic Elementary: There will be a dedication ceremony for their Outdoor Classroom facility at 1:30 p.m. Friday. Science and math teachers will be doing hands-on activities outside all day for all students. Parents and the community are invited to attend.

Marbury High: The school's homecoming activities are set for Friday in the small gym by the baseball Field. Registration and coffee is at 9 a.m. for former graduates, teachers, coaches, cheerleaders, homecoming queens any sports players or band members. The general membership meeting is at 10 a.m. The fee for lunch is $7. There is a $10 fee for annual membership dues.

Pine Level Elementary: Today is Parent Conference Day. This is a school holiday for the students. Teachers will have parent conferences from noon until 7 p.m.

Prattville Primary: Today is Parent/Teacher Conference Day. Conferences will be held from noon to 7 p.m.

Autauga/ Elmore Private Schools

Autauga Academy: The fifth-grade class helped celebrate Homecoming Week by designing and painting a banner for the homecoming football game.

Community Christian Academy: School orientation, classes, schedules and registration information are all online at www.communitychristian.com. Call 531-0534 for further information on activity updates, meetings and other news on the school.

East Memorial Christian Academy: The K-4 and K-5 students, led by their teachers **Karen Kintner, Jeanel Button, Flo Simpkins** and **Brenda Taylor,** enjoyed putting on a show for all the parents, teachers and officers at a recent PTSO meeting. The items on the agenda included election of officers, fundraisers for this year and the first annual Wildcat Walk of Prayer.

Edgewood Academy: Edgewood plays Meadowview for homecoming.

Prattville Christian Academy: The school held a memorial service to remember the events of Sept. 11. Members of the local fire departments, law enforcement agencies, active duty military, retired military and city council members attended as honored guests. After an account of the events was read, students stopped for a moment of silence and reflected on the sacrifice made by those who lost their loved ones and the families they left behind. The students stood and recognized the honored guests, who were representing hundreds of thousands that serve our country and put their lives in harms way each day.

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