

Swoop's Scoop



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Happy New Year

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man. ~ Benjamin Franklin



Augusta Circle Faculty Shine

Congratulations to **Pam Craig**, Augusta Circle's nurse since 2005. Mrs. Craig was recently named as Greenville County School's LPN Nurse of the Year for 2011—2012.

Congratulations to **Meg Plexico**, Augusta Circle's Teacher of the Year for 2012—2013. Mrs. Plexico is in her fifth year teaching at ACES. She currently teaches second grade and has previously taught fourth grade.

PTA News

We are presently recruiting members of the Executive Board, committee chairs, and committee volunteers for the 2012—2013 PTA year. If you would like to nominate someone (or yourself) for a position, please contact PTA Co-Presidents Elect Alison Pitts (apitts315@gmail.com, 631-1520) or Elliott Grow (grow.elliott@gmail.com, 282-9090). It takes a wide range of talents and interests to make this a great school! We encourage you all to get involved.

We invite all Augusta Circle parents to become involved in the PTA. Exciting events coming up the second half of the school year include Grandparents and Special Friends Week, Cultural Arts Week and the Augusta Circle Circus. Attend our next PTA meeting on January 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the science room and get involved!

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ACES Spirit Night—January 22

Parents, join your friends for Augusta Circle's first "Parent Spirit Night" hosted by The Trappe Door on Sunday, January 22. Find a sitter and enjoy a night of good company and great food. Get a group together or make it a special date night. Reservations are strongly recommended; call The Trappe Door at 451-7490. The Trappe Door has generously offered to donate a portion of the evening's proceeds to Augusta Circle's PTA.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, January 13	No School—Teacher Workday		
Monday, January 16	No School—MLK Holiday		
January 18—20	5K and 1st Grade Registration for 2012—2013		
Thursday, January 19	Report Cards		
Sunday, January 22	Parent Spirit Night, The Trappe Door		
January 23—27	Canned Food Drive		
Monday, January 23	PTA Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Science Room
Friday, January 27	"The Big Chill"—2nd Grade Winter Program	8:30 a.m.	Auditorium
Monday, February 6	Kate Carlyle Shopping Day		
February 6—10	Grandparents and Special Friends Week		
Wednesday, February 15	Interim Progress Reports		
Monday, February 20	No School—Presidents' Day		

Southwest Council Reflections Winners

Congratulations to these students for placing in the Reflections contest at the Southwest Council PTA level. Good luck at the District level.

- Reese Beeby, second place primary visual arts;
- Sydney Cornwell, third place intermediate visual arts;
- Clancy Carter, third place primary visual arts;
- Ellie Mullins, first place intermediate literature;
- Lilly Baker, honorable mention primary photography;
- Shaylen Burden, honorable mention intermediate photography.

2011—2012 School Scrapbook

Don't forget to send photos of school activities, events, fieldtrips, etc. to Alison Jones for the school scrapbook. Identify the event and write names on the back of the photos. If you'd like to assist with photography or in preparing a scrapbook page(s), contact Alison: 298-0547, juddjones@charter.net.



Second Grade Winter Program

Don't be left out in the cold — be sure to attend "The Big Chill", a special performance by the Augusta Circle Elementary Second Grade classes to be held on January 27 at 8:30 a.m. The children, who have been practicing since early December, will amaze you with their vocal, dance, and theatrical talents. Please contact Becca Jopling, jopling@bellsouth.net, 230-5627, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.



Canned Food Drive

The Canned Food Drive will be held the week of Monday, January 23—Friday, January 27. All of the canned goods will be shared with the Harvest Hope and Samaritan House food pantries.



Volunteer Spotlight

This month the spotlight shines on two volunteers who are tremendous assets to Eileen Conway and the school library.



Shannon Lineberger continues to coordinate the greatest number of volunteers the library has ever had. Shannon is the mother of third grader Stokes, and first grader Sophie.

Kristin Bailey coordinated the book fair which raised over \$2,000 for new library books and supplies. Kristin is the mother of first grader Norah, and kindergartner Lauren.

We look forward to the continued assistance of these dedicated volunteers. Thank you, Shannon and Kristin, for your commitment to our school, teachers, and, most of all, our students.

Please remember to register your volunteer hours in the computer in the school office. If you are not in the drop down list under "Volunteers," please see Miss Daisy. Thank you.

Kindergarten and First Grade Registration

5K and first grade registration for the 2012—2013 school year will be held January 18—20. All new students entering kindergarten or first grade at Augusta Circle this fall should register at the school. Registration numbers determine class size and teacher allocation for our school. To register a child for kindergarten or first grade, a parent must present the following at registration:



- state-issued birth certificate
- properly completed immunization certificate or religious exemption certificate
- two forms of proof of residence (current utility bill, copy of lease or mortgage, etc).

For more information parents can visit the school website or call the office at 355-1200.

World Drumming Class Update

Students have shown great interest in our first after-school drumming class and all slots are currently filled. The World Drumming Class will begin Thursday, February 3 and will conclude with a performance at All Arts Night on Thursday, April 26.



Battle of the Books

The fourth and fifth graders have been reading for the upcoming Battle of the Books contest. This month, Mrs. Conway will form teams that will compete for the Augusta Circle Battle of the Books Champion title in early March. The district finals will take place in April.

During last month's book fair, the library staff held a drawing of all the names of students who sent in items for the sock and glove drive. Congratulations to the following students who each won a free book from the fair: **Jeb Brown, Finch Vergnolle, Eva Grow and Annie Puckett**. Thank you to everyone who participated!

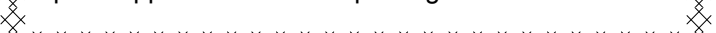
ACES Directory Changes

Please make these changes to your school directory: Elizabeth Poteat (Cassels) - new e-mail address is elizabethpoteat@gmail.com. Alexis Quartararo (Mitchell) - updated e-mail address is aquart99@gmail.com. Caroline Warthen (McCartney) - correct cell number is 616-0073.

If your contact information in the ACES student directory is incorrect, please send updated information to Kim Stuart: kimstuart@bellsouth.net. If you are not receiving eblasts from the school and would like to be added to the distribution list, contact Kim Stuart.

Moe's Spirit Night

Thank you to Moe's for generously donating almost \$350 (20% of their dinner sales) to ACES on December 7. We appreciate all of the families who showed up to support our second spirit night.



CIRCUS UPDATE!



Get more information about sponsorship opportunities and new sponsor benefits! Lots of sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Contact Alden Pimentel at aldenpimentel@gmail.com or Elizabeth Clark at keithandelizabeth@att.net for all the details.

**SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE ACE CIRCUS!**

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 3:30-6:30 p.m.

New to the Circus this year ...
a PHOTO BOOTH!!

We're excited to offer this fun addition to the Circus so get ready to snap some silly photos for your scrapbook. This is sure to be this year's *most popular* attraction.



Grandparents and Special Friends

Grandparents and Special Friends Week is a tradition anticipated each year by everyone at ACE. This event, to be held February 6 through February 10, is a wonderful opportunity for students to show appreciation for their grandparents and other family members by inviting them to a special lunch. We look forward to showing off our great school!

Here are the dates and times for each grade (please plan to arrive ten minutes early):

Monday, February 6: 2nd Grade

11:10 Manigault, 11:30 Gilchrist, 11:50 Plexico, 12:10 Montjoy

Tuesday, February 7: 1st Grade

11:10 Cassels, 11:30 Culbertson, 11:50 Kraning, 12:10 McCartney, 12:30 Spaniel

Wednesday, February 8: 5K and 3rd Grade

10:50 Drake, 11:10 Nicholson, 11:30 Owens, 11:50 Gower, 12:10 Brazell, 12:30 Walker

Thursday, February 9: 4th Grade and EMH

11:10 Mitchell, 11:30 McKnight, 11:50 Maitland and Mullen, 12:10 Barker

Friday, February 10: 5th Grade

11:10 Brazil, 11:30 Williams, 11:50 Murphy

Look for additional information in your student's folder soon. Please contact Allison Freeland (232-4334, amfreeland@freeland-associates.com) or Caroline Lowder (282-8920, cytct1@yahoo.com) with questions. We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event.



Augusta Circle PTA would like to thank all the parents and staff who have donated to the Family Partnership Fund. These funds make a huge difference in the academic success of our students in need.

Valentine's Special Offer

Kate Carlyle has offered to donate 10% of sales on Monday, February 6 to Augusta Circle Elementary's PTA.

Ladies, stop in before the date and make a wish list for Valentine's Day!



Healthy Snack Choices in the Cafeteria

The Augusta Circle cafeteria now offers a delicious selection of fruit and grain bars, cheddar goldfish, pretzel goldfish, sunflower seeds (kernel only) and Smart Cookies. Prices range from \$.35 to \$.75. Students must have sufficient money in their lunch account or cash in hand to purchase these extra snacks.

Hands on Hughes

All fourth and fifth graders are invited to join Hughes Academy on Tuesday, February 7 or Thursday, February 9 for free hands-on science activities from 4:00—5:00 p.m. During this "gravity swing" session, students will explore the effects of centrifugal force as they design experiments that seem to defy the laws of gravity. Snacks will be provided. Parents must provide transportation and pre-registration is required. Additional information and registration forms can be found on the Hughes website: www.greenville.k12.sc.us/hughes.

Save the Date

Tuesday, February 28 is the date of our next evening PTA meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room. All parents are invited.

March 9 and 12 are scheduled make-up days. Please do not make any plans for these days in case they are needed as regular school days.

The third grade "Salute to South Carolina" is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 16.

A PTA meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the Science Room.

Class pictures will be made on Tuesday, March 27.

The fifth graders will travel to Barrier Island on March 28—30.

The fourth grade trip to Charleston will be March 29—30.

We will all enjoy Spring Break, April 2—6. April 9 is a make-up day; please do not make plans for this day in case school is in session.



Box Tops For Education

Don't forget to cut out Box Tops coupons from eligible products — each Box Top coupon is worth \$.10 for Augusta Circle.



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