



Dear Partners,

As summer draws to a close, our community buzzes with the excitement and anticipation of a new school year. For many families, the return to school marks a time of fresh beginnings, new opportunities, and renewed commitments to learning and growth.

In this edition, you will find information on back-to-school events, tips for preparing students for the classroom and local resources to support families and children.

As we embark on this journey together, let us remember that our combined efforts create a powerful force for positive change. Thank you for your continued support, passion, and partnership. Together, we are not just preparing our children for school; we are preparing them for a brighter future.

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BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS

PREP

ESTABLISH A ROUTINE

- Create a morning and bedtime routine

CREATE A DEDICATED STUDY SPACE

- Set up a quiet and organized space with supplies

REVIEW SCHOOL MATERIALS

- Read all material sent by school and discuss with student

TALK ABOUT EXPECTATIONS

- Discuss what they can expect on first day

SET GOALS TOGETHER

- This offers a sense of purpose and direction
- Celebrate their efforts and achievements, no matter how small

PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- Encourage balanced meals, regular exercise, and sufficient sleep to support overall well-being and academic performance.
- Be attentive to your child's emotional well-being. Starting or returning to school can be stressful, Consider mindfulness activities or relaxation techniques to help manage stress and anxiety.

By implementing these tips, parents can help their children start the school year with confidence and enthusiasm!

Resources for Parents

FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES : FINDHELP.ORG

ACADEMIC

KHAN ACADEMY

WWW.KHANACADEMY.ORG

Free online courses
Pre K-College



Expert tutors will be available daily from 2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. to assist students in grades K-12 with Math, Science, Social Studies, English, SAT/ACT Prep and more

Free app on Android and iOS

TECHNOLOGY

PCS FOR PEOPLE

651-354-2552

WWW.PCSFORPEOPLE.ORG

SENIOR PLANET (FREE CLASSES FOR SENIORS)

WWW.SENIORPLANET.ORG

EMPLOYMENT

BETTERWORK COLUMBUS (762) 441-1294

Betteropportunity.org

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

706-565-7835

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

1-877-US2-JOBS (1-877-872-5627)

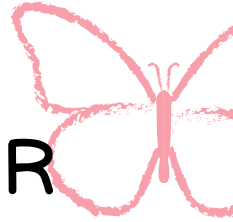
MENTAL HEALTH

GEORGIA HOPE
COUNSELING SERVICES
706-847-4871

NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH
706-596-5500

PARENTAL STRESS LINE
800-632-8188

GEORGIA CRISIS AND ACCESS
LINE
800-715-4225



DAILY SCHEDULE PLANNER

DATE: _____

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- 8:00am
- 8:30am
- 9:00am
- 9:30am
- 10:00am
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TOP PRIORITY

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TO-DO LIST

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NOTES/ REMINDERS

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LiquiDonate



MINIMIZE WASTE

MAXIMIZE
IMPACT

About Us

LiquiDonate is the first and only software tech solution to seamlessly match and move inventory to nonprofits and schools to advance a circular economy. Our powerful matching algorithm connects donations from a variety of brands and retailers to 501c3 organizations across the country.

LiquiDonate Platform

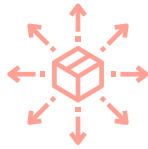
- Free membership** for 501c3 organizations
- Automated** donation receipts **Set up preferences** and change them as your needs change
- Responsive** support team
- No hidden fees**

Magic Matches



Nonprofits can opt-in to receive a customer-returned item in like-new condition, shipped directly to their organization free of charge. You set the categories of items you would like to receive from.

Circularity Shop



Brands and retailers around the country list inventory on our online free marketplace where registered nonprofits can shop for the goods they need. Pickup is always free, and shipping or delivery options are available in select markets.

10M+ Items Donated from Retailers like:



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yummi Candles

HONEYLOVE

BUILT DIFFERENT

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Save the Date

Davis Broadcasting Presents

Movie Night Under the Stars

Tools for School

Friday, August 2, 2024

Columbus Public Library

MUSCOGEE.K12.GA.US



DBI DAVIS BROADCASTING INCORPORATED

Presents



Tools 4 School

Bookbag & School Supplies

Giveaway

Date:

August 2nd, 2024

Place: Columbus Public Library 3000 Macon RD

Time: 6PM

While supplies last
All Children Must Be Accompanied By an Adult.
Free Movie After!





BEGINNING NEW
OUTREACH

School Supply Giveaway & Resource Fair



Aug 3, 2024 | 10 AM to 12 PM
New Birth New Beginning Church
322 25th Avenue Columbus

**SUPPLIES WILL BE FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVED**



Food, Games, and
Fun All Included!!



Contact us at
www.beginningnewoutreach.org
Or on Facebook & Instagram at
Beginning New Outreach for
any questions. You can also call
706-243-1126.
Students must be in attendance
to receive supplies.
Available for Georgia and
Alabama

BACK TO SCHOOL!

BACKYARD BASH

SATURDAY AUGUST 3, 2024

6:00PM-11:00PM

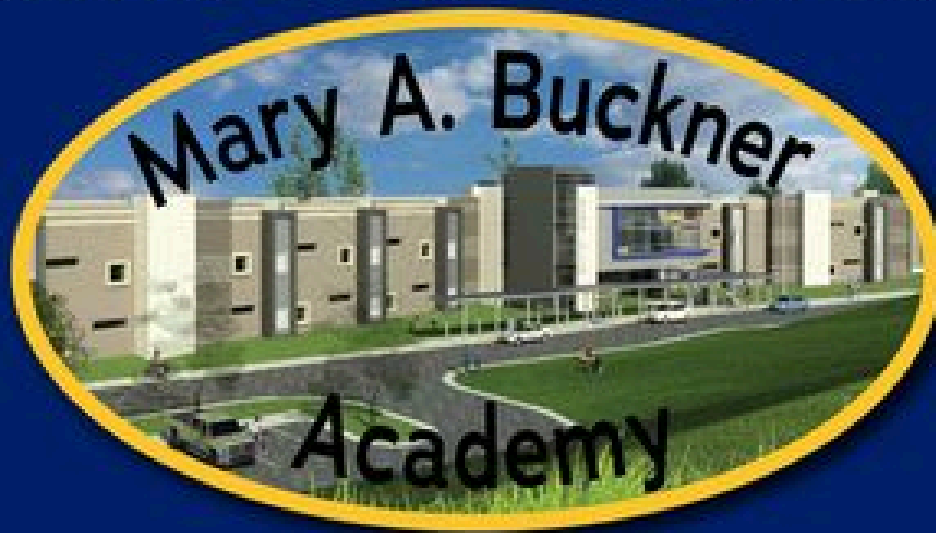


FUN STE(A)M GAMES & ACTIVITIES,
PRIZES, AND MORE!

THE HOME DEPOT BACKYARD - 1 BACKYARD WAY
ATLANTA, GA 30313



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR



Location: Mary A. Buckner Academy
Address: 5151 Kennedy Street, Columbus, GA 31907
Date: Saturday, August 17th
Time: 12:30 PM

BACK TO SCHOOL

SUGGESTED BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

2024-2025

✓ Pre-Kindergarten

- 1 large backpack without wheels (large enough to fit a folder and towels/blanket)
- 2 large beach towels or 1 small child-size blanket for Rest Time (No sleeping bags or pillows)
- 1 change of clothes labeled with child's name in a Ziploc bag (shirt, underwear, socks, pants)
- 1 family photo (4x6 or 5x7)
- Classroom Donations: 1 bottle of hand sanitizer, 1 liquid hand soap, 1 roll of paper towels, 1 container of disinfecting wipes, 1 container of Lysol spray, 1 box of tissues

Please label all items with your child's name.

✓ Grades K-2

- 3-ring binder (1 inch) with pockets on the front and inside
- school-style children's glue sticks
- 1 pack of #2 pencils
- 1-2 packs of 24-count crayons
- 1 pair of student safety scissors
- 1 pack of 10 children's markers
- pencil box
- backpack without wheels

Optional Classroom Donations

- hand sanitizer
- hand soap
- paper towels
- index cards
- composition notebook
- tissues
- sanitary wipes
- ruler

Schools may have additional requests.

✓ Grades 3-5

- 3-ring binder (1 inch) with pockets on the front and inside
- 3-prong pocket folders
- 1 pack of #2 pencils
- 1-2 packs of 24-count crayons
- 1 pair of student scissors
- 1 pack of 10 children's markers
- 1 pack of 4 dry erase markers
- pencil box
- backpack without wheels
- 1 package of black or blue ink pens





MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT Pre-K4 Program

Who is eligible to attend?

- ✓ Child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2024
- ✓ Resident of Muscogee County

Complete an application today for the 2024-2025 School Year!

Apply Today!



- Blanchard Elementary
- Brewer Elementary
- Clubview Elementary
- Dawson Elementary
- Dorothy Height Elementary
- Double Churches Elementary
- Downtown Elementary
- Eagle Ridge Academy
- Forrest Road Elementary
- Fox Elementary
- Georgetown Elementary
- Key Elementary
- Lonnie Jackson Academy
- Martin L. King, Jr. Elementary
- Mathews Elementary
- Midland Academy
- North Columbus Elementary
- Rigdon Road Elementary
- River Road Elementary
- South Columbus Elementary
- Waddell Elementary
- Wesley Heights Elementary

Questions? Call the Pre-K Department at:
706-748-2118

[APPS.MUSCOGEE.K12.GA.US/PREK](https://apps.muscogee.k12.ga.us/prek)



DISTRITO ESCOLAR DEL CONDADO DE MUSCOGEE PROGRAMA PRE-K4

¿Quién es elegible para asistir?

- ✓ El niño debe tener 4 años en o antes.
1 de septiembre de 2024
- ✓ Residente del condado de Muscoogie

¡Complete una solicitud hoy para el año escolar
2024-2025!

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¡Hoy!



¿Preguntas? Llame al Departamento de Pre-K al:
706-748-2118

[APPS.MUSCOOGEE.K12.GA.US/PREK](https://apps.muscoogie.k12.ga.us/prek)

250 PRE-FILLED
BOOKBAGS
AND OVER
2500 SUPPLIES

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BACK SCHOOL

GIVEAWAY

WE WILL HAVE SUPPLIES FOR K-12:
BACKPACKS • FOLDERS • CALCULATORS
NOTEBOOK PAPER • TABLETS
PENCIL CASES • PENCILS • THUMB DRIVES
PENS • CRAYONS • RULERS
HIGHLIGHTERS • GLUE STICKS
SCISSORS • MASKS • SANITIZER
CLOROX OR LYSOL WIPES (TRAVEL PACK) & MORE

Food Will Be Served!!!



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Columbus Ga 31904

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TO WIN A FREE
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SUPPLIES



junk cases.
waist beads.
T-shirts.
satin bonnets.
scrunchies.
and more!

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FREE HAIRSTYLES WITH
HAIR INCLUDED!!



COUPONS!!

GET A CHANCE TO SPIN THE
WHEEL TO RECEIVE SPECIAL
HAIR COUPONS FOR JUST \$1!!



50%
OFF

when

AUGUST 3rd
3:00PM - 5:00PM

where

IN FRONT OF ROSES ON
MACON ROAD

FOR MORE INFO: CONTACT
762-208-6281

FREE!





COLUMBUS

BACK TO SCHOOL

Craft & Vendor Market

August 10-11, 2024

Saturday: 11am-8pm

Sunday: 12pm-6pm

Indoors

Peachtree Mall

3131 Manchester Expy, Columbus, GA 31909



FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
WIC & WCHD Child Health Programs

presents

Breastfeeding Celebration & Child Health Fair

- Breastfeeding & Nutrition Education
- Information on Developmental Milestones
- Community Resources
- Storytimes
- Raffles & Prizes
- Healthy Snacks
- and so much more...



Columbus Health Dept.
5601 Veterans Pkwy
Columbus, GA 31904
706-321-6322

Saturday

August 17th

10am – 2pm



CULINARY ARTS TRAINING

AT OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY HOUSE INC.

... your chance to develop the skills to empower you to become permanently employed and self-sufficient!

The Culinary Arts Training is a 20-week program designed to provide employment and life skills training with local job opportunities.

THIS TRAINING OFFERS:

- Spiritual Nurture
- Life Skills Development
- ServSafe Course
- Hands-On Training
- Job Searching Assistance



SCAN ME



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

Octavia Downing
Office: 706.323.5518
Email: Octavia@odch.org

REMINDER DATES

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Friday, August 2, 2024

CLASS STARTS

Monday, August 19, 2024

CLASS DATES & TIMES

Mondays and Wednesdays

10:00am-1:00pm

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who wish to enroll in the Culinary Arts Training program must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- High School Diploma or GED
- Household Income is 80% or less of the Area Median Income based on household size.
- Must attend weekly sessions
- Be able to stand and work for 3 hours, able to lift, and able to perform frequent bending



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Nutrition Classes & Cooking Demonstrations

**Every Wednesday
July 31st to Sept 18th
11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Harris County Family Connection
Waverly Hall Gym
372 O'Neal Drive
Waverly Hall**

Learn About:

- **Healthy Eating on a Limited Budget**
- **Meal Planning & Saving Money on Groceries**
- **Healthy Recipes**
- **Reading Food Labels**

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**Etta Johnson
762-822-9253**

Etta.johnson@dph.ga.gov

Or visit:

<http://westcentralhealthdistrict.com/programs-services/snap-ed>

This material was funded by USDA'S Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP).
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You're invited to another great event in your community

Sunday, August 11, 2024
10 am - 1 pm




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Back to School
WASH & LEARN



Free Wash & Dry
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while supplies last



Community Resource
Connections

ABC & Eco Clean
Coin Laundries

1651 S Lumpkin Rd
Columbus, GA 31903

in partnership with:



Chattahoochee Valley
Poverty Reduction Coalition



United Way
United Way of the
Chattahoochee Valley



Enrichment
Services Program, Inc.



VALLEY
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THANK YOU!



Thank you to the Columbus Parks and Recreation for inviting us to the Community Block Party! We finished the month strong with a cookout at Wilson Homes!



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MUSCOGEE COUNTY

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we stand on the threshold of another school year, I am filled with immense pride and optimism for what lies ahead. The back-to-school season is not just a time for students to return to their classrooms; it is a season of possibilities, growth, and renewed community spirit.

At Columbus Family Connection, we understand the pivotal role that education plays in shaping the future of our children and, by extension, the future of our community. This is why our commitment to supporting students, families, and educators remains unwavering. This year, our focus is sharper than ever! From organizing school supply drives and providing our parents space to connect with one another through our Parent Cafe's to ensuring access to health and wellness resources, we are dedicated to supporting our community to have an amazing school year!

Warm regards,

Zoe' Hightower