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MUSCOGEE COUNTY

MARCH 2025

DEAR READERS,

OUR COMMUNITY IS BUILT ON CONNECTION, COLLABORATION, AND THE SHARED BELIEF THAT TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A BRIGHTER FUTURE. THIS MONTH, WE'RE PROUD TO CELEBRATE "LET'S READ MUSCOGEE" AND "READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK", INITIATIVES THAT HAVE SPARKED A LOVE FOR READING IN HOMES AND SCHOOLS ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY. AS WE CONTINUE THIS JOURNEY, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN SPREADING THE JOY OF LITERACY, SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER, AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE – ONE PAGE AT A TIME.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE, YOU'LL FIND EXCITING UPDATES, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND HELPFUL RESOURCES TO STAY ENGAGED AND CONNECTED. WHETHER YOU'RE A PARENT, CAREGIVER, VOLUNTEER, OR NEIGHBOR – YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS WHAT MAKES COLUMBUS STRONGER.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A VITAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. LET'S KEEP TURNING THE PAGE TOGETHER!



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month, a time to honor the incredible contributions of women past and present who have shaped our world. From groundbreaking leaders and activists to the everyday heroes in our own community, this month is about recognizing their strength, resilience, and impact.

Join us in celebrating by attending local events, supporting women-owned businesses, and learning more about the inspiring women who have paved the way for change.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

ADULT NUTRITION EDUCATION



FOOD TALK

Free 8-week program starts



TRY NEW RECIPES



- Reduce mealtime stress by planning ahead.
- Add more fruits and vegetables to your diet.
- Consider why you choose certain foods and beverages.

SAVE MONEY



- Compare the cost of fresh, frozen, and canned fruits and vegetables.
- Save money by reducing food spoilage and waste.

BE FOOD SAFE



- Learn the four basic steps to food safety:
Clean
Separate
Cook
Chill

BECOME AN EFNEP GRAD



- Participate in at least six Food Talk sessions and receive a University of Georgia certificate and our Meals in Minutes recipe book!

For more information, Contact Erica Chaney

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Let's Read MUSCOGEE

FOR NEARLY A DECADE, LET'S READ MUSCOGEE HAS BEEN A CORNERSTONE OF OUR COMMUNITY, FOSTERING A LOVE FOR READING AMONG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. THIS INITIATIVE IS DEDICATED TO RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY LITERACY AND EQUIPPING PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WITH QUALITY MATERIALS AND PROVEN STRATEGIES TO HELP YOUNG MINDS THRIVE.

THROUGH ENGAGING EVENTS, CURATED RESOURCES, AND A STRONG COMMUNITY SPIRIT, LET'S READ MUSCOGEE CONTINUES TO EMPOWER FAMILIES TO MAKE READING A JOYFUL, EVERYDAY HABIT. JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE NINE INCREDIBLE YEARS OF NURTURING LIFELONG READERS AND BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES—
ONE BOOK AT A TIME!

TOGETHER, WE'RE TURNING PAGES AND BUILDING POSSIBILITIES.





Mellow MUSHROOM

PIZZA BAKERS

Let's Read Muscogee

Fundraiser Night

Monday,
March
24th



Dine in or take out- just be sure to let your server know, you are there to help support Literacy Alliance!



LET'S READ MUSCOGEE
FUNDRAISER

COMMUNITY SCREENING



SENTENCED

FROM PRODUCERS STEPHEN & AYDRA CROFT
& THE CHILDREN'S LITERACY PROJECT.

AN IMMERSIVE AND VULNERABLE
DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE EPIDEMIC OF
ILLITERACY IN AMERICA

**MCCAULLEY
AUDITORIUM**

MARCH 20TH 6PM- 8PM

926 Manchester Expressway,
Columbus, GA 31904

706-223-0650



www.theliteracyalliance.org



Empty Bowl

BENEFITS KIDS CAFÉ AT FEEDING THE VALLEY

A belly is
full today
because
you
care!

Get your
Empty Bowl
tickets!

March 9 | Northside Recreation Center | 11:00-3:00

The poster features several colorful illustrations: a purple long-sleeved shirt with yellow stars, purple pants with yellow stars, a pink sleep mask with closed eyes, and a pair of pink slippers with zebra print. The background is white with colorful abstract shapes in teal, orange, and pink.

GEORGIA STRONG FAMILIES

INVITES YOU TO OUR

Storytime

PAJAMA

party

THURSDAY

MARCH 6, 2025

7 pm - 8 pm

JOIN US ON ZOOM OR FACEBOOK

Meeting ID: 848 9283 3812

 Georgia Strong Families-Columbus

Put on your favorite jammies and help us
celebrate bedtime with stories, songs,
and fun!



West Central Health District
Columbus Health Department

WCHD Home Visiting presents

STORYTIME

MARCH 5, 2025

Columbus Health Dept

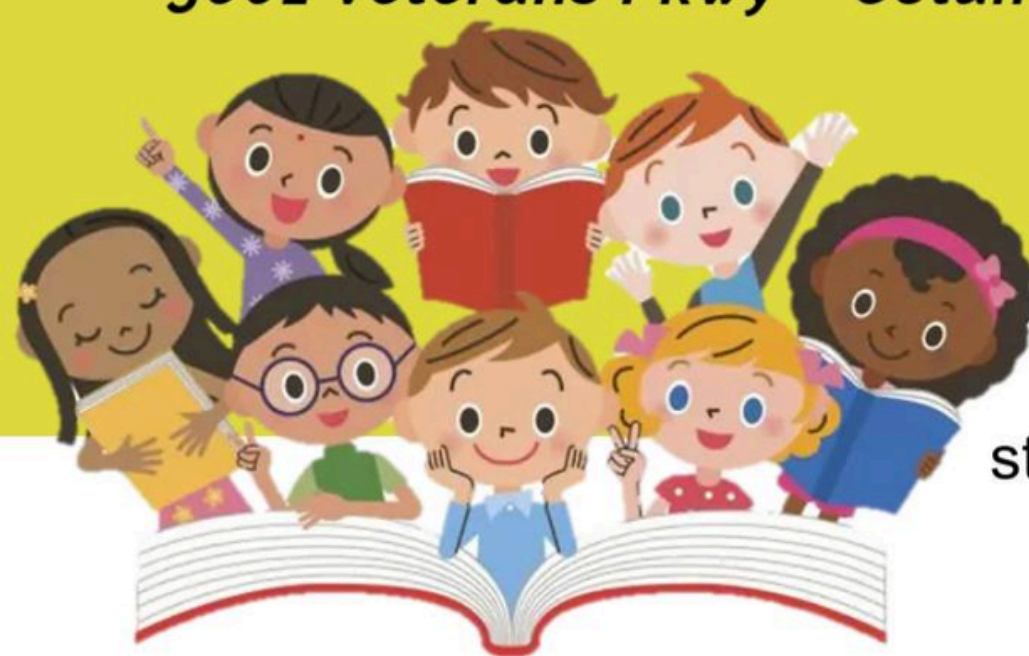
5601 Veterans Pkwy • Columbus, GA 31904

1:00PM

JOIN US

for interactive stories, songs, games, activities, and so much fun!

For more information contact us at:
706-321-6322





MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATOR FAIR

Join us for an education hiring event for teachers, paraprofessionals, and support staff. Teacher candidates must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree (exceptions may apply to some Career/Technical fields). A teaching certificate is not required to attend.



Saturday
March 22, 2025



Time
09.00 AM - 12.00 PM



Carver High School
3100 8th St,
Columbus, GA 31906

REGISTER NOW



<https://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us>



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

MARCH IS A MONTH OF RENEWAL, CELEBRATION, AND REFLECTION. AS WE WELCOME THE FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING, WE ALSO TAKE TIME TO HONOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, RECOGNIZING THE INCREDIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN PAST AND PRESENT. LET'S CELEBRATE THE STRONG, INSPIRING WOMEN IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY.

THIS MONTH ALSO BRINGS ST. PATRICK'S DAY, A TIME FOR FESTIVITY, LUCK, AND TOGETHERNESS. WHETHER YOU'RE ENJOYING A PARADE, WEARING GREEN, OR SIMPLY EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY, I HOPE YOU FIND JOY IN THE SEASON.

WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL MARCH FILLED WITH GROWTH, CELEBRATION, AND CONNECTION!

JOE HIGHTOWER