

February 2012 Newsletter



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Carla's Desk

Hello Everyone,

Semester reports are due NOW!!! February 1st is the deadline. I will be calling anyone who I do not have a semester report for on February 5th.

I will be contacting the parents of graduating Seniors soon with graduating information.

Please check out "Calvary Kids" at www.calvary-school.org. Calvary's 2006 pictures of this year's activities are up. Enjoy!! If for any reason you do not receive a monthly newsletter, please contact Carla Floyd at Calvary School as soon as possible. I will have it corrected shortly. As always the newsletters will be posted on Calvary's website www.calvary-school.org.

Please feel free to check out the web links that are listed on Calvary's website. There are many fun and educational sites for parents and students. If anyone has any websites that they would like to share. Please email them to carlafloyd@calvary-school.org. I will review them and post them. They do need to be educationally based or informational to homeschooling parents. The more fun the better!!!

February Birthday's

Kasey Coffey	2-1
Benjamin Capps	2-2
Michael Smith	2-2
Jackson Coffey	2-3
Anna Barden	2-9
Tyler Barrett	2-12
Jennifer Buckley	2-12
Brian Smith	2-14
Gracie Coppage	2-16
Seth Elliott	2-16
William Hood	2-17
Matthew Mubarak	2-21
CeAnna Capps	2-23
Gracie Webb	2-29

Community Information

Young Concert Artist Jeanine DeBique

Birmingham

Feb 2

www.AlysStephens.org

Soprano, 7 p.m., in UAB's Alys Stephens Center, 1200 10th Ave. South. De Bique's operatic performances have included the title role in Monteverdi's "La Princesse," the Woman of the River in Tarik O'Regan's "Heart of Darkness" with American Opera Projects, Yum Yum in Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado," as a Gerdine Young Artist with the Opera Theatre of St. Louis, in Paul Brantley's "On the Pulse of Morning" with the Manhattan School of Music Philharmonic, and she has toured Eastern Europe and Russia as Clara in Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" with the Russian Philharmonic.

The Grascals, A Tribute to the 50th Anniversary of the Andy Griffith Show

Decatur

Princess Theatre

Feb 3

2006 & 2007 IBMA ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR! 2010 & 2011 SPBGMA's Bluegrass Band of the Year Among the most beloved and acclaimed bands on today's bluegrass scene, The Grascals have an appreciation for the mingling of bluegrass and country music. Vocally, the trio of Terry Eldredge, Jamie Johnson and Terry Smith cut loose on driving solo vocals and soaring trios. As an instrumental unit, The Grascals have never sounded sharper, with mandolin ace Danny Roberts, fiddler Jeremy Abshire and banjo player Kristin Scott Benson. In 2010, the Grammy-nominated Grascals joined The Rowdy Friends Tour, traveling far and wide with Hank Williams, Jr., playing before huge crowds. Their CD 'Dance 'til Your Stockings Are Hot and Ravelin' is a musical tribute to Andy Griffith and the music he used on The Andy Griffith Show. www.princesstheatre.org

Genealogy Workshop

Monroeville

Feb 4

Old Courthouse Museum

www.tokillamockingbird.com

Old Courthouse Museum and Claiborne Masonic Lodge \$30 (lunch included). Panel of experts to present information on successful methods of researching genealogy. Registration is recommended.

Mobile Chocolate Festival

Mobile

Feb 4

Mobile Civic Center

The Mobile Chocolate Festival, a celebration of all things chocolate, will be held at the Mobile Civic Center Expo Hall on Saturday February 4, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., with all proceeds to benefit Penelope House. The 4th Annual Mobile Chocolate Festival will feature vendors offering samples of their chocolate-related products as well as selling their products and gift certificates- vendors vary from having chocolate-themed wares to succulent confections to jewelry to bath and body products. Also featured: Children’s Area, Mobile Fixture Demonstration Area, Chocolate Challenge (professionals, amateurs, and youth divisions), Project Yum Way (students and aspiring designers participate in a fashion display of chocolate inspired fashions made from chocolate candy wrappers, etc), Chocolate Martini Tasting , Cupcake Booth, Chocolate Milk Mustache Booth and more. Admission is free for children 13 & under; Seniors 65 & above \$2.00; General admission \$3.00. Call for more details (251-342-2809) or visit www.mobilechocolatefestival.com . All proceeds benefit Penelope House which provides emergency shelter and services to victims of domestic violence.

Crater Days - Wetumpka Impact Center

Wetumpka

Feb 2-4

334-567-5147. visitmoreco.com. Wetumpka Civic Center--The greatest natural disaster to ever hit Alabama was caused when a very large meteor hit near the area where the city of Wetumpka now sits. It created quite an impact. First discovered in the mid 1970s, a five-mile wide crater or astrobleme, meaning “star wound” was confirmed in 1998 by Dr. David King Jr., Professor of Geology, Auburn University. Each year the Wetumpka Impact Crater Commission and City of Wetumpka sponsors Crater Days

that include a lecture by Dr. King on Thursday, School Day on Friday, and Crater Tours on Saturday. Call for hours.

Youth Programs Showcase

Birmingham

Feb 4-5

www.redmountaintheatre.org

Experience fantastic entertainment by Red Mountain Theatre Company’s Youth Programs, a select group of incredibly talented students (ages 6-18) performing musical numbers from shows like In the Heights, Fosse, Altar Boyz, Mamma Mia, Will Rogers Follies, West Side Story and Bye, Bye, Birdie, with fabulous choreography by Broadway veterans. Get your ticket to the best show of young talent in town!

Eagle Awareness at Lake Guntersville State Park

Guntersville

Feb 3-5, Feb 10-12

visitlakeguntersville.com

Join us on Friday night for our Apple Cider Social and then on Saturday we will have guided tours and programs. At 1:00 p.m on Saturday we will have Becky Collier with Alabama 4H. At 7:00 p.m. we will have Mark Jackson, Superintendent at Lakepoint State Park.

Red Mountain Reading Series

Hoover

Feb 7

Jefferson State Community College/Shelby Hoover Campus

www.jeffstateonline.com

Daniel Wallace (author of Big Fish) reading, reception, and book signing. 7-9pm

ArtPlay presents "Our Journey: History Through Song, Dance, and Spoken Word"

Birmingham

Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center

Feb 11

Shows at 10 and 11:30 a.m., in UAB’s Alys Stephens Center, 1200 10th Ave. South. Recently the Alys Stephens Center’s ArtPlay “Make it Happen” Performing Ensemble was named the Top Theatre Group by Birmingham magazine and Alabama Baby & Child magazine’s Parent’s Choice Awards. This season, the MIH Performing Ensemble members are pleased to

present a new theatrical celebration of Black History Month. Tickets are \$8 kids, \$10 adults. Call 205-975-2787 or visit www.AlysStephens.org.

Cane Creek Canyon "Extreme" Hike

Tuscumbia

Feb 11

Can Creek Canyon Nature Preserve

www.freshairfamily.org

Sponsored by Fresh Air Family. Led by Charles Rose. Meet at 9 a.m. at Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve, located in Colbert County, about 8 miles south of Tuscumbia, AL. To register, email charles@freshairfamily.org with your name, number in your party and a contact phone number, preferably a cell. Bring lunch, water and snacks. Wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes. Dress warmly, in layers. This will be a challenging, approximately 7-8 mile, one-way hike, with several elevation changes. Not recommended for very young children. Participants will get to see a lot of the new additions, plus many of the "old favorite" destinations on the preserve. With the absence of foliage at this time of year, expect some great views of the preserve's bluffs, boulders and rock shelters and unobstructed vistas from The Citadel, the Canyon Rim Trail and The Point.

Have A Heart Day

Huntsville

Feb 11

Sci-Quest

www.sci-quest.org

Ever wanted to see what a real heart looks like or view your own heartbeat? Children will enjoy a day of heart-related activities, including making their own stethoscopes, Valentine's Day crafts, and learning more fun facts about this amazing muscle and organ. This event is free with general admission to Sci-Quest.

Take A Hike

Fort Payne

Feb 11

Little River Canyon Field School Educational/Interpretive Center

www.jsu.edu/epic

The JSU Field Schools will partner with groups, such as National Park Service, US Forest Service, Alabama State Parks, and others, to offer diverse moderate-level hikes "from the deepest canyon to the highest mountain" each second Saturday of the month. Locations vary: may include

Little River Canyon National Preserve, DeSoto State Park, Talladega National Forest, Dugger Mountain Wilderness, Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge, Cheaha State Park, or other locations. Call 256-782-8010 for specific locations and meeting place. Fee:\$5 per person; pre-registration is required 5 days prior to the hike.

Free Day

Huntsville

Feb 17

Burritt on the Mountain

www.burrittonthemountain.com

Come learn about Dr. William Henry Burritt and enjoy a tour of the Burritt Mansion and a visit through the Historic Park and Barnyard and we celebrate Dr. Burritt's birthday.

Cowboy Parade

Columbiana

Feb 18

Downtown Main Street

205-669-9075 or 205-669-4143. www.cityofcolumbiana.com. Free.

Downtown, Main Street--This parade will feature non-motorized vehicles such as wagons, horses, mules, donkey's and more. Cowboy demonstrations, herding, blacksmith, roping, and various other activities.

Critter Crawl 5K Trail Run

Millbrook

Feb 18

Alabama Nature Center

www.alabamawildlife.org

The Critter Crawl 5K TRAIL RUN takes runners through a portion of the Alabama Nature Center's 5 mile mulched-path trail system. Enjoy Alabama's forests and fields with your family and come do the Critter Crawl!

Sacagawea

Birmingham

Feb 11-18

Birmingham Childrens Theatre

www.bct123.org

Get in on the expedition and join Lewis and Clark for their 1,500 mile trek to the Pacific! In this epic retelling, you will be a part of the discovery as Sacagawea, a Shoshoni woman who braves the wild in order to find her

homeland and make her mark as the first female explorer of the new world, guides the Corps of Discovery across the nation. This story of bravery and perseverance will inspire your sense of adventure and ignite your interest in the history of our nation's westward expansion, all while introducing a variety of Native American cultures, languages, and traditions. General Admission pricing: Adult, \$10; Child, \$8. To purchase tickets please visit our website at www.bct123.org, or call 205-458-8181. *Saturdays only. No weekday or Sunday performances.

The Little Engine that Could

Birmingham

Feb 11-18

Birmingham Childrens Theatre

www.bct123.org

Choo Choo! Watch the little switch engine beat the odds as he bravely agrees to try and pull the heavy train cars up the steep mountain. All of the big, strong steam engines laugh and say, "If we can't do it, no one can!" Despite their taunts, the little engine refuses to give up. Children will learn the importance of optimism, hard work, and persistence as they chant, "I think I can! I think I can!" General Admission pricing: Adult, \$10; Child, \$8. Recommended for ages 3-6. To purchase tickets please visit our website at www.bct123.org, or call 205-458-8181. *Saturday performances only. No weekday or Sunday performances.

Field School Growin' Up Wild: Fuzzy Wuzzy Wuz A Bear

Fort Payne

Feb 24

Little River Canyon Field School

www.jsu.edu/epic

Join Renee Morrison and volunteers every fourth Friday of the month for fun nature and art programs for preschool age children. No fee; some programs may have limited space, so pre-registration is required.

Arbor Day

Montevallo

Feb 25

Orr Park Recreation Building

More than 1,600 tree seedlings will be available for adoption by residents of Montevallo and the surrounding towns and communities. www.montevallocc.com

Field School Family Fun Programs

Fort Payne

Feb 25

Little River Canyon Field School

www.jsu.edu/epic

Join Renee Morrison and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature programs including hikes, crafts, games, nature talks, activities, and more. No fee; some programs may have limited space, so pre-registration is required.

Rocket Day

Huntsville

Feb 25

Sci-Quest

www.sci-quest.org

3, 2, 1...blast off! Join us as we celebrate National Engineering Week with what else – rockets! With assistance from engineers from The Boeing Company, learn how rockets work by building and launching your own water rocket! You can even make your own rocket at home and bring it to the launch. This event is free with general admission to Sci-Quest. Rocket Day is made possible by The Boeing Company.

Civil War Reenactment

Fayette

Feb 24-26

School day presentation Friday beginning at 9 a.m., battles Saturday & Sunday at 2 p.m. and a Victorian Ball on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored and hosted by The Hartsook Guard Camp #2163. Contact Robert Brasher 205-442-3535

Helen Keller Exhibit

Birmingham

Jan 26-feb 26

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

Students from the Helen Keller School of the Bling will present their annual art show.

Megalodon: The Largest Shark That Ever Lived

Mobile

Jan 28-May 6

Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center

www.exploreum.com

Coming to the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center in January, 2012, is Megalodon: The Largest Shark that Ever Lived. This exciting exhibit both educates visitors about the impressive Megalodon, which became extinct 2 million years ago, and brings to light the importance of shark conservation today. Megalodon features a 60-foot-long walk-through sculpture of the massive shark and highlights the evolution, biology and misconceptions regarding these prehistoric creatures.

Alabama Nature Center Public Weekends

Millbrook

Jan 21 - May 20

Alabama Nature Center

www.alabamawildlife.org

Feb. 18-19, Mar. 17-18; Apr. 21-22, May 19-20, (call for other dates). 800-822-9453. www.alabamawildlife.org. Alabama Nature Center--Enjoy hiking five miles of scenic ANC trails while learning about the fascinating natural history of central Alabama. From distinguishing between a white oak and a red oak to observing the natural processes of a seasonal pond, you get more than just a walk in the woods when you pause to study the interpretive signs along the trails. You can even add to the outdoor experience with a tasty picnic under or around the ANC pavilion.

Reptile Feeding

Dothan

Through Dec 9

Landmark Park

www.landmarkpark.com

Learn about snakes and other reptiles and watch the feeding program.

Every second Saturday of the month.

Valentines Light Show

Childersburg

Feb 7-14

DeSoto caverns

This special show is presented on every caverns tour commemorating this special holiday of love. www.desotocavernspark.com

Fieldtrips and Activities

Fri. Feb. 3 11:00am Self-defense Class at Alexander's Martial Arts 51 Nance Road Suite 104, Learn how to protect yourself and stay safe. Free!

Fri. Feb. 10 11:00am Valentine's Day Party & World Peace Lunch. Monrovia Community Center, 254 Allen Drake Dr Huntsville, AL 35806. Come enjoy food from around the world and the kids can participate in a Valentine card exchange. Pick a country to learn about and prepare a dish to share from your chosen country. Prepare a poster board with a map of the country and look up these words in the country's language to place on it: love, peace, friendship, harmony, etc. Bring your prepared dish and a 2 liter drink to share. Please RSVP to Carla which country you choose ASAP (so we do not have duplicates). Also, please give Carla Floyd the names of your children that wish to participate in a valentine card exchange. Have them decorate a paper bag or shoe box with their name on it. A list will be emailed out to the families participating in the exchange a few days prior to the party. Carla Floyd (256) 423-8165 or calvaryschool_carlafloyd@yahoo.com

Fri. Feb. 24 11:00am HudsonAlpha 601 Genome Way, Huntsville, Alabama 35806, Come take a tour of this well-known biotechnology company, learn about biotechnology and what kind of research they are working on and more. Free!

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