# CCSD D23 COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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Welcome to the inaugural issue of the CCSD D23 Community Connection Newsletter. This newsletter will highlight the wonderful things happening in our D23 schools and communities, as well as ways you can get involved. When D23 students thrive, our entire community succeeds. So let's CONNECT!





BHMHS BOBCAT STUDENT AMBASSADORS



#### Southeastern Chamber B.E.E.P. Visits BHMHS

Members of the Southeastern Chamber of Commerce's Black Economic Enterprise Program paid a visit to Baptist Hill "to mentor and engage with our youth, and to make a positive impact on the next generation of trailblazers." The cohort members visited classes and shared their entrepreneurial journeys. During lunch, they also spent time engaging both middle and high school students. The group thoroughly enjoyed their visit and hopes to return. To learn more about the Southeastern Chamber visit www.southeasternchamber.org



### Community Ambassadors Needed CALL 843-666-4889 TODAY!

Become a Community Ambassador to share your expertise as a guest speaker, help beautify the school, offer valuable mentoring and tutoring, and provide essential job shadowing opportunities. You can also assist us by donating funds or gifts for student and teacher recognition. Your involvement is critical in shaping a brighter future for both our scholars and the community.



#### BHMHS Multicultural Club

Baptist Hill High School's Multicultural Club hosted its second annual Hispanic Heritage Luncheon on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Mr. Proctor-Floyd, the club's advisor, and the club's 30-plus members shared cultural experiences with students and staff to emphasize the importance of multiculturalism and diversity. Mr. Proctor-Floyd, also known as Pro-Flo, founded the Multicultural Club over 20 years ago while teaching in New York and Connecticut, and he is now sharing the importance of multiculturalism with his students at BHMHS and CCSD!

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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## **GET INVOLVED...LET'S CONNECT!**

## Be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution Stormwater Hotline: (843) 202-7639 Stormwater@charlestoncounty.org

Chris Wannamaker, PE 843-202-7635 annamaker@charlestoncounty.org

#### D23 Stormwater Education & Outreach

Charleston County Public Works Stormwater Division will partner with D23 schools for Stormwater Education and Outreach. Chris Wannamaker, a D23 resident and Stormwater Utility Manager, is excited to support his local schools and to provide the community with vital information to protect, maintain, and improve their water quality and the environment. If you have stormwater questions please reach out to Chris.

## Free Tickets for the D23 Community!

Show 1: Friday, October 20th (ASL Available) Show 2: Saturday, October 28th

Recommended Age: 12+ • Transportation available from Baptist Hill



Get ready to roll the dice on a night of mystery, laughter, and suspense as the beloved board game "Clue" takes the stage in this thrilling theatrical adaptation – CLUE: ON STAGE. This captivating production promises an evening of entertainment that will keep audiences laughing and guessing from start to finish. Inspired by the 1985 cult film and the iconic board game that has entertained generations, CLUE: ON STAGE brings together the unforgettable characters, clues and suspense that fans have come to love. All the suspects are there: Miss Scarlet, Colonel Mustard, Professor Plum, Mr. Green, Mrs. White, and Mrs. Peacock. Watch as mayhem unfolds and characters and audiences alike must navigate through an evening of twists, turns, mystery and hilarity.

Receive free tickets to the Oct. 20th or Oct. 28th performances of CLUE: ON STAGE at the Dock Street Theatre (135 Church Street, Charleston, SC). To redeem, scan the QR code and fill out the Google Request Form to request tickets. The performance on Oct. 20th is an ASL performance and interpreters will be positioned on stage in front of House Left (Seats 1-13). Hearing assist devices are also available at all performances. Transportation from Baptist Hill will be provided, leaving promptly at 6:30pm.



REDEEM NOW



Scan QR code to redeem free tickets to the Oct. 20th or Oct. 28th

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### D23 Constituent Board Meetings

The <u>D23 Constituent Board</u> meets every month on the first Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Baptist Hill Media Center. Rev. Glover, the Board Chairman, and the D23 Board invite you to these monthly meetings as they work to support the exciting progress of our D23 scholars.

### **D23 Trunk or Treat Event**



### Friday, October 27, 4:30-6:30 pm at the BHMHS

A free event for families in the D23 area! There will be trick or treating, games, face painting, music, and fun! Join us, activities will be at the BHMHS bus loop!

Sponsored by the BHMHS Senior Class of 2023

## D23 "By The Numbers"

D23 students in grades 3rd through 8th demonstrated an extraordinary 99.3% increase in reading proficiency on the SC Ready English Language Arts (ELA) test from 2021 to 2023. This significant increase highlights the hard work of both students and educators and the effectiveness of educational strategies and the nurturing environments in D23. While there is still much work to be done, it sets an encouraging precedent for future growth.



# D23 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



## E. B. Ellington Elementary

Introducing the Book Vending Machine at E.B. Ellington!

We're thrilled to announce a new addition to E.B. Ellington aimed at promoting positive behavior and fostering a love for reading – our very own book vending machine! Students can earn gold coins for demonstrating Eagle Excellence, whether it's through acts of kindness, exceptional achievements, or going the extra mile with our SOAR expectations. The book vending machine is a wonderful way to reward their efforts! We welcome the community's support to help keep this initiative going. You can contribute by donating new books or making monetary donations, helping us expand our collection and inspire a lifelong passion for reading among our students.

Contact Principal Dallas to learn more! (843) 889-9411



## **Jane Edwards Elementary**

At Jane Edwards, each student is an important member of our community. We firmly believe in nurturing a collaborative environment where expectations are set by our dedicated teachers and in collaboration with students and parents. We cordially invite you to join us in this collaborative effort. Your participation as a volunteer and partner enriches our students' experiences and also inspires our entire community to strive for a brighter future together. Join us in inspiring our students to strive for greatness and leave a lasting legacy!

Contact Principal Logan to volunteer! (843) 869-2124



## **Minnie Hughes Elementary**

Calling all education champions! At Minnie Hughes Elementary, we need your strength, guidance, and inspiration. Your time, experience, and wisdom can help shape a future leader. Let's join forces to inspire, motivate, and support these promising scholars!

#### A few ways to Support are:

- Male Mentors
- Classroom Volunteers
- Reading Buddy

Contact Principal Temoney to volunteer! 843-889-2976 #IntentionallyALLIN

# **AROUND TOWN**

# COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



# St. Paul's Hollywood

#### CHARLESTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

St. Paul's/Hollywood Library Branch, 5130 Hwy 165, Hollywood, SC, has something for everyone. They provide Technology Classes, a "Kids Cafe," Movies, and an event calendar for the entire family. Your neighborhood CCPL has changed, and you'll be surprised by what you can do and find in these new modern, high-tech, and beautiful spaces. The library is open Monday through Saturday; stop by or call 843-889-3300 for more information.

# **EVENTS**

## **HOLLYWOOD**



- October 29th @ 4:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat at Town Hall
- December 10th @ 2:00 p.m. Christmas Parade beginning at Town Hall
- 2nd Tuesday of the Month @ 3:00 p.m Food Pantry at Town

## **RAVENEL**



- October 21st @ 9:30 a.m. Ravenel Depot Farmers Market
- October 21st @ 1:00 p.m. The Future of The Old E.B. Ellington
   School Site Community Event
- October 21st @ 2:00 p.m. Park & Play at Ravenel Hall
- October 28th @ 4:00 p.m. 2nd Annual Ravenel Fall Festival

## **EDISTO BEACH**



- October 31st @ 5:30 p.m. Trick or Treat on the Creek
- November IIth @ 8:00 a.m. Triathlon Race
- November 18th @ 8:00 a.m. Edisto Road Race
- November 24th @ 6:00 p.m. Community Social

## **MEGGETT**



- October 21st @ 8:00 a.m. The Big Fall Clean
  - High School students living in Meggett are eligible for community service hours. Register at www.townofmeggettsc.org. Call 843-889-3622 for more details.