


The Learning Curve

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Your weekly guide to students, schools, teachers and triumphs in Bibb County's Public Schools

Vineville Academy Hosts Community Art Work

October is National Arts and Humanities Month, and Vineville Academy is celebrating with activities, displays, and community events. "We hold activities each October and have done so for five years," says Vineville's Mae Thurston.



Endowment for the Arts and Americans for the Arts.

"The arts and humanities play an important role in our lives year-round," says Robert L. Lynch, president and CEO of Americans for the Arts and

national coordinator of Arts and Humanities month. "Now is the chance to recognize and celebrate the positive impact the arts bring to our schools and communities."

"This particular exhibit allows students to see that the staff and parents at Vineville Academy of the Arts not only work in various positions in the school, but also are working artists," says Thurston. "They see the talent of those participating and see how the arts follow you throughout your life."

Vineville will also be hosting the Theatre for Youth Festival for the Georgia Theatre Conference Convention on October 20, as well as a Piano Concert and Workshop with Alpine Hong for 1st and 2nd grade students on October 24.

More information about National Arts and Humanities Month is available online at www.AmericansForTheArts.org/nahm.

Beginning October 2, the public is invited to attend an Art Exhibit at the school from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the week. On display will be art work by students, faculty, and even parents.

"We are a Fine Arts Magnet school and celebrate the arts all year long, but we'll be putting a special emphasis on the National Celebration," says Thurston, who organized the display. We invite the community for an entire month because many people will stop by on their lunch breaks. We decided to not hold an evening opening due to the busy schedule of everyone involved, and again, it is top expose out students to adult art work."

National Arts and Humanities Month is coordinated by Americans for the Arts, the national organization working to empower communities with the resources and support necessary to provide access to all of the arts for all of the people. This month-long celebration grew out of National Arts Week, which was begun in 1985 by the National

Tips for Bus Safety

Getting on the school bus

Have a safe place to wait for the bus, away from traffic and off the street.

When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.

Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.

Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.

Use the handrail when stepping onto the bus.

Getting off the school bus

If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least 10 feet (10 giant steps) ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you can turn around and see the driver.

Make sure the driver can see you

Wait for a signal from the driver before you begin to cross.

When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.

Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.

Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

NEVER WALK BEHIND THE BUS.

Correct way to cross the street

Children should ALWAYS stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.

They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across.

If students' vision is blocked by a parked car or other obstacle, they should move out only far enough to where drivers can see them and they can see other vehicles — then stop, and look left-right-left again.

Safety tips you can take to help with students' safety

Teach your child to ask the driver for help if he/she drops something near the bus. If the child bends down to pick up something, the driver cannot see them and the child may be hit by the bus or another vehicle.

Make sure clothing and backpacks have no loose drawstrings or long straps, to get caught in the handrail or bus door.

When driving, slow down and drive cautiously anytime you see a school bus.

Obey all School Zone Speed Limits.

Extra attention should be paid between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

ENCOURAGE SAFE SCHOOL BUS LOADING AND UNLOADING.

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October in Bibb County Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 • State-Wide Red Ribbon Month Kick-Off Celebration, Rutland Middle, 9:00 a.m. • ESOL Open House, Career Center Annex, 5:00-7:00 p.m.	3 • Alexander II PTA Executive Board Meeting, 3:15 p.m. • Burke School Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. • Substitute Training, 4:30 - 8:30 p.m., Career Center Annex • Central High Library of Congress & Digital Poster Workshop • Taylor Elem PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m. • Rutland Middle PTSA Meeting, 6:00 p.m. • Rutland Middle Chorus Concert, 7:30 p.m. • Rutland Middle vs Miller Softball, 4:45 p.m. • Skyview PTO Executive Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. • Weaver vs. Howard Softball, 4:45 p.m.	4 • Miller vs Howard Football, 5:00 p.m. • Rutland Middle vs McEvoy Football, 5:00 p.m.	5 • Bloomfield Curriculum Night, 6:00 p.m. • Burghard Fall Festival • Appling Parent Workshop • Porter PTO Executive Board, 3:15 p.m. • Weaver vs. Fort Valley Football, 4:45 p.m. • Weaver Fall Band Concert • Rutland Middle vs Oak Hill Softball, 4:45 p.m. • Central Cross Country at Northeast, 4:30 p.m.	6 • GuitART, Georgia Children's Museum, 6:00-9:00 p.m. • Staff Planning-Holiday for Students • Central vs Perry Football, 7:30 p.m. • Weaver Test Talks	7
8	9	10 • Porter PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m. • McEvoy PTO Officers Meetings, 10:00 a.m. • Skyview PTO Meeting, 6:00	11 • Riley Weather Presentation with Jeff Cox, Chief Meteorologist, WGXA FOX-24., 1:30 p.m. • National School Lunch Day • End of 1st Grading Period	12 • Bloomfield vs Miller Football game, 5:00 p.m. • Burdell-Hunt Parent Workshop, 7:30 a.m., "Fathers Being Involved" • Rice PTSO Meeting, 6:00 p.m. • Rutland Middle vs Howard Football, 5:00 p.m. • Career Fest for Seniors	13 • Lane PTA Executive Board, 1:00 p.m. • Porter Fall Festival, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. • Central vs Southwest Football, 7:30 p.m. • Bloomfield School Council Meeting	14
Oct. 2-23 United Way Drive • Oct 8-13 National Fire Prevention Week • Oct. 9-13 Scholastic Book Fair						
15	16	17 • Central and Westside Orchestra Concert, Central Lunchroom • Rice Grandparent's Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. • Riley Annual Parent Meeting 6:00 PM.	18 • Bloomfield vs Appling Football game, 5:00 p.m. • Report Cards Go Home • PSAT Tests (9th and 10th graders) • Rutland Middle vs Ft. Valley Football, 5:00 p.m. • 8th grade student Pledge Against Gun Violence	19 • Parent-Teacher Resource Center Motivational Program, Peyton Anderson Building, 6:00 p.m. • Burdell-Hunt Parent Workshop, 10:00 a.m., "Parents Writing Stories" • BOE Regular Board Meeting • Riley's "A Day In Pre-K"	20 • Lane Family Art Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m. • Central vs Northeast, 7:30 p.m.	21 • Alexander II Fall Planting Day in the Nature Center • Georgia Bandmasters Championship Marching Band Contest • McEvoy Academic Team attends Parkview Invitational
Oct. 15-21 Teen Read Week; www.ala.org/teenread/						
22	23 • Rutland Middle Parent-Teacher Conference Night 4:00-6:00	24 • Howard Middle School Fall Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m. • McEvoy PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m. • King-Danforth PTC Meeting, 6:00 PM • Lane PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	25 • Half-day Staff Planning-Students Dismissed at 10:50	26 • Alexander II PTA Fall Festival, 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Burdell-Hunt PTO Meeting • Porter PTO Executive Board, 3:15 p.m. • Burdell-Hunt Drug Awareness Assembly, 9:30am	27 • Rutland Middle Relay For Life Masquerade Dance • Central vs Peach County Football, 8:00 p.m. • Burdell-Hunt Fall Sock Hop	28 • Taylor Elem Fall Festival, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. • Bloomfield Middle School Yard Sale, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Oct. 23-27 Red Ribbon Week						
29 • Daylight Savings time ends.	30	31 • Burke PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m. • McEvoy Parent Workshop, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.				