



STUDENT SERVICES

REPORT

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR!



On Friday, September 13, 2019, Houston County Schools joined Family Connections in hosting the 2nd annual Community Resource Fair. School Administrators, Social Workers, School Counselors, Family Engagement Coordinators, and School Staff were invited to learn about the resources available for children and families in Houston County. Representatives from agencies offering assistance in behavioral health, family and youth enrichment, family support, health, disability, transportation, and employment provided attendees with detailed information on available services.





TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

This month we are highlighting two of our great special education teachers, Tami Atkinson and Melanie Murphy! Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Murphy are teachers at our Transition Academy.

Melanie Murphy began teaching at Perry High School in 1986. Over the years, she has taught in many schools and across many disability areas. She even worked as the family literacy coordinator at Perry Elementary. She loves that there is never a dull moment and something funny happens every day. At the Transition Academy, she enjoys being able to teach the students new life and academic skills. Melanie has been married to her husband, Wayne, for 32 years. They have 5 adult children.



Tami Atkinson is in her thirty-third year of teaching. She has also taught in many schools and across many disability areas. This is her fifth year teaching at the Transition Academy. When asked what she loves about her job, she stated, "I love having the opportunity to assist young adults in reaching their potential as engaged and productive community members. Having the opportunity to focus solely on students de-

veloping life, daily living, community integration and vocational skills is very rewarding. I am always amazed, that when given the opportunity, my students far exceed the goals set for them." Tami has been married to her husband, Greg, for 32 years. They have four children.

These two teachers demonstrate dedication to grow our students into productive citizens. They work day in and day out teaching these students life skills, job skills, and academics so they can graduate being employable and functional adults. We are so grateful for them!



SPORTS PHYSICALS

Houston County Schools Special Olympics hosted physicals on September 17th at Houston County High School. Over 170 students came for physicals. Dr. Moore and her staff from Pediatric Associates volunteered their time to help. HCBE nurses, OT/PT, technology specialists, and many others assisted to ensure the day ran smoothly.



Fresh Fruit & VEGETABLE PROGRAM

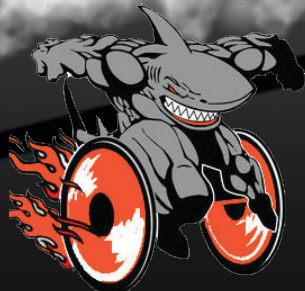


Each year Houston County applies to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. This program allocates funds towards providing fresh produce to students outside of mealtime with a focus on interesting or exotic varieties. This year the schools include C.B. Watson Primary, Westside Elementary, and Miller Elementary. So far, we have served several fun items like Pluots, Plumcots, and Brown Turkey Figs. We recently had 13WMAZ come to Westside Elementary to do a news story on FFVP and the benefits that it brings to the students and even the teachers. It is always a privilege to share our story and efforts to expose our students to a variety of fruits and vegetables.





SHARKS



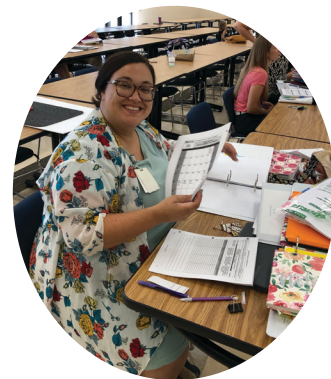
The Houston County SHARKS Varsity and Jr. Varsity teams have started their handball season on a winning streak. JV and Varsity are currently 2-0. The Varsity is working hard to defend their 2018 Championship title and the JV is hoping to avenge their loss in the state championship game last year. The SHARKS next home game will be October 19th, when the JV SHARKS play the Muscogee Lions at Bonaire Middle. Come out & support our SHARKS!





Intellectual Disabilities **VERTICAL TEAM** **2019-2020**

The Vertical Team for teachers of students with Intellectual Disabilities will collaborate five times during the 2019-2020 school year. This year we are excited to expand our meetings to incorporate Make & Take sessions for teachers. Teachers will have the opportunity to create materials including math manipulatives, picture vocabulary cards for ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies, and progress monitoring documentation. Attendance in August rose to 24 participants who shared instructional best practices and made communication boards for their students.





Special Education TEACHER Induction Training



As part of our on-going high-quality professional learning, Student Services has launched a “Special Education Teacher Induction Training” for teachers with 0 to 3 years experience teaching in Special Education. In addition to learning professional “Words of Wisdom” from district leaders, each month teachers will explore multiple topics including High Leverage Practices in Special Education, Effective Classroom Management Strategies, and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. In August, thirty-five teachers received “The Survival Guide for New Special Education Teachers” book to support their professional practices. We are excited to provide this learning opportunity to our teachers.



TRAUMA TRAINING



The Counselors of the Houston County School District participated in Trauma 2 Training on September 18, 2019. Staff learned how to recognize and manage Secondary Traumatic Stress (STS). Participants were taught to assess STS symptoms in themselves and others, explore factors that help to protect professionals from the negative effects of STS, and discover strategies to use these protective factors to manage STS. As a result of participating in this training, participants better understand the nature of secondary trauma, its effect on their professional and personal lives, and on their organizations.



Health Related Services

Flu Vaccine Schedule 2019-2020



Elementary Schools	Date	Time
David Perdue Primary	Oct. 15	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
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Pearl Stephens Elementary	Oct. 16	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
C.B. Watson Primary	Oct. 16	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Matt Arthur Elementary	Oct. 17	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Bonaire Elementary	Oct. 17	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Parkwood Elementary	Oct. 18	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Westside Elementary	Oct. 18	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Lindsey Elementary/Elam @ LES	Oct. 23	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Quail Run Elementary	Oct. 25	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Northside Elementary	Oct. 25	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Hilltop Elementary	Oct. 28	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Russell Elementary	Oct. 28	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Shirley Hills Elementary	Oct. 29	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Miller Elementary	Oct. 29	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Eagle Springs Elementary	Oct. 30	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Centerville Elementary	Oct. 30	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Langston Road Elementary	Oct. 31	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Kings Chapel Elementary	Oct. 31	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Morningside Elementary	Nov. 1	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Tucker Elementary	Nov. 1	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Lake Joy Elementary	Nov. 4	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Lake Joy Primary	Nov. 4	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Middle Schools	Date	Time
HC WIN Academy	Oct. 24	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Perry Middle	Nov. 5	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Mossy Creek Middle	Nov. 5	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thomson Middle	Nov. 6	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Northside Middle	Nov. 6	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Feagin Mill Middle	Nov. 7	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Warner Robins Middle	Nov. 7	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
HC Career Academy	Nov. 7	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Bonaire Middle	Nov. 8	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Huntington Middle	Nov. 8	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

High Schools	Date	Time
Perry High/Central Office	Oct. 21	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Veterans High	Oct. 22	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Northside High	Oct. 22	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Houston County High	Oct. 23	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Warner Robins High	Oct. 24	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Transition Academy	Oct. 24	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



School-Based Flu Clinic & Medical Countermeasure Exercise

October 22, 2019

Houston County Health Department, North Central Health District, Houston County Emergency Management Agency, Fire Department and Law Enforcement are working with Veterans High School to incorporate a Medical Countermeasure (MCM) exercise into the regularly scheduled annual school-based flu clinic. By integrating an exercise into a planned vaccine event, we can test our plans while simultaneously providing protection against flu within our community.

What is the Medical Countermeasure Program?

The Medical Countermeasure (also called the Strategic National Stockpile) Program is a large quantity of medicines and medical supplies managed by the CDC. MCM contains antibiotics, vaccines, chemical antidotes, antitoxins, life-support medications, IV administration, airway maintenance supplies and medical/surgical items that can be used to protect the public in an emergency. MCM is designed for rapid deployment to quickly augment state and local supplies.

What should I expect during the exercise?

This drill will simulate a response to an illness outbreak. Public health will respond to the scenario using Medical Countermeasures to provide prophylaxis to those affected by the outbreak. This will be exercised by providing flu vaccine to consenting students of Veterans High School. Students, teachers and staff can expect to see exercise participants performing assigned duties. Be aware that during the exercise, public health and law enforcement will have an increased presence at the school since everyone will be playing a role in response to the scenario.

Why do we exercise?

Just as everyone should have their emergency response plan, agencies and organizations have plans developed to work together to respond to disasters. Testing plans must be done prior to an actual emergency. This flu vaccine exercise allows everyone involved to perform their duties in a simulated environment and helps improve coordination between teams, agencies and organizations involved in response. By performing drills, we can identify gaps in plans that can be addressed to improve the response before an emergency event.

If you have any questions about the school-based flu clinic or exercise, please contact;

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