

# BCS News & Notes

A newsletter for parents, students, staff and community

Nov. 4, 2011



**First-graders from Robinson Elementary delivered pumpkins they decorated to Children's Hospital.**

## **Robinson students deliver pumpkins**

The first grade students at Robinson Elementary read several books for October National Book Month. Students were asked to choose a character from one of the books they read for the month and decorate a pumpkin as that character.

The pumpkin book characters were displayed at the school for other students, teachers and parents to view.

On Oct. 27, several first grade teachers, students, parents and grandparents delivered the pumpkin characters to Children's Hospital. The students donated their pumpkins to patients as a character education service project demonstrating the "Caring" Pillar of Character.

*--Submitted by Keisha Stewart*

## **District-wide open house set**

The Birmingham City Schools will have its second district-wide open house Tuesday, Nov. 15.

All stakeholders -- not just parents but community members, business leaders, grandparents and others -- are being encouraged to participate. Visitors may go to any school in the district between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to take a tour, visit classrooms or even eat lunch.

The open house is being done as part of the district's observation of American Education Week.

## **Parker library to be dedicated Nov. 10**

A dedication ceremony for the library at A.H. Parker High School is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10. The library will be named in honor of Dr. Dannetta K. Thornton Owens.

A Parker graduate, Dr. Owens was a member of the Birmingham Board of Education from 2002 until 2009.

The new school opened in August.

## **Marching band festival planned**

Fall is football season -- but it also is marching band season. Fans of marching bands will be able to get their fill at the All-City Marching Band Festival, which is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at Carver High School.

Admission is \$5 at the gate. Parking is \$5.

## **Board to have regular meeting Nov. 8**

The Birmingham Board of Education will have a regularly scheduled board meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8 in the auditorium of the Administration Building, 2015 Park Place.



**Washington K-8 School faculty members Harrison Ellison, Shenita Bluester and James Coats sponsor the Boys Breakfast Club, which had its first meeting recently. The boys were given advice on learning to use positive behavior. The goal of the meeting was to assist the boys on their journey to become a respectful, responsible and resourceful. They were advised to begin working now toward a career goal they set.**

### **Students selected for YLF**

Eight students from high schools in the Birmingham City Schools have been selected as participants in the Youth Leadership Forum class of 2012.

The students are:

- Keyonna Baker, Woodlawn High School
- Nakia Browner, Parker High School
- Cinnamon Callins, Carver High School
- Jordan Kurtz, Ramsay High School
- Alexander Mays, Carver High School
- JaMarcus McCall, Jackson-Olin High School
- Amber McCants, Parker High School
- Tatiyana Reynolds, Ramsay High School

### **Family conference planned**

The Family Involvement Program will sponsor its 10th annual Can We Talk Family Conference from 5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at the Davis Center, 417 29th St. South.

The conference is designed for the entire family. Dinner will be served from 5:45 p.m. to 6:10 p.m. Child care will be provided for children ages 4 to 8.

### **Stories needed for newsletter**

If you know of something good happening in the Birmingham City Schools and you want to tell others the news, write a few paragraphs for BCS News & Notes and e-mail the information to Michaelle Chapman, director of communications, at [mchapman@bhm.k12.al.us](mailto:mchapman@bhm.k12.al.us). Digital photos also are needed. Ms. Chapman is editor of "BCS News & Notes."