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**American Education Week –  
November 11-17, 2012  
Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our  
Responsibility**

We are celebrating public education! This annual event began in 1921 to raise awareness of the importance of education. American Education Week is always celebrated the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving. This is most appropriate since education for all children gives us another reason to be thankful.

Often we take for granted the privilege of being able to receive a quality education. Therefore the need remains vital to make everyone aware that it is through education that we grow stronger as individuals and as a community, a state and a nation. We must also be reminded that while it is a basic right the responsibility is one in which we all have a role.

Last month on October 29<sup>th</sup>, all parents and guardians had an opportunity to visit the schools, pick up report cards, conference with teachers and receive suggestions for what they can do to help their child succeed. That opportunity always exists because we encourage parent involvement as an important factor in academic achievement. We also encourage community involvement. During American Education Week there will be special days and events planned at each school to promote parent and community participation and support.

Next month (December 2-5) our District will be going through the process of District Accreditation. This process of self-examination and continuous improvement allows us to identify our strengths, discover our weaknesses and pursue our goals. We welcome your suggestions always

and we are proud of our PLUS (Parents and Leaders United for Success) Committee for their role in bringing ideas and concerns to our attention. PLUS Committee members are: Rev. Dr. Herman Wallace, Mr. Herbert Smalls, Mrs. Cynthia Mole, Mr. Montenius Collins, Ms. Darlene Birt, Ms. Maria Hutson, Ms. Mamie Matthews, Ms. Paula Counts, Ms. Wanda Williams and Ms. Loreen Brown. Feel free to share your thoughts with them.

Our Mission, Theme and Vision are all centered on the idea of achieving excellence. Last month we recognized the excellent performance of over 100 students at our Board Meeting. As we celebrate education in Blackville-Hilda Public Schools, we will continue to recognize excellence by having students show appreciation to staff members during the Board meeting on Monday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office. Please join us in celebrating American Education Week and continue your support of Blackville-Hilda Public Schools throughout the year. A list of events for each school is included in the “school news” section.

Remember to log on our website: <http://www.barnwell19.k12.sc.us> to keep up with weekly events in our schools.

Teresa L. Pope, Ph.D.

Superintendent

**FOOD DRIVE**

Blackville-Hilda Student Council will start its annual Food Drive on **November 12**. We as citizens can assist in this project by bring non-perishable goods to meetings held in town or dropping the items off at the BHHS. Let's help our less fortunate neighbors. Last year 13 families were assisted.

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**THANKSGIVING MORNING SERVICE  
Tabernacle Baptist Church  
Thursday, November 22, 2012, 8:00am**

**Rev. Ethoin Rowe, Speaker, Sunshine Baptist Church  
Everyone is welcome!!**

## MEETINGS

**November 1**, Blackville Community Development Corporation, Town Hall 6:00pm  
**November 3**, Neighborhood Watch, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 10:00am  
**November 5**, Blackville Civic Club, Edward's Heating and Cooling, 7:00pm  
**November 12**, District 19, Board of Education Meeting, Conference Room, 7:00pm  
**November 13**, County Council, Agriculture Building, Barnwell, 6:00pm  
**November 19**, Town Council, Blackville Community Center, 6:30pm  
**November 26**, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Macedonia Baptist Church, 7:00pm  
**November 29**, Blackville Downtown Development Corporation, Russell's Pizza, 5:30pm

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rhonda Brown, November 1  
Wendy Barfield, November 1  
Carolyn Hicks, November 2  
Jacquetta Hammonds, November 3  
Lee E. Price, November 4  
Lessie Donaldson, November 4  
Essie Smalls, November 4  
Shannon Latrice Taylor, November 6  
Gattie S. Thomas, November 8  
Elnora Williams, November 9  
Bridget Brown, November 9  
Ashante' Harrison, November 9  
Allante' Harrison, November 9  
Kaiden Aiken, November 11  
Frank J. Washington, November 12  
Anthony Matheney, November 18  
Kelvin Isaac, November 21  
Rose B. W. Daniels, November 26  
Terrance Washington, November 26

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## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

**November 4, 2012 - 2:00am**

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## LIBRARY NEWS

**"STORY TIME"**

November 6, 2012 – 10:30am

## SCHOOL NEWS

**November 6, 2012** Election Day (No School)  
**November 21-23, 2012**, Thanksgiving Holiday  
**November 12-16, 2012** American Education Week

### **MES**

**Awards Day**, November 1, K-3, 8:30am, 4-6, 9:30am  
**Fall Carnival**, November 9, 2012, 9:00am  
**Veteran's Day Program**, PreK, November 9, 12:30pm  
**PTSO/ELA/Social Studies**, November 15, 5:30pm  
**Santa House Begins**, November 26  
**DARE Graduation**, November 30

### **BHJH**

**PTSO/SIC**, November 19, 6:00pm  
**Jr. Beta Club Induction**, November 9, 9:35am

### **BHHS**

**Awards Day**, November 2, 10:00am  
**College Day**, November 8,  
**Can Food Drive Kickoff**, November 12,  
**Sophomore Night**, November 15, 6:00pm  
**PTSO/SIC**, November 19, 6:30pm  
**Beta Club Induction**, November 20, 10:00am

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## Why We Have Elections on Tuesday?

"The glacial pace of presidential elections wasn't a huge issue in the late 18th and early 19th centuries--communication was slow, so results took weeks to announce anyway--but with the advent of the railroad and telegraph, Congress decided it was time to standardize a date. Monday was out, because it would require people to travel to the polls by buggy on the Sunday Sabbath. Wednesday was also not an option, because it was market day, and farmers wouldn't be able to make it to the polls. So it was decided that Tuesday would be the day that Americans would vote in elections, and in 1845, Congress passed a law that presidential elections would be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November."

Information obtained from Internet

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**TOWN HALL CLOSED NOVEMBER 22 and 23**

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