

August 2018

WOODALL GNETS NEWSLETTER

The Woodall GNETS Program * 1822 Shepherd Drive, Columbus, Georgia 31906 * 706-748-3166
A community of lifelong learners, responsible citizens, and champions of success!

Message from Mrs. L. Thornton

Director

Dear Parents:

It's hard to believe but it's that time of the year again - the beginning of a new school year. Welcome back!

There's a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new teachers to meet, new books to read, new friends to make and new skills to master.

As a parent myself I know how fast time goes by. One year your child's in 1st grade and seemingly in the blink of an eye they're in middle school, or in their senior year of high school for that matter.

I encourage you to fully embrace the moment and urge you to take the time to become familiar with our program.

In closing, thank you for your commitment to your child's education and I look forward to a GREAT 2018—2019 school year.

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Mission Statement

To create a climate of cooperation and socio-emotional competence through explicit modeling of behaviors and expectations for students and staff.



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Notes from the Desk of -

Dr. Vytoris Sanford

Instructional Specialist

August is the month filled with Diagnostic Testing!!!

Diagnostic testing is a form of assessment that occurs before instruction begins.

The purpose of administering diagnostic tests is to try to determine what students already know about the concepts and skills to be covered by instruction. The tests determine the type of differentiated instruction needed, and discover students' preferred learning styles as well as their strengths, weaknesses, and misconceptions.

Diagnostic tests are intended to closely follow what will be asked on the Benchmark assessments and can be used to predict how well students will perform on the Georgia Milestones. Parents please encourage your child to perform their absolute best on these assessments.

Thank You,
Dr. Vytoris Sanford



Notes from the Desk of —
Chauntell Beal, Behavior Specialist

Hello and welcome back to school! My name is Chauntell Beal and I will be your child's Behavioral Specialist. I am excited to get to know not only your child but you as well. Having parental support and open lines of communication is an essential part of a successful school year. We are looking forward to a great 2017-2018 school year.

One of my goals is to assist our students with daily coping skills and teach them appropriate behaviors. We will use a Research based program called Skillstreaming. Skillstreaming employs a four-part training approach— modeling, role-playing, performance feedback, and generalization. To teach essential prosocial skills to preschool, kindergarten—age and school age children.

SKILL AREAS:

- Beginning Social Skills
- School-Related Skills
- Friendship—Making Skills
- Dealing with Feelings
- Alternatives to Aggression
- Dealing with Stress



Thank you for all you do for your child and Woodall GNETS Program

The Woodall GNETS Teachers & Staff

Mrs. LaChrista Thornton - Director

Mrs. Andrea Daniel — Administrative Assistant to Director

Ms. La'Trenda Porter — Compliance Clerk

Dr. Vytoris Sandford — Instructional Specialist

Mrs. Chauntell Beal — Behavior Specialist

Therapeutic Staff

Mr. David Ebron — LSCW

Dr. Leon Rodgers — LSCW

Dr. Chiko Saiwa — BCBA

Sommer Lewis — Social Services Tech

Sharonda Porter — Counselor

Elementary School Teachers

Ms. Beth Badger

Ms. Wendye Melzar

Middle School Teachers

Mr. Carlos Brown

Mr. Forrest Parker

Vannicia Hooks-Jones

Learning Assistance

Diane Hill

Doshia Watts

John Furguson

Taiwan Greene

Taveres Middlebrooks

Carver Site Staff

Phillip Johnson

James Lee

Cynthia McClean

Kalima Rembert

Notes from the Desk of -

Mrs. Sommer Lewis — Social Services Tech

WIC Farmer's Market



Saturday, August 18

TIME: 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

LOCATION:

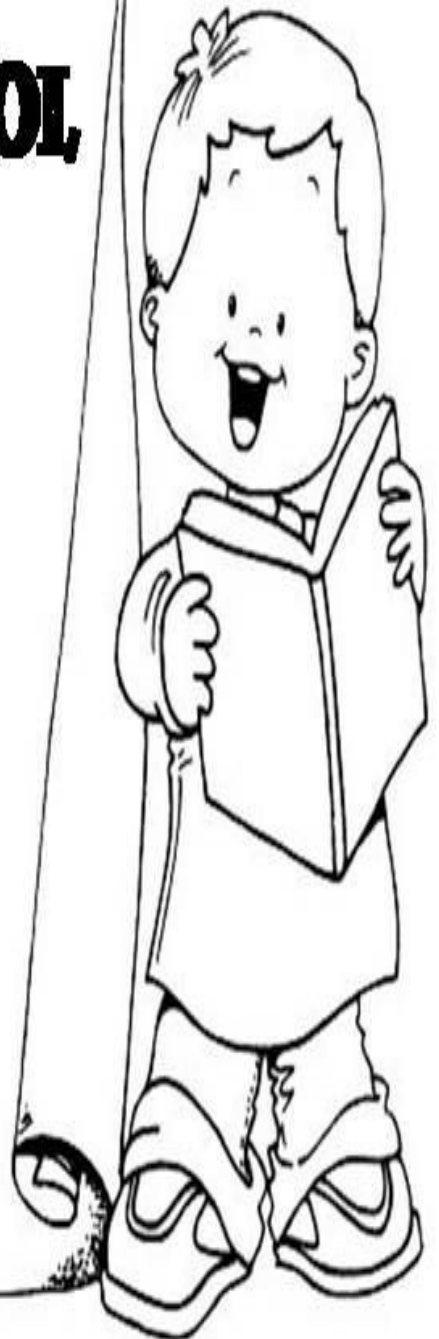
Parking Lot BEHIND Columbus Health Dept.

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GRADE

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Each day I'll do my best,
And I won't do any less.
My work will always please me,
And I won't accept a mess.
I'll color very carefully,
My writing will be neat.
And I will not be happy,
Till my papers are complete.
I'll always do my homework,
And try my best on every test.
I won't forget my promise,
To do my very best!



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**If you have any questions in regards to
the GNETS program contact:**

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Or contact your local school district.

