Principal for a Day is March 23

Approximately 60 area corporate, government, financial, higher education, faith-based, civic and community leaders will take part in the district’s 2010 Principal for a Day program March 23. The group will exchange their business offices and executive suites for a visit to the principal’s office as they shadow Richmond City principals from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. After spending the morning at their respective schools, program participants will gather for a debriefing luncheon at the Richmond Technical Center. Principal for a Day is sponsored by the school district and the Richmond Business Council of the Greater Richmond Chamber. For more details, contact Miriam Davidow at 819-4382.

Award-winning sounds!

School choirs earn superior ratings

A number of Richmond City secondary school choirs earned superior or excellent ratings at this year’s District Choral Music Festival held earlier this month at Deep Run High School.

School choirs that were rated superior, the festival’s highest award, include: Armstrong High, Lucille Brown Middle, Franklin Military Academy, Albert Hill Middle, Thomas Jefferson High and Thompson Middle.

The Armstrong Men’s Choir and Legacy Ensemble also earned a rating of excellent. Other school choirs rated excellent were Binford Middle, Boushall Middle, Henderson Middle and George Wythe High.

Choir directors include: Christopher Alberts, Binford; Jessica Corbitt, Albert Hill; Marvin Gilliam, George Wythe; Will Griffin, Armstrong; Francine Jackson,

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SPOTLIGHT

African-American History, Cake Walk and Economics explored at Swansboro

Swansboro Elementary School students enjoyed a fun, fabulous February as they celebrated African-American culture and also learned about world economics from Yoshi Nakamoto, president of the Japan Council on Economic Education (photo right). His visit is part of Infusionomics, a pilot program with the Powell Center for Economic Literacy. The program is sponsored by a grant from Wachovia Wells Fargo. Students also celebrated Black History Month. Below, principal Mary Pierce and students Hannah Garthright and Saki Nowacki strut their stuff at Swansboro’s 7th Annual Cake Walk while third-grader Angel Gregory portrayed writer Maya Angelou as part of the school’s African-American History Career Fair.

RPS choirs rate superior, excellent

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Thomas Jefferson; Johnathan Mitchum, Henderson; Sharelle Noel, Lucille Brown; William Southerland, Thompson; Darryl Whitaker, Boushall; and Joyce Wooldridge, Franklin Military.

Choirs from Hanover, Henrico and Richmond City schools competed at this year’s festival. For additional information, call Frank Williams at 780-4646.
Upcoming Events

• March 23:
  • Multicultural Night
  • Redd ES
  • 6–7:30 p.m.
  • Details: 780-5061

• March 23:
  • Principal for a Day
  • District-wide
  • 8:30–11:30 a.m.
  • Details: 819-4382

• March 26:
  • 4th/5th Grade Mind Games
  • Brown MS
  • 10 a.m.
  • Details: 780-7805

Mind Games event is March 26

Do you miss the 2010 Winter Olympics? If so, you might want to stop in at Lucille Brown Middle School March 26 as the city’s brightest fourth- and fifth-graders gather for the Richmond Public Schools Annual Mind Games. In this year’s competition of intellect, wit and problem-solving, students will be asked to design and build a skate/snow board from pipe cleaners, straws, wheels, tape and other household items and then launch it - with or without “Cylinder Man” - over a gap. Points will be awarded for working wheels and for completing the run with “Cylinder Man” remaining upright and helmeted. The action starts at 10 a.m. For more details, call Rodney Fout at 780-7805.

You should know that...

...the FRANKLIN MILITARY ACADEMY Junior ROTC program received a 98% score on its recent formal inspection by the United States Army. Franklin also retained its Gold Star and Honor Unit with Distinction status. Cadets were judged on record keeping, Color Guard performance, uniform inspections and drill ceremonies. For more details, contact Staff Sgt. Gary McCray at 780-8526.

...the HUGUENOT HIGH SCHOOL Chapter of the National Honor Society recently hosted an African-American Read-In attended by more than 350 students and staff. The event was sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English. For more details, contact Edwina Tucker at 320-7967.

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