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LOCAL VETERANS SET TO HELP BLACKBURN ELEMENTARY DEDICATE NEW FLAG POLE

On Friday, August 29, 2008, veterans from the local VFW will present two 30-minute assemblies to students at Blackburn Elementary where they will inform the students about the history and proper handling of the American Flag. Following the second assembly, the students and staff will gather in front of the school to experience the Color Guard's presentation of the flag as Blackburn dedicates its new flag pole. Students and staff have been asked to wear red, white and blue in honor of the occasion. The first assembly is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and the second is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. **For more information, contact Assistant Principal Nancy Goux at 723-4800, ext. 206.**

PALMETTO ELEMENTARY'S RENAISSANCE PROGRAM KICKS OFF WITH BIG CELEBRATION

Palmetto Elementary School will kick off its Student Renaissance program on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 9 a.m. in the school's cafeteria. The Renaissance program is designed to inspire students to achieve academic excellence. The drum line and cheerleaders from Palmetto High School are expected to be on hand and there will be prizes and other rewards for students. The Renaissance program runs the entire school year and culminates with a wet and wild celebration in Sutton Park in May. **For more information, contact Palmetto Elementary Senior School Secretary Renee Varnadore at 723-4822, ext. 202.**

FAMILY LUAU A FUN WAY TO WELCOME FAMILIES BACK TO WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY

Williams Elementary will hold its "Welcome Back Family Luau" on Friday, September 12, 2008, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the school. Activities include hula hoop and limbo contests, beach volleyball, a giant slide, family relay races and a DJ playing all of your favorite dance music. Admission to the luau is \$7 and includes pizza and a drink. Rita's Italian Ice will also be on location. This event will be outside under the stars, so families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, beach blankets and bug spray. Tropical attire is encouraged. **For more information, contact Williams PTO President Kim Walters at 776-3264.**

ROWLETT STUDENTS EXPLORE INTERESTS IN AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Irish Dancing, Beginning Guitar, Crafts, Drama, Chess, Basketball and Boys Choir are just some of the After School Enrichment Classes being offered to students at Rowlett Elementary School. The classes are taught by teachers, teacher's aides and parents at Rowlett on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. It's an excellent way for students to receive additional instruction in areas of interest to the students. **For more information, contact Rowlett Principal Brian Flynn at 708-6100.**

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