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PGCPS CELEBRATES THE 2009 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

WHO: Various Prince George's County public schools
WHAT: **2009 Presidential Inauguration Celebrations**
WHEN: **January 16-23, 2008**
WHERE: **Schools throughout Prince George's County**

BACKGROUND:

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will celebrate the 2009 Presidential Inauguration through special activities and events. The celebrations will raise awareness of the historical significance of the inauguration of the first African American President of the United States, Barack Obama.

The Board of Education closed schools and offices on January 20 to commemorate this historical event, and to allow students and staff the opportunity to participate in Inauguration Day activities. Schools are hosting activities and events before and after Inauguration Day to share information on the inaugural process and expand students' opportunities to celebrate this history-making occasion.

A detailed list of PGCPS planned activities is attached. Please check the school system Web site for updates at www.pgcps.org.

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MEDIA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2009 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION CELEBRATIONS IN OUR SCHOOLS

January 16-23, 2009

DATE	TIME	SCHOOL	EVENT
1/16	9:45 am 1:45 pm	William Paca ES 7801 Sheriff Rd., Landover Dorothy Clowers at 301-925-1330	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will partake in a Pre-Inaugural Celebration with a ball for Head Start through grade 2 classes in the morning and grades 3 to 6 in the afternoon.
1/16	10 am	Samuel P. Massie ES 3301 Regency Pkwy., Forestville Tyronda Boone at 301-669-1120 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In honor of this historic event, students will sing an original song, "Mr. President" to celebrate Barack Obama's achievement.
1/16	10 am 7-9:30 pm	Thurgood Marshall MS 4909 Brinkley Rd., Temple Hills Rebecca Castle at 301-702-7540 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will present a Mock Swearing In Ceremony in the morning. Students will participate in an evening Inaugural Ball.
1/16	11:45 am 1:15 pm	Springhill Lake ES 6060 Springhill Dr., Greenbelt Shana Sterkin at 301-513-5996 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will host two assemblies. In the morning, students will be presenting their own presidential acceptance speeches, Obama-inspired song poetry, and other literary activities. In the afternoon assembly, students will showcase their choice for White House dog and sing an Obama-inspired song.
1/16	Noon	Cora L. Rice ES 950 Nalley Rd., Landover Mattie Turman at 301-636-6340 Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will host a Hawaiian themed Inaugural Luncheon.
1/16	Noon	Francis Scott Key ES 2301 Scott Key Dr., District Heights Sharon Davis at 301-817-7970 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will host an Inaugural Ball with the "First Couple" leading the waltz.
1/16	1 pm	Glassman or ES 1011 Marcy Ave., Oxon Hill Patricia Williams at 301-749-4240 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be a program celebrating Barack Obama's historic win as the nation's first black president.
1/16	6-8 pm	Glenn Dale ES 6700 Glenn Dale Rd., Glenn Dale Lia Thompson at 301-805-2750 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and their families celebrate the inauguration of the first African-American president with a "Celebrate America" Inaugural Ball. Attendees will be able to tour the "Hall of States" filled with information on all 50 states and the voting process. A mock election will preclude the event.
1/23	6:30-9:30 pm	Isaac J. Gourdine MS 8700 Allentown Rd., Ft. Washington Paulette Thomas at 301-449-4940 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will participate in an Inaugural Ball in celebration of Barack Obama's accomplishment. <p>More...</p>

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1/16	7-9 pm	Hillcrest Heights ES 4305 22nd Pl., Temple Hills Annette Frye at 301-702-3800 Multi-Purpose Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will host an Inaugural Ball, which will be open to teachers, parents, and staff. The event will include a catered meal, live entertainment, free raffles, and guests speakers. The event will conclude with a mock election held by grade 3-5 students.
1/16	All Day	Heather Hills ES 12605 Heming Ln., Bowie Kimberly Stansberry at 301-805-2130	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will take part in door decorating and poster contests, writing letters to President Obama, and other in-class activities.
1/16	All Day	Oakcrest ES 929 Hill Rd., Landover Carolyn Phillips at 301-808-8870	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and first grade students will create parade sticks, hats, and instruments for their inaugural parade.
1/16	All Day	Oxon Hill ES 7701 Livingston Rd., Oxon Hill Nicole Worrell at 301-749-4290	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To commemorate this year's election, students have created collages using articles, pictures, and words from the President-elect's speeches. Students have also written inferences to pair with their paintings of the President and essays.

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