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OUR MISSION
By providing an environment where learning opportunities take place and community relationships are enriched, the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center will develop individual capacity and improve the quality of life for Swainsboro and Emanuel County.

OUR GOALS
Education
Civic Engagement
Hospitality

Message From The Director
February is busy with activity. From cheering on your favorite Super Bowl team, to honoring our country’s Presidents, to celebrating the day we set aside to express our appreciation and love for those special ones around us, you have to admit, this month’s got real variety.  It’s also the perfect time to say how much we appreciate and value your support of the Fulford Center.

We are especially grateful to Pete and Ada Lee Correll for their continuing commitment that makes possible the moments of wonder, excitement, and learning that touch the hearts and minds of so many who come here.  Thank you, and happy, busy February from the Fulford Center!

JEAN D. SCHWABE,
DIRECTOR

LEAVE A LEGACY
When you are honoring or memorializing family and friends, please consider making a donation to the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center through the East Georgia State College Foundation.  The Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.  All gifts are tax deductible to the extent approved by law.  Contact Elizabeth Gilmer at 289-2037 for more information.

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STUDENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SAT REVIEW!
SAT Review sessions are scheduled at the Center February 24-27 and March 3-6 from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. each day.  To register, contact your school counselor.  For additional information, please contact the Center.

February 1  Miss EGSC Pageant Interviews/Judges Dinner
February 4  Vision Series Luncheon
February 5  DEA Kindergarten Visit
February 6  Emanuel County Family Connection Meeting
February 7  Regional Probate Judge Meeting
February 10  Glad Garden Club Meeting
February 14  GSU Partnership for Rural Health Meeting
February 15  Science Olympiad
February 17  GDOE School Improvement Regional Meeting
February 23  Sherman’s March Tour Orientation
February 24-27  SAT Review Sessions
February 26  CSRA RESA Board of Control Meeting
March 3-6  SAT Review Sessions

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brides and Grooms: host your special event at the Fulford Center
Your rehearsal dinner or bridesmaid luncheon is sure to be a memorable event when you host it at the Fulford Center.  We can seat up to 70 guests, and we have first class catering services.  Let us help make your event amazing!  Call the center for details.

SWAINSBORO PRIMARY STUDENTS HAVE A BLAST AT MATH AND SCIENCE NIGHT
Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science Technology Center (MMGYSTC) hosted a family night at Swainsboro Primary School in January.  A variety of hands-on math and science activities were provided, including Counting Necklaces (addition facts), Will it Float (density), Bernoulli Ball (Newton’s Law), and What’s the Matter (states of matter).  Parents, students, and teachers had an incredible night of fun and learning!  MMGYSTC is housed at the Fulford Center.  Contact Erin Youmans, Regional Coordinator of Magnolia Midlands, at 478-289-2094 for more information on the programs and services available.
The Fulford Planetarium:
The Fulford Planetarium opened to the public in 2011 and has entertained and educated individuals of all ages about astronomy and the wonders of space. The planetarium is equipped with a Digitarium Gamma projector, a state-of-the-art fulldome digital projection system. The system gives exquisite views of the night sky and takes the viewer on digital journeys to the planets, stars, and distant galaxies.

Wilbear’s Adventure:
Grades: Pre K – K
Length: 22 minutes
Follow a teddy bear’s discovery of flight in this delightful adventure especially for ages 4-7. Wilbear’s grandpa uses demonstrations explaining the nature of flight to build up to the story of the Wright Brother’s historic first airplane experience.

The Little Star That Could:
Grades: K – 5
Length: 36 minutes
The Little Star That Could is the story of little star, an average yellow star searching for planets of its own to warm and protect. Along the way he meets other types of stars, learns that makes each one special, and discovers that stars combine to form clusters and galaxies. Eventually, Little Star finds his place among a galaxy and is able to travel outward on its own system, particularly suitable for children 5 to 11 years of age, yet educational for the whole family.

Two Small Pieces of Glass:
Grades: 5 and up
Length: 30 minutes
While attending a local star party, two teenage students learn how the telescope helps us understand our place in space and how telescopes continue to expand our understanding of the Universe. Their conversation with a local female astronomer enlightens them on the history of the telescope, and the discoveries these wonderful tools have made. The students see how telescopes have allowed us to see the farthest objects in the world over the ages, allowing us to explore the mysteries of the universe. While looking through the astromer’s telescope, the students discover how light travels and how telescopes work together as a system. They proceed to answer the questions left for them in a mysterious note signed “M.” The show begins with narration by Mary Pope Osborne, author of the bestselling Magic Tree House® children’s book series. Viewers will find themselves pecked high in the trees as Jack and Annie discover the note that asks them to answer a series of six questions about space. Adventure off with Jack and Annie as they wish themselves to an observatory where they meet up with an astronomer who helps them to answer the last few questions on the note. With the help of the astronomer, the Internet, an astronaut, and the writer of the mysterious note, Jack and Annie are taken on a wondrous journey of adventure and learning.

One World One Sky: Big Bird’s Adventure:
Grades: K – 5
Length: 20 minutes
From China, Hu Hu Zhu, as they take you on a journey of discovery to learn about the Big Dipper, the North Star, the Sun and the Moon. One World, One sky is a brilliant spectacle of light and color as the furry friends watch the stars twinkle over sesame street. Children attending this show can interact as they watch, drawing constellations and counting the time it takes the sun to set. The show aims to nurture a child’s natural sense of wonder about the night sky.

Bad Astronomy:
Grades: 6 and up
Length: 40 minutes
Were the Apollo visits to the moon actually a hoax? Have aliens landed on Earth? Can you tell your future by the stars? Prepare to debunk and tackle pseudoscience head-on with the planetarium show Bad Astronomy: Myths and Misconceptions. Based on the popular book and website of the same name, Bad Astronomy offers a unique and fun approach to learning about the cosmos. Join the "Bad Astronomer" Phil Plait as he takes a critical look of popular myths and misconceptions to show audiences how science can be used to evaluate questionable claims.

Earth, Moon, and Sun:
Grades: I – 5
Length: 26 minutes
Explore the relationships between the Earth, Moon, and Sun with the help of Cayote, an amusing character adapted from Native American oral traditions. Native American stories woven throughout the show illustrate how we have long sought to understand our planet and the skies above us. Cayote has a razor-sharp wit, but he’s a little confused about what he sees in the sky. His confusion about the universe makes him a great one for sharing how the Earth, Moon, and Sun work together as a system. Discover why the Sun rises and sets, and learn about the basics of fusion and solar energy. Explore the Moon’s crater, phases, craters, eclipses, and past and future space travel to our Moon and beyond. Engaging and immersive, Earth, Moon & Sun also examines how humans learn through space exploration.

To Space & Back:
Grades: K – 5
Length: 26 minutes
Prepare to be amazed! The newest, most visually detailed planetarium show ever is now playing. Space is our greatest adventure, and it has the biggest impact on our lives. To Space & Back explores the way each of us has been changed by the discoveries made by international space agencies working with the latest equipment, to medical technology, to cell phones, to sports, the technology that got us into space is being used by us every day here on Earth.

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