

# YES of Baldwin County

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## News Flash

\*\*\* YES of Baldwin County will begin our Friday Enrichment program on January 23, 2009. Lots of fun! Contact us for more information.  
\*\*\* Professional Development workshop will be held this Thursday at Oak Hill Middle in the auditorium from 4:00 to 6:00.

## Kazanetti Comes to Eagle Ridge

### Excerpt by Jonathan Jackson

The Union-Recorder

What do 180 Eagle Ridge Elementary School students and four members of a renowned string quartet have in common? **Strings.**

Since its expansion into Eagle Ridge Elementary School in October, the 180 students in grades 3, 4 and 5 have started taking violin lessons. Friday at Eagle Ridge, they got the opportunity to see where their violin could take them. "The idea is to provide them with an opportunity to see what the final outcome of their enrichment program can be," YES program director Nicholas Prezioso said.

The YES program was expanded from Oak Hill Middle School and Baldwin High School to Eagle Ridge after the program secured a grant last October. Since Oct. 27, 60 students in grades 3, 4 and 5 have started violin lessons in a venture supported by the program's association with Georgia College and aided by the Georgia College director of bands, Dr. Todd Shiver.

Students attend weekly lessons with students and professors from GCSU working on bow technique and reading music. Friday's energetic program was interactive and was presented by the quartet Kazanetti to the students, who had time during three 40-minute sessions to talk face-to-face with the classically trained musicians.

Kazanetti is committed to bringing music into the lives of its community, especially its children. Created for audiences of all ages, interactive programs range in style from 'Introduction to the String Quartet' to 'Peter and the Werewolf'. Upon consultation, a program may be tailored to your course- or project-based curriculum.

Appointed Artists-in-Residence in 2008, Kazanetti is enjoying its first season at The Plaza Arts Center in Eatonton, GA. Upcoming events include performances with Pierre Bensusan and a joint presentation of Edible Opera: It's To Dine For! with OperaSouth. The 2009-2010 season features guest artists, The Manhattan String Quartet, and a special multimedia event entitled To Kill a Mockingbird: Scout Remembers.



**Left:** Mr. Pruett and Ms. Brandt's class is looking on as Mr. George gave instruction on the cello. **Top Right:** The Kazanetti string quartet came and gave a performance for our afterschool students. **Middle Right:** Tymeria Easley is getting instruction on how to play the viola. **Bottom Right:** Zakaiyah Durden is getting some instruction, while Shakaiyah Dixon looks on.



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### YES Fights World Hunger

Goal — 1,000,000 Grains of Rice  
<http://www.freerice.com>  
YES Donated 542,340 Grains of Rice as of 1/16/09

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Even Mrs. Joyner gets in on the musical act. Way to go, Mrs. Joyner!



Kadisha King gets some pointers on the violin.



Xavion get some lessons on the cello.



Tiara Nash getting some pointers as Cole Wilson looks on.



Faith Peeler learns how to play the cello.



**Above:** Faith Williams learns to play the viola. **Right:** Jayla Hill is in the forefront, Mia Warren is playing in the background and Shakira Russell is in the middle

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## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY EDITION: SPOTLIGHT ON AMERICAN LEADERSHIP & COURAGE

The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday offers educators, students, and library visitors a chance to reflect upon leadership and courage, two important aspects of the American character that have shaped this country's history. Dr. King's legacy demonstrates the great potential all Americans have to rise up and boldly change our nation's course. His dream was an inspiration to others, enabling them to dream anew. His courage gave courage to a generation of men and women who were motivated to act by his example. Picturing America image 19-B, James Karales' compelling photograph, [Selma-to-Montgomery March for Voting Rights in 1965](#), illustrates these important themes.



- **Leadership:** Though King is not in this picture, the image illustrates a great principle of leadership: when we march together, our strength is multiplied. Leaders ennoble ordinary citizens by inspiring them to unite for a common cause.

- **Courage:** Marching towards victory and fighting injustice are actions not limited to America's battlefields. Karales' photograph captures a decisive moment in one of the most courageous battles for equality fought in America's recent history: the civil rights movement.

Click the Themes button in the online image gallery to compare this photograph with other images on Leadership like 10-A, **Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial** by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, or on Courage like image 4-A, Emanuel Leutze's **Washington Crossing the Delaware**. **19-B James Karales (1930-2002), Selma-to-Montgomery March for Voting Rights in 1965, 1965. Photographic print. Located in the James Karales Collection, Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Library, Duke University. Photograph © Estate of James Karales.**

WASHINGTON (January 16, 2009) — National Endowment for the Humanities — NEH Awards Picturing America to over 29,000 Schools and Public Libraries: Program Now Awarded to Total of 76,000 Institutions. The NEH has just announced the 2nd-round winners of Picturing America. A list of new recipient schools is available here: [http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/public\\_awards.php](http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/public_awards.php)

*The YES of Baldwin County program was a recipient of the NEH's 2008 Picturing America program. The pictures and curriculum guide are currently at OHMS.*

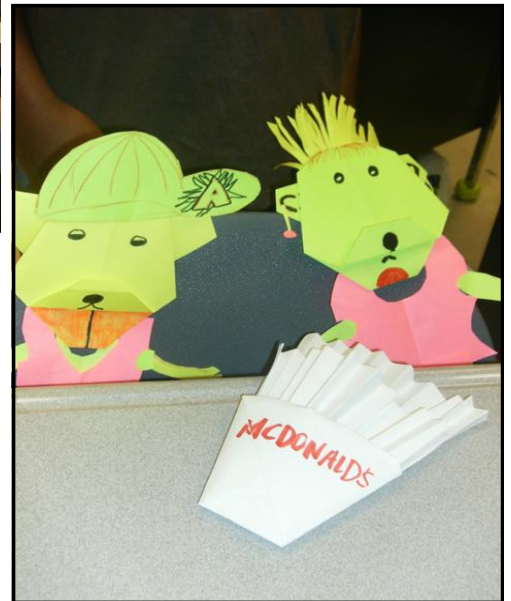
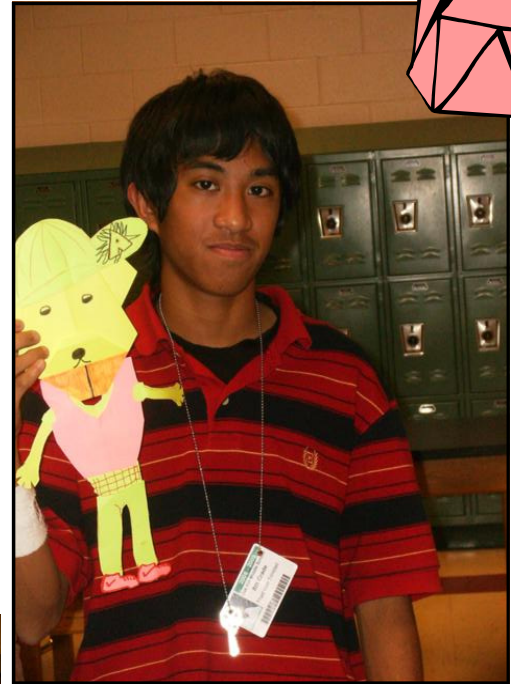
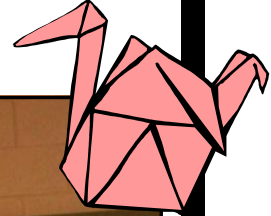


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## Oak Hill Students Put on Origami Puppet Shows



My class decided one day to do origami with the help of Tawaski Battle, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student who is very talented and crafty. Tawaski looked up all of the different origami objects and helped the class to make them. Eventually we began creating puppets out of the origami. The puppets were made using origami foldables from the internet and adding bodies to the faces. We created the puppets using the foldable of a bear (for the actual characters) and of a dog (to give one character a pet). A couple of students, Janan Armstrong and Davina Hurt, came up with the idea of putting on a play for the class. The students enjoyed personalizing their puppet, giving them names, and making them talk using "everyday" conversation. One student in particular, Janan Armstrong, took the idea to an entirely different level. Janan added acts to his new puppet play and established a theme behind each conversation that he created. For the Christmas Block Party, Janan and Davina put on a few of their puppet shows for the other students to see. The idea of creating puppets, giving them bodies, and giving them voices came solely from the students. The students enjoyed the puppets and so did I! This activity helped show the creative side to some of the students which may not always come forth in everyday school activities. It was an exciting experience! — Miss Crystal Middlebrooks, YES Teacher

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Youth Enrichment Services of Baldwin County  
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**Our History:** Youth Enrichment Services is a collaborative project of Georgia College & State University, Baldwin County Schools, Baldwin County Parks & Recreation Department, and local citizens. A multi-year project, YES received funding from the U.S. Department of Education through a [21st Century Community Learning Center](#) grant. All students are welcome to register. The forms are available both in English and Espanol on their website or at the school's main office.

**Do you have a talent to share or do you have a desire to share time with a child? Get involved with YES! You will have a blast!**

**For YES job opportunities see <http://www.gcsujobs.com>**

## TEACHER AND PARENT TIPS

- **NEH Summer Programs in the Humanities** American educators across the country are encouraged to apply now for 2009 summer study opportunities in the humanities.
- **We the People Picturing America Bookshelf** - the literary complement of NEH's Picturing America is a collection of 17 classic hardcover books for young readers, all related to the Picturing America theme. Applications are being accepted from libraries until January 30, 2009.
- **EDSITEment** (<http://edsitement.neh.gov/>) A humanities Web site for educators. This year, NEH's EDSITEment will host a year-long showcase of Picturing America resources for K-12 teachers. January Feature: I Have a Dream: Celebrating the Vision of Martin Luther King, Jr. C-SPAN video on Picturing America NEH Chairman Bruce Cole discusses each of the 40 images and what they say about America.

### YES Mission Statement

Baldwin County YES exists to raise achievement and educational aspirations for students in grades 6-12 as well as their adult family members. We seek to increase graduation rates, to nurture and inspire curiosity, and to realize deeper levels of literacy. We collaborate with students and adults to increase confidence in their abilities to tackle new learning situations. Finally, we work together to build a whole community that says "yes" to making promises come true.

**Check out the YES Website!**  
<http://baldwin.schooldesk.net/oakhill/GENERAL/YES/tabid/1295/Default.aspx>

### Reminder for year-end processing for all YES staff.

In order to avoid delays in receiving your W-2, please go to the Employee Self-Service portal and verify that your address is correct  
The link is: [http://info.gcsu.edu/intranet/human\\_res/eappshome.htm](http://info.gcsu.edu/intranet/human_res/eappshome.htm)  
**You will receive your W-2s by January 30, 2009.**

**To Parents and Interested Community Members:** If you would like a copy of our YES Newsletter sent to you by email OR if you would like to be removed from the mailing list, please send a message to [betty.osteen@baldwin.k12.ga.us](mailto:betty.osteen@baldwin.k12.ga.us) asking to be added to or removed from our distribution list. Thank you.

