



Hancock County EHS/ HS & Pre-K

Glitzy & Glam

Masquerade Ball



On February 28, 2017, Head Start hosted its annual ball. The theme for the event was “Glitzy & Glam Masquerade Ball.” It is a popular event, and the families in Hancock County look forward to dressing up, ripping the runway, and dancing every year. The Parent Meeting/Ball was conducted by Mrs. Gladys Jones, Parent Committee President and Mrs. Betty Legette, Assistant Director. The meeting began with a Moment of Silence followed by an Opening Welcome from Ms. Denson and Ms. Wingfield’s Pre-K class.

The Opening Welcome grasped the attention of many. Ms. Denson explained the theme for the month of February, which is “A Little Like You and A Little Like Me.” In collaboration with the theme, she decided to teach her students sign language, so they can communicate with others. The class demonstrated sign language for the letters A-Z with the assistance of their teachers. The crowd applauded the students as they completed their presentation and returned to their seats. Mrs. Legette followed their presentation with Program Updates from both Early Head Start & Head Start/Pre-K departments. Later, we opened the floor for the speaker of the hour to address the families.

The speaker was introduced by Bonita Barnes, Family Service Advocate. The speaker, Minister Nicholas Harper is a native of Hancock County and a high school graduate of Georgia Military College. His goal is to give back to his hometown and help push and motivate the boys and girls in the community. He is a proud supporter of the Kam Kares Foundation and assists with the foundation activities. He opened his presentation with a familiar song and captivated all children and families: “If Your Happy and You Know It”. He spoke briefly on family love, engagement, time and guidance. He encouraged the parents to be role models, know what their children are doing, and remember their children learn by watching their surroundings. He closed his presentation by expressing a true life story/event that occurred the night before the ball. Mr. Harper is

employed at Department of Juvenile Justice in Milledgeville, Georgia where he was attacked by an angry teenager. This teenager became upset, and when Mr. Harper approached him and tried to calm him down, he hit Mr. Harper in the face with a tray. He caused major damage to Mr. Harper's left eye which was visible for everyone to see. He received medical assistance to the area which was mended back together using stitches and covered with strips of white tape. After sharing his traumatic experience, he expressed how important it was for him to still attend the meeting/ball. Mr. Harper walked away with a smile and felt confident that his speech reached and touched someone in the audience.

Finally, it was the moment we all had been waiting for... It was time to let our preschoolers rip the runaway. Disk Jockey, DJ Bandz, started the sweet melody of music, and the runway became the popular area. After the children ripped the runway, they danced the night away and enjoyed finger foods, cupcakes and punch. Once again, they enjoyed the event so much they did not want to leave. We look forward to the 2018 annual ball. THANK YOU!

