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## Family Connection- Communities In Schools of Hancock County

### Partners with Summer Camps

Family Connection-Communities in Schools of Hancock County, Inc. has been “Moovin and Groovin” at the Sparta and Mayfield camp site during the week of June 6-9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Regina Butts, Executive Director and her staff and Mrs. Asheka Lewis, EFNEP Program Assistant for Fort Valley State University has enjoyed two days with campers from ages 5 to 13 years old.

The campers at each site has enjoyed a presentation from Ms. Butts on the importance of hand washing, Ms. Kateria Rhodes demonstrated how to cut a pineapple, Oh Boy! the campers really loved the taste of a freshly cut pineapple. Mrs. Lewis presented to campers the importance of eating fruit and vegetables and she explained how many servings is needed daily. Then she engaged the campers in making a fruit smoothie with fresh fruit.

Lastly, Mr. Terrell Reid, Site Coordinator for Communities in Schools of Hancock County spoke briefly with the campers on the importance of reading. Mr. Reid shared that many students by third grade are not reading on grade level. Therefore, the State of Georgia has launch a campaign entitled “Get Georgia Reading”. This camp focus on engaging parents and students to read daily. Family Connection-Communities in Schools has partner with the Hancock County Public library Manager to co-sponsor their summer reading 2016. The public Library manager Ms. Rakyah Washington and Hancock County Family Connection is offering cash prizes, tickets to the Georgia National Fair and gift basket as incentives to encourage all students of the community to read during the summer.

The Sparta and Mayfield Summer camp site is Moovin and Groovin to better health and becoming more proficient readers. This group of presenters will be visiting the Devereux camp site on June 14<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, parents, pastors, community groups and volunteers join the campaign “ Inching into Proficient Readers” Look for more information in next week Ishmaelite.