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“GEAR UP – A Back-to-School PEP UP” To Be Held For Students

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services will sponsor “GEAR UP – A Back-to-School PEP-UP” on Saturday, August 27th, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Neighborhood Facility Recreation Center, 900 Elm Avenue. The program is designed to assist Portsmouth’s children in getting ready for the start of the new school year with school supplies and a positive message to encourage them to do their best.

The program will consist of group games and activities, a “PEP-UP” motivational message, music, refreshments, exhibitors with health-related information, free haircuts, and distribution of school supplies to the children who are in attendance. Children must be present to receive the school supplies.

In addition, the Portsmouth Health Department will be on site to provide TDaP immunizations which are required for all Portsmouth Public Schools rising sixth grade students. Other exhibitors will include Behavioral Healthcare Services, Portsmouth Public Library, Portsmouth Museums, and Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

During this back-to-school event in 2010, over 400 Portsmouth youth attended and received school supplies and the additional services offered.

Individuals who would like to donate school supplies that will be distributed during the event should bring them to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services, which is located on the third floor of City Hall -801 Crawford Street, between the business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. until Friday, August 26th. For more information, call Michelle Eady at 393-8481 extension 4112.

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