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**Recommended Resources for Celebration of Constitution Day  
(Sometime during the week beginning September 12, 2011)**

In recognition of U.S. Constitution Day, Sept. 17, 2011, please include appropriate activities during the week of Sept.12-16, 2011 to assure students have the opportunity to increase their learning about this important document and its significance.

Below are recommended ways to participate in the national recognition:

1. Post a notice on your building marquee/message board.
2. Include a "Constitution fact" ( see attached list) each day on daily announcements
3. Encourage all social studies teachers to include at least one activity in the weeks lessons, probably on the designated day for observance, Friday Sept. 16, 2011
4. Culminate the week on the GCPS designated day for observance, Friday Sept. 16 with a school-wide viewing of "Creating the Constitution" and announcement.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Daniell, Social Studies director.

Suggested statement for school-wide announcement on Friday Sept.16, 2011

**Most people are aware that July 4<sup>th</sup> is our nation's birthday. However, few people know that September 17<sup>th</sup> is the birthday of our government. This is the date on which the delegates to the Philadelphia Convention completed and signed the Constitution. The ideas on which America was founded-commitment to the rule of law, limited government, and the ideals of liberty, equality, and justice-are embedded in the United States Constitution, the oldest written constitution of any nation on Earth. Today we remember this special date in history, declared by the U. S. Congress as Constitution Day, celebrating not only the birthday our government but the ideas that make us Americans.**

Websites with instructional and historical resources:

[www.constitutionday.cc](http://www.constitutionday.cc)

[www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)

[www.civiced.org](http://www.civiced.org)

[www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

[www.BillofRightsInstitute.org](http://www.BillofRightsInstitute.org)

[www.crf-usa.org/constitution\\_day](http://www.crf-usa.org/constitution_day)

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