

## Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS)

### News Advisory

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**Editors: Best visuals and opportunities for interviews with students and teachers are during hands-on activities between 9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Each class will visit 3 stations. Each station teaches a different activity. There are 18 stations teaching the same 3 lessons. All classes attend the Fishin' Magicians presentation 11:10 a.m. -12:10 p.m.**



Photo: 2010 Water Festival

### 3rd Annual Mobile County Water Festival Set April 13

Where does water get polluted and how does it get clean enough to drink? The answers to these questions and more will be investigated by more than 400 fourth graders who attend the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mobile County Water Festival on Wednesday, April 13, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Abba Temple Shrine, 7701 Hitt Rd.**

**A water festival is an educational event that provides hands on activities where students learn about their community's water, where it comes from, how to keep it clean, and how their actions can affect water quality.** Students will build a watershed model and learn how daily activities impact water cleanliness, examine different types of water pollution and what it takes to get the water clean and design a water cycle bracelet to show the different forms water takes as it recycles itself. Following a rotation through three activity centers, the students will enjoy a performance by the Fishin' Magicians, Amy Short and Steve Craig, who use magic and audience involvement to teach about water and environmental issues.

Fourth graders participating in this year's Festival are from Tanner Williams, Castlen, Collins-Rhodes, Collier, St. Pius, Mertz, Gilliard and Chickasaw Magnet Schools. High school volunteers from Baker and Bryant Career Training Center will assist with activities.

The festival is made possible with funding from the Gulf Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council, Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS), Mobile County Soil and Water Conservation District, Alabama Department of Environmental Management and Alabama Coastal Foundation. Contributing organizations include Coastal Alabama Clean Water Partnership, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Master Gardeners, Gulf Quest National Maritime Museum, Alabama Forestry Commission, Dauphin Island Sea Lab, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Mobile County Public School System and Alabama Power Barry Steam Plant. For more information, contact April Griffin with the Mobile County Soil and Water Conservation District at 441-6505 or 331-8380.