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UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events:
PTO Bowling Night
@Cowtown Bowl
6-9pm – October 9th
Positive Proof ID
October 9th
No School for
Students October 12th
Homecoming
October 16th
Red Ribbon Week
October 26-30th
Early Dismissal
@1:15pm Parent/
Teacher Conferences
October 28th
Fall Picture Re-take
November 5th



Terry Johnson

Joy James Elementary School News

OCTOBER 2009

Notes From The Principal

Calling all Parents (and community members)

One of the goals of Castleberry ISD is to increase the participation of parents in their child's overall education. Joy James Elementary plans to include parents in PTO activities, volunteer opportunities, math, reading and science nights and opportunities to watch your children perform in musicals.

Parents are encouraged to get involved with coming to Saturday school with their children. Saturday school is being offered so that parents can see where their children are struggling in reading and math and to be provided with activities and techniques that they can use at home to help their children to succeed.

Parents and community members are being asked to participate in a Perception survey that will help us to better understand how parents and community members regard Joy James Elementary. The survey can be completed anytime during the day by going to the school's website at home or by using a school computer located in the lab or library. The survey will be available from October 2nd to mid-December.

The importance of the school-home partnership cannot be stressed enough. The more parents become involved with the education of their students, the greater the impact on education of our children. We invite one and all to become more and more involved with their children at Joy James Elementary.

Fall Carnival-"Monkey Business Around The

Friday, November 6, 2009 from 6:00-10:00 pm. The Carnival will be held in the field behind the school. There will be a petting zoo, pony rides, a rock wall to climb and all the things you would expect to find and enjoy at a school carnival.

Target Education—Target Reading

Last May, Ms. Olzawski learned that our library had received a \$500 "Target Volunteers School Library Makeover Grant" from the Lake Worth Target. Ms. Olzawski planned a "Target Education—Target Reading" kickoff event. On Friday, September 18th, all kindergarten and first grade classes participated in this event. Ms. Mendoza and her team of volunteers participated as guest readers and shared some of the new books with our students. They also provided Special Target Stickers for all the new 128 books.

The Mission of Castleberry ISD is to graduate all students as lifelong learners who will excel in our changing world and competitive workplace.

Joy James Elementary School Newsletter

Hello from the Counselor

Parents, I am so excited about his school year at Joy James Elementary. We have a wonderful group of students and it is such a pleasure getting to work with your children.

A big event coming up is our College Day for 5th grade student on Friday, November 13th from 9:00-11:30AM at JJE. I am inviting you to come that day as Glenn will be here to give information to parents that you might find interesting. So mark your calendars for Friday, November 13th

Another regularly scheduled fun time for parents is Coffee with the Counselor. Please join us! Our next meeting is Friday, October 16th at 8:30-9:30AM in the JJE cafeteria. Lou Davenport, from TCC will be our guest speaker.

Hope to see you at all the Coffee with the Counselor meetings and at College Day.

Mrs. Brown

Joy James Runners

Students from Joy James Elementary in grades 3, 4 and 5 will participate in this year's MPS Run on Saturday, October 17th. The students are doing the 5k run, which equals 3.1 miles. These students have been practicing for the last four weeks, every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we are doing a 45 minute walk. Every child competing in the 5K will receive a special MPS Society medallion, a commemorative t-shirt and post run refreshments. The coaches this year are Mr. Stillwagon, Mr. Rosales and Mrs. Luevano.

Positive Proof

Our child ID program, is coming to Joy James Elementary on October 9th at 9:00 AM in the cafeteria. Students must return the envelope in order to get photographed and fingerprinted for an ID.

District News

House Bill 55 was signed by Governor Perry in June of 2009. The new law prohibits the use of a wireless communication device within a school crossing zone. There is an exception for the use of a hands free device or in the case of an emergency.

The new law also prohibits bus operators from using a wireless communication device while operating a passenger bus with a minor passenger unless the bus is stopped.

For more information about Castleberry ISD

- Explore our Webpage: www.castleberryisd.net
- Watch Charter Cable Channel 30 in the River Oaks and Sansom Park Areas.
- Call 817-252-2000 and choose Option 8 for weekly events.

Schedule of Events

- Your school's calendar, as well as a district-wide calendar, are available on our website.
- From our home page, choose "schools," then your school, then "School Calendar."

Family Access

- CISD parents can now go online and view their student's grades, health records, attendance, and much more.
- Sign up for Skyward Parent Access today by calling 817-252-2023.

Volunteers

- From our home page, choose "Family Resources, then "Volunteer Program."
- You can print out a volunteer application and turn it in to your school secretary.

School Board Meetings

- A summary of each Board meeting is available on our website.
- From the home page, choose "Departments" then "Board of Trustees."