

JOY JAMES ELEMENTARY
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Break
24th-28th November
Secret Santa Workshop
8th-12th December
JJE Library
PTO Executive Meeting
9 December
6-7 pm JJE Library
Kindergarten Field Trip
3rd grade Field Trip
11 December
4th Grade Field Trip
18 December
K-5 Music Program
18 December
6:30--7:30 PM
Early Release
19 December
1:15pm



Terry Johnson
Principal

Joy James Elementary School News

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Note from the Principal's Office

The gift of your time

I will be straightforward and honest with you.....one of the things we desire to do at Joy James Elementary is to help the parents of our children and the community as a whole to get more involved at the school. We have already had some great activities that tied the community and the school into joint ventures. For example, on Tuesday, October 7th we hosted the National Night Out in conjunction with the Sansom Park City Hall. What a great turnout we had for that event. We have also had a movie night, a father/daughter dance, and a Thanksgiving Feast during lunch in the lunchroom. All great events and none would have been possible without your participation. There are other ways that you could be involved, however. For example, teachers are always needing help in their classrooms. Several things you could do to help them out would be to cut out items for their bulletin boards, help to hang new bulletin boards, and sit and read with students in the classrooms (in Spanish, English or both). The list could go on and on. So, I want to encourage anyone who has some free time during the day and would like to make Joy James a better place, to please consider giving the gift of your time as a volunteer here at the school. What a great way to help make this world a better place.

Campus Feature Article

Green Meadows Farm!

The second grade classes at Joy James Elementary went on one of the most fun field trips of the year in October. On the 21st, they went on a field trip to Green Meadows Petting Farm in Grand Prairie! With the fantastic fall weather we have had, it was the perfect time to show our kids what fall is like. After the short bus ride the kids were taken on a tour of the farm where they saw over 200 animals, most of which they were encouraged to touch, pet and even feed! Oh, and they were even allowed to milk the cows! They saw turkeys, sheep, donkeys, goats. The pig races were just as fun. After that the students were loaded onto the tractor bed trailers and given a hay ride! Last but not least of all, the students were allowed to take home a pumpkin each. What a fun and great field trip. Our kids at Joy James experienced the kind of Autumn that we always read about but don't regularly get in Texas: cool mornings, sunny days, falling leaves, and lots and lots of pumpkins! We are so glad that your child went if they are in the 2nd grade. At Joy James we always try to provide our students with varied and enriching learning experiences.

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 Newsletter

Counselor's Corner

Dear Parents,

What a great time we have had in guidance during the month of October. Pre-Kindergarten through 4th grade have discussed staying safe. Please ask your children to share with you about NO GO TELL. It is a simple way for students to remember what to do if someone tries to get them to do activities that are not safe such as drugs, get in the car with strangers, etc. The student's role played "NO, GO TELL" and were enthusiastic about participating in their class discussions. Pre-Kindergarten through first grade also talked about STOP DROP ROLL in the event of a fire.

Fifth grade continues to discuss preparing for college. The students enjoyed attending their College Day on Friday, November 14 from 9:00 – 11:00. Several colleges participated. We had guest speakers from Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, UTA, Weatherford College, TCC, TSTC, Hardin Simmons, Tarleton State, and Texas Wesleyan. The students were so excited to have the opportunity to talk with different colleges right here in our area. The parents were invited as well and enjoyed listening to Glenn Spoons discuss the website, College For Texans. I am continuing to enjoy working with your children and am very grateful for this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Liz Brown, Counselor

Student Council Notes

Student council is underway again this year and we just know that 2008-2009 will be even better. We have 11 members this year. 7 are from Mr. Fox's, Miss Stead's and Mr. Hayes 5th grade classes. The remaining 4 are from Mr. Tewes', Ms. J. Williams', Mrs. T. Williams', and Mrs. Tocasuchyl 4th grade classes. We will work hard to continue to build a campus full of youth leaders committed to serving their school as well as their community. The Student Council has helped the Counselor, Mrs. Brown with career and college day, and will be helping with morning assembly preparation. The Student Council plays a very important role in every school. They help share students' ideas, interests, and concerns with the teachers and principal. They help the students raise funds for school wide projects.

District News

Skyward Family Access

Castleberry ISD parents can now check their student's grades, attendance, discipline, and health records from home with Skyward Family Access. New for the 2008-2009 school year, parents can see what their children are purchasing for lunch and their lunch account balance. To sign up to receive your user name and password for Family Access, please call 817-252-2023.

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 "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 "Board of Trustees."