

JOY JAMES ELEMENTARY
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Coffee with the Counselor
23 January 8:30-9:30am
- Movie Night
23 January 7-9pm
- Attendance Saturday School
At AVCATO
24 January 8:30-12:30
- Book Fair Runs
26-30 January
- Math and Science Night At JJE
27 January 6-8 pm
- Super Saturday School
31 January 8:30-11:30
- Early Release
4 February
1:15pm
- Class Group Pictures
6 February
- PTO Balloon Sale
2-11 February
- PTO Mother/Son Dance
13 February 7-9pm



Terry Johnson
Principal

Joy James Elementary School News

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Note from the Principal's Office

Wow! We are at the halfway mark of the school year! It's been a great year so far and we look forward to what is ahead! Just put into place is our new call out system. This system allows us to contact everyone directly regarding significant happenings such as school closings, upcoming events, test day information, and absences. The primary benefit of the call out system is that it meets a goal we have to increase awareness of all that is happening at Joy James throughout the year. Our hope is that more parents will attend music presentations, dances, movies, PTO meetings and the like because of the heightened level of awareness that the call out system affords us all. So, if you do receive a call from the school, please don't hang up. Take a minute to hear the message and learn about what is happening at your child's school. Also, please know that you are welcome to visit us at any time. We appreciate your participation in your child's education! It makes a world of difference! Hope to see you soon!

Campus Feature Article

The Inauguration of Barak Obama JJE Style

On January 20th things at Joy James became a little crazy around 10:00 a.m. With only 30 minutes to go before the Inauguration Ceremony of Barak Obama we received notice from the district that due to broadcasting limitations we could only have one computer stream the event. The place we chose to view this momentous occasion was the cafeteria. In half an hour we reworked the lunch schedules and spread the news that anyone interested in viewing the Inauguration would have to come to the cafeteria. And come they did. Kindergarten-5th grade students, teachers, Para-educators, kitchen staff and custodians all gathered together to watch the swearing in of our new president. It was educational for everyone to see, not just the process, but the history that was being made. Most of the students listened intently and afterwards carried on conversations with their teachers about what they had witnessed. What an opportunity! School is a place that is supposed to give children special experiences just like this so they can learn more about their world and hopefully be inspired to do great things. Today we really experienced what school is all about. I encourage you, as parents, to talk to your children about what they saw that day. You might be surprised about what they learned.

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,

Hello and welcome back from the holidays! I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful time off.

School is once again in full swing and class guidance will begin next week - the week of Jan. 12. I'm very excited as we will begin the semester with the discussion of Goals and how we can achieve our goals! Please begin talking to your children about goals – what they are, writing down our goals, and having a plan of working toward achieving our goals. I would love to hear what the students' are thinking at this age as to what they want to be or do when they grow up.

Our next Coffee with the Counselor will be Friday, January 23 from 8:30 – 9:30 in the Joy James Elementary Cafeteria. I hope you will join us. I have asked Jacob Garcia from Tarrant County College to be our guest speaker. See you then!

Mrs. Brown, Counselor

PTO Notes

What a wonderful year JJE PTO is having! Our volunteers have made our campus come alive with all of the help to teachers, assistance with parties, fund raisers, and all of the other things that they are involved in.

The Fund Raiser was a great success. Santa's Secret Workshop was a great shopping place for our kids. Snack Sales are a real treat that we all look forward to as well. What a great job ladies and gentlemen.

Looking forward to our snack sales, Valentine's Dance, and Cinco de Mayo Carnival/Festival.

We are still looking for volunteers to make JJE the Best in the West. If you have a moment to spare come by the office and sign up to volunteer! There is a place for your talents to be used.

Thanks to our PTO for the difference that they are making in our school.

District News

Castleberry ISD Nominations for the Gifted and Talented Program

Nominations for the identification of Gifted and Talented students will be underway between January 12 and January 28, 2009.

If you have a student who is currently in grades K-11 and feel he/she may qualify for the Gifted and Talented program, you may nominate him/her by picking up a parent nomination packet from the counselor at your child's school.

Once the nomination packet is received additional information such as teacher observation surveys, state testing information, as well as samples of student work may be used to determine eligibility. Beginning in late February, all eligible students will be given individual assessments that will include a creativity test and an age appropriate IQ test. Parents will be notified of results following all assessments.

All nomination packets must be filled out and returned to the school counselor by Wednesday, January 28, 2009. For more information contact your child's school counselor.

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."