

JOY JAMES ELEMENTARY  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer School Dates  
June 8th-July 1st  
Summer Enrichment Program  
Fitness Camp At JJE:  
K-1 Session I: June 8th-11th  
8:30 – 9:30 AM  
Session II: June 15th-18th  
8:30 – 9:30 AM  
Session III: June 22nd-25th  
8:30 – 9:30 AM  
Grades 2-3 Session I: June  
8th-11th 9:45 – 10:45 AM  
Session II: June 15th-18th  
9:45 – 10:45 AM  
Session III: June 22nd-25th  
9:45 – 10:45 AM



Terry Johnson  
Principal

# Joy James Elementary School News

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## The end of another great year

Well the end of my third year as principal at Joy James Elementary is quickly approaching. Here are some of the highlights Joy James and Castleberry ISD have been able to accomplish this school year. First, the PTO has really grown this year and accomplished many new things. Several great new traditions have been implemented that truly instill pride in the school and in recognizing the work of everyone involved. Because of our stronger PTO we were able to supply, with PTO funds, teacher requested materials such as listening centers, storage bins and money to supplement educational field trips. Way to go PTO! Another great thing the district is implementing this year is Summer Enrichment Programs. There are two programs being held specifically at JJE which include Wild About Reading and summer fitness camps. Wild About Reading will be held in the Joy James Library June 8<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday – Thursday each week (no registration required to attend). What a great way to supplement and grow your child's reading skills. Coach Stillwagon's Fitness Camps will be held at three separate times through out June and July (registration deadline for these camps was June 1<sup>st</sup>). One of our goals at the beginning of the year was to increase the number of identified GT students at Joy James. We did successfully increase that number of students from two to nearly fifteen. Wow! The last thing to point out is that Joy James has had another successful year academically. There are areas where we need to continue to improve, but overall the teachers and students have teamed up to complete a year of successful academic growth. This all says to me that Joy James and the district are moving in the right direction. We are all working together to create life-long learners who will be able to successfully compete in today's marketplace. Great thanks goes out to the teachers, parents and community members who have helped us get where we are today. Next year is going to be even better, especially if we all continue to pull together in the same direction.

## Fitness Awareness this Summer

Summer is here and the tendency for children is to sit in front of the TV and watch movies or play video games. Kids still need their daily exercise. Here are some ideas of fun things to do to stay active this summer. But remember to wear sunscreen and schedule your activities in the morning, which is the coolest part of the day.

- Bike riding
- Rollerblading
- Going to the park
- Swimming
- Playing tag
- Hiking
- Jumping Rope
- Shooting Baskets

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**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

Hello from the Counselor,

It's hard to believe this year is concluding; hasn't it gone so quickly? I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Joy James Elementary – what an incredible group of students and faculty to work with. I am thankful for this opportunity!

It is not too soon for students to begin thinking about what they are interested in and how that might influence what they decide to do when they grow up. This week the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have had the pleasure of listening to a variety of speakers talk about their chosen careers. A different speaker came each day and spent time talking to the students about their career, their responsibilities and duties for their job, what they liked and didn't like about their career, what education was needed, the future outlook of their job and how what the students are learning now does impact their future. The professions included interior decorating, educator, draftsman, mechanic, aviator, artist, musician, and principal. Please take the time to talk to your child about what they learned regarding these professions and which one interested them the most!

Thank you, again, for a great year!  
Mrs. Brown

## PTO Notes 2008-2009

It has been a great and productive year here at JJE. The PTO through our fundraisers this year and carnival were able to raise over \$6500 for school wide use! That is amazing, President Clevone Alcantar and here board along with all the many parent volunteers help make this an amazing year. Please look into being a part of this great organization next year. It will be even better!

## 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](http://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."