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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 14  
Domino's Family Night
- Oct. 15  
SBDM Mtg. @ 7:15 a.m.
- Oct. 22  
Kindergarten Field Trip
- Oct. 24  
TCU Reading Frogs 8:00 a.m.
- Oct. 26-30  
Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 30  
Book Parade @ 8:30 a.m.



Deonna Courtney  
Principal

# Castleberry Elementary Pk-1 School News

OCTOBER 2009

## Note from the Principal's Office

Dear Castleberry PK1 Parents,

October brings many opportunities for parents to participate in special activities at our school. We hope that you can be a part of one or all of the following events:

Our first **PTO Meeting** of the year, Oct. 8th, 6:30 PM in the multipurpose building. We welcome Mrs. Jessica Woodward as our new PTO President. She has some great things planned for our school. There are many opportunities for parents to take part in this important organization. Come and learn how you can join in the work and fun!

**Second Annual Book Parade**, Oct. 30, 8:30 AM in the back of the school. Last year we saw colorful elephants, 101 dalmations, and children from around the world among the storybook characters featured in our parade. Each class will dress as characters from a book they have read in class. The CHS band will lead the parade around the back circle drive and down Tulane. Bring your cameras and line up along Tulane to watch the fun.

Our Dad's Club, **Mighty MEN**, continues to invite dads, grandpas, and community members to take part in the day-to-day activities at our school by volunteering for special projects, to supervise school grounds before or after school, assist students at lunch, or provide tutoring and mentoring for students who need extra support. Mighty MEN is coordinated by Ricky Hunter. You can reach him at (817) 691-9954 to find out how you can be a part of this group.

The **CE-PK1 Site Based Decision Making Committee** will meet again on October 15 at 7:15 AM. A list of current members and minutes from our September meeting can be found on our campus website.

October is also the month we set aside time for parent conferences. You are a very important part of your children's educational success and we are eager to work with you to make sure your child meets expectations and is ready for the next school year. When you receive your child's report card, please notice the "Commitment to Excellence" statement on the envelope. This is a compact between our teachers, parents, and students to work together to promote excellence for every student. We ask that you take a few minutes to read this with your child and sign the envelope before returning it to your child's teacher.

We look forward to working with you to help your child learn and grow during the 2009-2010 school year.

*Deonna Courtney*



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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.**

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## Counselor's Corner



Wow! It has been an exciting 1<sup>st</sup> 6 weeks here at CE Pk-1. Between Meet the Teacher, Kindergarten Camp, and the opening of our new Kindergarten cafeteria, time has just flown by. The students are learning more and more everyday and it is so incredible to see them grow as learners. As a counselor, my job here at CE is to help students as well as parents grow even more. Parents often ask me how they can support their child's learning at home so I thought it would be helpful to list a few hints here:

- Spend a few minutes every night looking over handouts your student brings home every day, fill out forms to return the next day
- Let your child's teacher know if you can help them out at school or home
- Contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem, working together will help your child succeed
- Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly. Studies show that students with involved parents tend to be more successful in school.
- Lastly, let teachers know you appreciate their efforts, a simple thank you or email is incredibly uplifting to the hard working professionals you send your child to every day.

Please know I am here to help. If you would like to contact me feel free to call me at 817-252-2370 or email me at [shouldersm@castleberryisd.net](mailto:shouldersm@castleberryisd.net). Thanks for all you do!

## Math Night

We want to thank all the parents, students, and any other family members that attended our Family Math Night this past Tuesday. Everyone had fun participating in math activities in the classrooms and all students received a game to enjoy at home. After visiting 4 stations students and family members were given a coupon for a free ice cream treat! We had over 300 guests and 132 students that attend our Math Night Event! If you were not able to attend our family event this time we hope you can join us for our Family Reading Night! Stay tuned for more information. Thank you once again for showing your support for your child's education!



## 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](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 "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."