

CASTLEBERRY  
ELEMENTARY 2-3  
5220 OHIO GARDEN  
FORT WORTH, TX 76114  
817-252-2300



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3rd Grade Math Benchmark Test  
1/28
- Family Math Night  
1/29 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
- 3rd Grade "E" Conduct Field Trip  
1/30 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
- 2nd Grade "E" Conduct Field  
Trip  
2/4 8:30 am - 10:30 am
- Early Release  
2/4
- Chick-Fil-A Family Spirit Night  
2/5 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Spring Pictures  
2/6
- 2nd Grade Math Benchmark  
2/10
- Progress Reports Go Home  
2/10
- Morris Brothers State Test As-  
sembly  
2/20 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- 3rd Grade TAKS Reading Test  
3/3
- Report Cards Go Home  
3/5



Hollie Lancarte  
Principal

# Castleberry Elementary 2-3

## School News

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### Note from the Principal's Office

Dear Castleberry Families,

It is that time of year when I occasionally hear parents say they are having difficulty in getting their child to school. As a principal, a big part of my job is to help parents support their children emotionally as well as academically. Here is my best advice for parents: 1. Help your child manage homework time. 2. Show interest in his/her studies. 3. Discuss ideas and feelings about school, studies, and activities. 4. With your child, read and review information from school. 5. Know your child's friends. 6. Make it clear that he/she must follow school rules and policies. 7. Volunteer at school. 8. Have regular family meetings. Most of all please know that your child needs your love and respect. Your understanding, common sense, adult judgment, and a good sense of humor can make a difference in your child's education. I look forward to hearing of your child's success' in the near future! Go Lions!!!

Sincerely, Mrs. Lancarte

### A Music Note from the Music Teacher

Music students have been busy little bee's this winter! Third grade had a blast while performing their Music program "We are Thankful". The kids worked so hard to play their rhythms on their instruments perfectly, while learning all the lyrics and dance routines for their program and researching information about the First Thanksgiving dinner. Second grade has been preparing for their January 15<sup>th</sup> program at 6:30pm in the multipurpose building. The performance will include instruments, dancing and how music is everywhere around us!

CE's honor choir has especially been busy! The students performed a book at the CE 2-3 Family Movie Night and were also invited by the City of River Oaks to sing at the City's Christmas Parade and Winter Festival. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, students from CE's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade honor choir sang selections of recent program music and Christmas music at the Montgomery Plaza's *Starbucks*. All in attendance to enjoy the performance while sipping a cup of coffee were customers from the area, parents, teachers and Principal Lancarte. Afterwards the honor choir members were rewarded for their efforts, with a cup of free hot chocolate. I'm so grateful for the great opportunities our kids have had this year and are always looking for other events to perform. Thank you to Calvin King (the manager at Starbucks) and Mrs. Lancarte who saw a great opportunity for our kids.

I really am enjoying my 2<sup>nd</sup> year at CE and am beginning to see more great talents from our students and our fabulous staff. Thank you so much for the compliments and encouragement. They are greatly appreciated!

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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.**

# Castleberry Elementary 2-3 Newsletter

## Counselor's Corner

Around this time of the year with the upcoming testing, many students may show different signs of stress. It is important to recognize these symptoms so you can start teaching them how to cope with stress in healthy ways. Stress can reveal itself in a variety of ways. Physically, children may have stomach aches or headaches. Emotionally, they may feel fearful, irritable, or sad. Their behavior may range from crying and withdrawing from others to losing their temper or even bullying others. Below are some suggestions that may help your child.

- Help them talk about what is bothering them and really listen to them
- Spend one-on-one time with them
- Teach them ways to relax
- Give plenty of hugs and back rubs
- Teach them that making mistakes are okay
- Be a good role model in handling your own stress
- Talk through and role play how to handle difficult situations
- Encourage physical activity and healthy eating

Sincerely, Mrs. McPherson 817-252-2375

## 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.

## Bringing Out Their Best - Honesty

Honest Characters - Read books about telling the truth and being trustworthy. Talk with your youngster about the characters' action and what it means to be honest. Here are two books to try: 1) *A Bargain for Frances* by Russell Hoban; and 2) *Sam Tells Stories* by Thierry Robberecht.

### 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."