

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

No School
10/13
Assembly Day
10/14 8:00 - 8:45 am
Family Chili's Night (Lake Worth)
10/14
Smile Mobile Dentist Visit
10/24
Red Ribbon Week
10/27 - 10/31
Progress Reports
10/28
Early Release
10/29
Picture Retake Day
11/6
Assembly Day
11/11
3rd Grade Music Program
11/13 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Report Cards
11/20



Hollie Lancarte
Principal

Castleberry Elementary 2-3 School News

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Note from the Principal's Office

Dear Castleberry Families,

Welcome back and get ready for a fantastic 2008-9 school year! I hope to share with you great expectations for this school year. I believe that with the staff we have and our collective commitment to the students at Castleberry Elementary, we will achieve great things. Our campus again is rated by the Texas Education Agency as a "Recognized" campus due to our 3rd graders TAKS scores. Our reading passing percentage for 2007-8 is 88% and our math passing percentage is 76%. I believe that this year those percentages will rise. Many factors play a role in testing such as the returning staff, their commitment to excellence, along with the district support, and your commitment to helping your child. Together we will take our students further than we have ever taken them. You can begin helping your child become successful by setting guidelines and routines at home for homework, bedtime, reading time, and more, as well as getting to know your child's teacher. Castleberry Elementary needs you if only for a few minutes, or even if you can share an hour a day. Our campus has many unfilled needs such as cafeteria monitors, reading tutors, hall monitors, traffic patrol, and more. We need you! Please come by our office or let your child's teacher know how you can contribute to our campus success. Together we can achieve success! Go Lions!!!
Sincerely, Mrs. Lancarte

Reading with your child: 6 Easy Steps

1. **Select a book.** Either have your child select his or her own book or you select one based on a topic that you know will be interesting to your child. (Don't guess, ask your child!)
2. **Have your child read aloud.** Sometimes just part of a story is sufficient. Allow the child to choose that part with the "action" or one with a good description, etc.
3. **Simply tell your child any unknown words he she encounters.** Stopping to use a dictionary will interrupt the thread of the story especially if he or she is usually reluctant to read.
4. **Discuss the story.** Try to make both reading the story and discussing it enjoyable experiences.
5. **Praise your child.** Reading should be enjoyable for both of you. Sometimes a sincere "thank you for reading to me" along with a smile or a hug will be the best praise for the situation.
6. **Make sure your child reads 30 minutes a day.** (Even if you are not able to be there.)

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

It's so exciting to start a new year and meet all of the students! I have been going into the classrooms and teaching the students about Kelso's Choices. This program identifies nine different choices they can make to solve their own problems when there is a conflict. The nine choices are: Go to another game, walk away, talk it out, share and take turns, tell them to stop, ignore it, apologize, make a deal, and wait and cool off. Please encourage your child to use these positive choices when dealing with problems. Red Ribbon Week is also coming up at the end of October. We will be celebrating being Drug-Free! Be on the lookout for parenting tips to keep your child drug-free and a letter letting you know about all of the special events happening that week.

Michele McPherson, CE 2-3 Counselor 817-252-2375

The Dentist is Coming!

Castleberry Elementary has invited Mobile Dentist/Smile Programs to our school to bring its preventive dental care program. Castleberry Elementary will be hosting the program in October.

Mobile Dentist/Smile Programs will set up a mini-dental office in our school where your child can receive a dental exam, cleaning, sealants, fluoride, a fluoride varnish, X-rays, education and referrals to a local dentist if needed.

They will accept Medicaid, Chip and most private insurances. No child will be turned away because of financial need, grants are available. Students will need to have parental permission slips signed to receive any type of dental treatment.

Tooth decay is the most common chronic and infectious disease among children. Tooth decay can cause bacteria in the blood and respiratory systems. Poor oral health causes problems in children such as diminished growth in toddlers and poor nutrition due to difficulty eating. Nearly 63% of children never see a dentist each year. Children miss about 52 million hours of school due to oral health problems and poor access to dental care. Prevention and early intervention is the best dental care. Good tooth brushing habits, proper nutrition and seeing dentist for regular check-ups will keep your child healthy.

Mrs. Browder, RN, Castleberry Elementary School Nurse 817-252-2302

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."