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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**DECEMBER 16**

PROGRESS REPORTS

**DECEMBER 19**

EARLY RELEASE

**DEC. 22-JAN. 5**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY



Chris McGrath  
Director

# T.R.U.C.E. Learning Center

## News

The Real Understanding of Completing an Education

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## Note from the Director

This year, Castleberry ISD has purchased a new benchmarking program called Aware. Each 6 weeks, campuses will give your student a test in each subject area. After each administration, each campus will scan the benchmarks into Aware. Aware then grades the exams, and we can then analyze your child's academic progress in each subject area they are enrolled. This will allow the campus to know how your son or daughter is doing prior to the Spring administration of the TAKS test. As a result, if your son or daughter beings to struggle in a class, the teacher can make recommendations to help your child before it is too late to get help.

Another unique feature of this program is the way it archives information. This data can be stored in such a way that each campus can look back at previous year's administrations of our district developed benchmarks as well as the actual TAKS test. This eliminates a lot of guess work teachers had at the beginning of the school year. From the first day of school, the teacher will know where your child's strengths and weaknesses are, and adapt their lesson plans accordingly. Teachers can create bar charts and graphs to show students their progress on every single TAKS objective so they will know how they are doing.

An additional benefit of Aware is each campus can use this data to develop an individualized graduation plan specifically designed with your child in mind. No longer will the teacher or the counselor have to create a generalized, non-specific plan that applies to every single person in the district. The plan they develop will be customized specifically to meet the needs your child. Our hope is that students will remain focused and positive about school so they never get so frustrated that they want to drop out of school.

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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.**

# T.R.U.C.E. Learning Center Newsletter

## Counselor's Corner

At TRUCE, we currently utilize the Boys Town social skills curriculum. It was developed in Omaha Nebraska by Father Flannagan. Through his foster home, he saw that many at-risk students were getting themselves into trouble for things they were never taught. He saw these students continuously breaking these unwritten rules and expectations but no one ever bothered to teach the students what they were doing wrong. As a result, he decided to take a proactive approach to this problem. He developed 16 core social skills that taught each student how to be successful in school and the work place. For over 90 years, his program has helped prevent high school drop-outs. If you need more information regarding the social skills we teach at TRUCE, please call Mr. McGrath.

## Welcome Back!

This year we are welcoming back one of the backbones to TRUCE Learning Center. Ms. Moffett is returning for her 16<sup>th</sup> year with Castleberry ISD! She been with TRUCE since its inception 12 years ago. Prior to her work at TRUCE, she worked at Irma Marsh Middle School for 3 years.

In her current position, she serves as the Data Management Specialist for TRUCE. Her many daily activities include student attendance, discipline, and assignments to TRUCE. If that was not enough, she also serves as our nurse, registrar, and campus secretary all rolled into one. She has a wealth of knowledge so if you ever need something clarified, she would be a great person to start with.

Besides work, Ms. Moffett enjoys spending time with her family. With 2 adult children and 5 grandchildren, she stays extremely busy. We look forward to having Ms. Moffet's expertise for many year's to come.

## 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."