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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 12th
Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, January 19th
Student Holiday/Teacher
Work Day

Thursday, January 22nd
Report Cards



Chris McGrath
Director

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News

The Real Understanding of Completing an Education

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Note from the Director's Office

Over the past few months, the Maintenance and Technology Departments have done a wonderful job remodeling our campus. There have been many changes that will enhance our ability to serve the students of Castleberry ISD. The first is the addition of a wall to create another classroom. By doing so, we believe we can reduce the class sizes so there will be more one on one teaching opportunities. In addition, we have added some new computer tables and internet drops. As a result of these changes, students have much more room to do their work and access the internet for their classroom assignments.

Other improvements are more cosmetic in nature, but we hope these changes make the building a more inviting learning environment for your children. We believe if they want to come to school, they will be more successful in the long run. If you have not stopped by to see the improvements, please feel free to stop by whenever you get the chance.

Tidbits

We are pleased to announce the addition of Tina Overstreet. She is replacing Ms. Montgomery who moved to the District Administration Building. Ms. Overstreet hails from Montana where she worked for Hardin School District as a Paraprofessional and substitute for 4 years. Prior to her work in education, she owned and operated her own childcare center for 3 years. Currently, she is pursuing a BA in Secondary Education/Mathematics full time with Western Governors University. She chose to work at TRUCE because she feels this is where she can really make a difference. Although these are big shoes to fill, we know Ms. Overstreet will do a great job helping the students of Castleberry ISD.

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

The best way to control your temper depends on you! There is no quick fix. Every person needs to take time to think about what works for him or her. **Here are some helpful ideas:**

- **Improve your problem solving skills.** When faced with a difficult situation or conflict, learn as much as you can about it and think about what happened. This will prevent you from making quick judgments that may be wrong. Remember, there are many ways to look at the same situation.
- **Take responsibility for your actions.** You can actually decide on how you will behave in certain situations ahead of time.
- **Think about the consequence of your behavior.** Realize that how you behave affects those you love and others around you.
- **Pay attention to what upsets you.** When you can figure out what triggers angry feelings, you can make decisions that will help you stay in better control.
- **Pay attention to how your body feels when you are angry.** When you notice your body beginning to change, it's time to take control.

You may feel anxious when you first try to take control of your temper. This is normal! Take time beforehand to plan ways to handle these feelings. The earlier you notice yourself becoming angry the more chance you have to stop your anger from getting out of control.

Tutorials Available

TRUCE teachers are available for tutoring students each day. Morning tutorials are from 8:00-8:30 a.m., afternoon tutorials are from 3:30-4:00. These are not mandatory, but it is an excellent way to catch up on concepts you might be struggling with every day. Teachers always welcome students to attend these sessions if they need extra help. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers if they have questions. Contact the school at 817-252-2490 to speak to your child's teachers.

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."