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A. V. Cato Elementary School News



NOVEMBER 2009

Leigh Ann Turner
Principal

Upcoming Events

Nov. 20th
Sock Drive Ends

Nov. 23rd—27th
School Holiday

Nov. 30th
Girl Scouts Mtg.

Dec. 7th -11th
Canned Food Drive

Dec. 18th
Spelling Bee

Dec. 18th
Early Dismissal

Dec. 21st—Jan. 4th
School Holiday

Jan. 5th
Students Return

**The Mission of
Castleberry ISD is to
graduate all students
as lifelong learners
who will excel in our
changing world and
competitive workplace.**

For more information about Castleberry ISD

- www.castleberryisd.net
- Charter Cable Channel 30
- 817-252-2000, Option 8

It is the policy of Castleberry ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in vocational program, services, activities or employment as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Note from the Principal's office

Can you believe the Holidays are almost here? We have so many things to be thankful for at A.V. Cato! Our dedicated teachers started off the year so excited and prepared for helping your child achieve success this year- and success we are achieving! We are very pleased with our first round of Benchmark Tests. We are using these results to help our students on a daily basis. You may have noticed more phone calls and contacts from your teachers. This is because we are committed to working as a team with you and we know the importance of your presence in our classrooms.

We are having more and more volunteers come and help out during the week. There are so many ways to be involved and we need you!! If you haven't already contacted our Parent Volunteer Coordinator, please do so! Her name is Abigail Ballentine and she can be reached through the school office. It is never too late to get started. Come join us in making a difference in the lives of our children.

Sincerely,

Ms. Turner, Principal

NO Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB)

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 was signed into law on January 8, 2002. The guiding tenets of NCLB are concentrated in four major areas; accountability for student achievement, focus on what works, flexibility and parental involvement. All campuses in Castleberry ISD are receiving funds through NCLB to implement educational improvement programs.

Also, in an effort to foster systemic change in the nation's schools, the NCLB statute details stringent accountability requirements, as well as qualification requirements for teachers and paraprofessionals who provide instruction. For more information regarding NCLB please contact us at (817) 252-2019.

Counselor's News

Hello Everyone! What a great first semester so far! You may have noticed that fourth and fifth graders learn much more than academics at school. At this age we watch them begin to grow in independence. We try to guide them in finding a healthy respect for themselves and their peers. Each month we review **"Keys To Success"** during morning assembly. So far we have learned what it means to be a person of **Integrity**, a person who **Speaks With Good Purpose**, and a person who **Takes Ownership**. We also want our students to learn the value of giving. We have several service projects during the next few weeks to help emphasize this important character trait. All parents are encouraged to participate in some form - donating items, volunteering to help organize and distribute, and by having discussions with your children about the importance of all these "Keys to Success". Thank you! Have a safe and happy holiday season with your families!

Respectfully,

Jason Martinez, Counselor

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Nominations for the identification of Gifted and Talented students will begin on November 30, 2009. To better assist parents, Castleberry ISD will be conducting three information meetings to discuss the nomination process. If you have a student who is currently in grades K-11 and feel he/she may qualify for the Gifted and Talented program, please plan on attending one of the meetings listed below.

Thursday, November 12	Joy James Elementary Cafeteria	6:00 PM
Saturday, November 14	Castleberry High School Cafeteria	10:00 AM
Monday, November 16	Multipurpose Building	6:00 PM