



News from
Your Fort Jackson Schools
September 29, 2008



Please visit our school websites at <http://www.am.dodea.edu/jackson/Ficp/index.htm> (Pinckney) or <http://www.am.dodea.edu/jackson/Fjpt/index.htm> (Pierce Terrace).

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 1	Pinckney PAC Meeting – 8:15am – PD Room (CCP)
October 10	School Pictures
October 13	Columbus Day – Federal Holiday – NO SCHOOL
October 14	Pierce Terrace PAC Meeting – 8:15am – PD Room (PT)

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES

Families are reminded of arrival and dismissal times for both schools. Students at Pinckney are not to arrive before 7:45am and at Pierce Terrace before 7:50am. Dismissal at Pierce Terrace is at 2:30pm and at Pinckney at 2:40pm.



Parents are reminded not to park in the front driveway area on any side at Pierce Terrace. Parked cars left unattended often block others and hold up the flow of traffic. Students will not be allowed to cross the driveway.

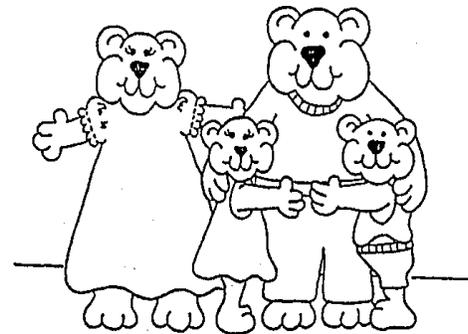
We appreciate everyone's efforts to make the Fort Jackson Schools safe for all!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

At Pierce Terrace the students are starting a unit on **Student's Rights and Responsibilities** in Guidance classes with Mrs. C, the School Counselor. The lessons relates to student's school responsibilities and how to cope with bullying issues that might occur. The Pre-Kindergarten-First Grade lessons focus on personal safety skills. *Beyond Stop, Look, and Listen: The Personal Safety Too Box* is a coloring and activity booklet including bullying traits and basic safety skills appropriate for primary students.

Your family is the most important part of your child's support system. Many of these strategies will be discussed in Guidance Classes. The following are a few Adult-Parent Strategies to help your child in a bullying situation:

- ◆ Recognize your child's reaction to a bully-embarrassed or scared
- ◆ Help your child recognize when to ask for adult help and when they can cope with the bullying on his/her own and how to tell.
- ◆ Remind your children that telling is not tattling!
- ◆ Role-play how to handle verbal bullying:
 - ◆ Talk it out
 - ◆ Walk away if necessary
 - ◆ Choose another game or group
 - ◆ Avoid the bully in the future
 - ◆ Tell an adult
- ◆ Help your child determine their support system at school and in the community
- ◆ Know your child's friends
- ◆ Talk about violence she/he sees on TV, video games, and possibly in the neighborhood.
- ◆ Seek a trusted professional if you have concerns about your child
- ◆ Take complaints of bullying seriously
- ◆ Teach children to be assertive and to stand up for themselves verbally, not violently
- ◆ Ask children how peers treat them since they are many times embarrassed or ashamed to bring it up first.





Your School Nurses would like to remind families that for some of you the second Hepatitis A shot will be due this October. Our school nurses will call or write a note to remind specific families. Remember to provide written documentation once the vaccination has been completed.

PAC FUNDRAISERS

We would like to thank all of you for your support during our recent fundraisers. All proceeds will help fund programs for students throughout the year. A big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped collect the orders and count money.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES NEEDED!

We currently have four seats vacant on the Fort Jackson School Board. We have two candidates. If you are willing to serve on the Board, please submit your application by October 3rd. An application is attached to this newsletter for your consideration. This group meets once a month and serves as a vital connection between our schools, the community, and district leadership. Thank you!



Get Your School Information Via Email

In this electronic age, information can be shared in a blink of an eye. We had a lot of success last year at Pinckney sharing the school newsletter, reminders, and other pertinent information with our families via email. To ensure that we have the correct address for your family, please fill out the form below and return it to school. We will build a master distribution list to send. Your e-mail address is never revealed or shared with any other source. Privacy is strictly observed. We are in the process of compiling our lists now and should have things up and running in October. Thank you for your consideration.

Sign Me Up for Email!

Student's Name _____

Grade and School _____

Teacher _____

Email Address to which you would like school information sent

Parent's Name

Parent's Signature and Date



