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Principal Perry's Corner



Dear Dragon Families,

It has been another great week at Pierce Terrace. Thanks to Ms. L, staff members, and PTO for making Literacy Night a successful event for our students.

I am calling for parents to attend the Principal's Forum on next Wednesday to discuss ways that we can improve our dismissal procedures.

School board elections will be held next week at both schools, please come by and place your vote.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. Perry



School Board Meetings, Superintendent Forum & Office Hours @ CCP

School Board Meetings

4:00 pm

Superintendent Forum

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Superintendent Office Hours

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

November Office Hours

7 Nov - 11:00 am-2:00 pm

15 Nov - ***Special Office
Hours- 2:00-3:30**

28 Nov - 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Fort Jackson School Board Election

The Fort Jackson School Board Election will be held
the week of November 5-9, 2012.

Please come by the school from **8:00AM – 3:00PM**
to place your vote.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

6 NOV

Chick Fil'a Night

7 NOV

Make-up Picture Day

Principal Forum 11:00-12:00

Superintendent Office Hours

12 NOV

Veteran's Day, No School

13 Nov

PTO Meeting 6:00 pm

15 NOV

Superintendent Office Hours

*Special Hours 2:00-3:30

16 NOV

Fort Jackson Schools Fall Festival
5:00 - 8:00 pm at CC Pinckney

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Pierce Terrace Elementary School Literacy Night Celebration

Pierce Terrace students and their parents celebrated Literacy together on October 30, 2012. They arrived dressed in costumes of storybook characters, ready to learn and browse the Book Fair items. As they arrived the families signed in and were given a schedule of the 4 Literacy Activity Stations. Each family rotated to a different station every 15 minutes.

Reading Counts – At this station, students and parents learned about the Reading Counts “lingo.” What is Reading Counts? How are points earned? How to take a test? The students were able to take a Reading Counts test with their parents. Pierce Terrace staff members provided the explanations using the SMART board.

Book Fair – At this station, students and parents visited the book fair and looked at the selections and discussed reading levels with staff members.

Read aloud – At this station, students and parents listened to fall stories using the PT Retelling Guide for follow up discussion. This activity introduced the retelling process to parents and/or reminded them about using this strategy at home. The PT Retelling Guides were disseminated.

Technology tips – At this station, students and parents learned about good websites to use at home to support their child in literacy and math, too.

All groups received refreshments provided by the Pierce Terrace PTO before they departed for home with tons of great ideas to encourage their children.

IN THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT..... November Principal Forum

My goal is to foster effective communication and relationships with and among our stakeholders. In an effort to accomplish this goal, I have established a monthly and quarterly forum.

Where: Pierce Terrace

When: Wednesday, 7 November 2012 (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Agenda Items for Next Week's Principal Forum include:

- Review Items from Principal Forums
- Discussion of ways to improve dismissal procedures
- Public Comments

Do you want to recommend an agenda item for the next Principal Forum?

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A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

The flu is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs caused by influenza viruses. There are many different flu viruses and sometimes a new flu virus emerges to make people sick.

Flu viruses are spread mostly from person to person through the coughs and sneezes of people who are sick with the flu. People also may get sick by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose. Schools are a prime location for the flu virus to spread due to the ages of the students, and the close contact they have with each other.

To protect yourself and your child against flu viruses get a seasonal flu vaccine yearly. For most school age children the flu vaccine is administered by a nasal mist, and not an injection. The Moncrief Army Hospital is offering free influenza vaccines to eligible family members at the following locations during the month of November:

MACH, 6th floor, Room 5: November 6th and 8th HOURS 8 AM TO 4 PM

MACH, 6th floor, Room 5: November 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th HOURS 8 AM TO 8 PM

Solomon Center: November 5th, 19th, and 26th HOURS 8 AM TO 3:30 PM

Commissary: November 13th, 15th, 20th, 27th, and 29th HOURS 10 AM TO 2 PM

EXCHANGE: November 2nd, 16th, and 30th HOURS 10 AM TO 3:30 PM

*Children younger than 4 years old cannot receive the vaccine at these locations but can go the MACH, Room 6-39.

IMPORTANT REMINERS

Our “Lost and Found” is located outside the main office. If your student is missing clothing, please come and check.

If you're missing smaller items, you may check with the front office.

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