



# Petros Joyner School

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The Mission of Petros Joyner School is to meet the needs of all students and to challenge them to progress academically, morally, and physically.

EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY

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September 2009*

## Open House is A Success

Petros-Joyner School held Open House on August 18, 2009, from 6-8 p.m. The principal, Mr. David Treece, opened with an assembly to inform parents of the many new changes for this school year. The new dress code implemented by the Board of Education was explained and parents were made aware of the new cell phone and electronic device policy. Mr. Treece went over the new Meal Pay Plus option for the cafeteria. Parents can keep up with their child's lunch accounts over the internet and put money on the account via their credit card.

The new distance learning class was also previewed by the parents. Those attending were able to view Dr. Sumner at Central Middle School via the internet for an idea of how class would be conducted. Dr. Sumner will be teaching the Algebra I class to all the area schools using the internet.

Everyone was also greeted by our new Parent Outreach Partner, Lorrie Armes. Lorrie had goodie bags for everyone and asked each person to fill out a parent/guardian involvement survey. Thanks to all of you who took the time to do this.

The last thing on the agenda for the night was our Parent Playground Volunteer Day. The school had a sign up sheet for parents to volunteer to spend a Saturday improving our playground. Thank you to those who have signed up or

offered to donate materials! If you would like to participate, please call the school. We hope to do this sometime in September.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, and guardians who took the time to come to our Open House. We also would like to thank our school board member, Wendy Collins and our new director of schools, Dr. Edd Diden for coming. This was our best Open House ever! We look forward to a successful school year!

## Gimme Five

Petros Joyner School, with a lot of help from Food Services Director, Peggy Hamby, is helping to make sure that it's students get their five fruits and vegetables each school day. Ms. Hamby received a grant through the state and the USDA for fresh fruits and vegetables to serve to students each morning. The goal of this grant is to increase students' intake of fruits and vegetables and to introduce them to fruits and vegetables that they have not tried before. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays students get fruit and on Tuesdays and Thursdays they get vegetables. Everyone really seems to be enjoying this special treat. Our school would like to thank our parent volunteers who come in each day to wash, cut, and deliver the fruit and vegetables to the classrooms. If you are interested in volunteering, please come to the front office and let our personnel know.

## Flu Symptoms

If your child has a respiratory illness with influenza-like symptoms,

including fever, cough, sore throat, headache, stomach ache with nausea / vomiting, body aches, and feeling tired, please notify the school immediately. If your child has a fever and at least one other symptom, please keep your child at home until he or she is fever free for 24 hours without medication (Tylenol or Ibuprofen). To excuse your child, you must send a note to school stating that your child has had flu-like symptoms. This will help all of us have a happier and healthy school year.

## Parent Outreach Program

Morgan County Schools would like to welcome aboard Mrs. Lorrie Armes, who will be working in the new Parent Outreach Program (POP) funded by the Title I Stimulus Program. Lorrie will be working in the schools and community getting parents and other family members more involved in their child's education.

Lorrie is a life long resident of Morgan County. She has worked for the past 13 years for East Tennessee Human Resource Agency as a Program Tech. She is married to Tim Armes and they have 3 children: John T. and wife Jessica, Taleah and Jayden.

Lorrie's goals for the Parent Outreach Program are:

- ◆ More parent volunteers
- ◆ Parents joining PTA or parent groups
- ◆ Increase parent attendance at school functions
- ◆ Encourage parents to read more with their children
- ◆ Helping parents have a positive, encouraging attitude with their children toward school

Lorrie will be visiting us again on September 10 to help us celebrate Grandparents' Day.

If you have any questions or concerns she can be reached by calling the Morgan County School's Central Office at 346-6214.

## Keep Collecting

Remember that our school collects Boxtops for Education. These should be placed in a re-closable sandwich bag with your child's name and homeroom teacher's name, then placed in the Boxtops for Education box in the lobby.

We also collect labels from Tyson food products. You can also put any Tyson Food product labels in the Boxtops for Education box as well.

We are also still collecting printer ink cartridges and laser printer cartridges as well as cell phones. These should be turned in to Ms. Stephanie in the Computer Lab.

All three of these collections continue year round.

## EXPLORE Testing

Students in the 8th grade will be taking the EXPLORE® test on September 23rd. EXPLORE® prepares students not only for their high school coursework, but for their post-high school choices as well. It marks an important beginning for a student's future academic and career success. Benefits of taking the EXPLORE® include:

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