

# R.E.A.C.H. High School

## News

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R.E.A.C.H. HIGH SCHOOL  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Professional Development;  
No School for Students  
October 13th

TAKS Camp  
October 14th—21st

Fast Food Day  
October 16th

Guest Speaker—UTA  
FitnessGram  
October 17th

TAKS Exit Retest  
October 21st—24th

Red Ribbon Week  
October 27th-31st



Wanda Mitchell  
Principal

## Note from the Principal's Office

What a wonderful year we have had so far! The positive atmosphere and determination to succeed is evident at REACH and stronger than ever. With the exception of our new exceptional bi-lingual paraeducator, Elizabeth Llumbert, all of the staff members are the same as last year. I cannot express how lucky our students are to have such a caring and devoted staff that is willing to monitor and adjust instruction to fit the needs of each individual student.

Although the three methods of instruction have remained the same—teacher-directed, packets and computer based—the main difference at REACH this year is the time-line in which the students are expected to finish their classes. Students are expected to finish their classes in twelve weeks rather than the “traditional” eighteen week time limit. Weekly Progress Reports are sent out each Friday so that parents are informed as to their student's progress. The students also receive the same report on Monday morning. If a student has not made enough progress in the class in the previous week to meet the 12-week goal, the student is required to stay for after school tutorials with their teachers. Also, once per month, Saturday school is offered to the students. As long as the student has made a sufficient effort to complete the class, an extension will be offered if needed. The students are very excited and motivated at the prospect of finishing their classes faster.

It is a pleasure to work with your student.

*Wanda Mitchell*

## Attendance Cheers!!!

As evident by the weekly attendance report you receive on your student, the phone calls, or possibly the knocks on your door when your student is absent and no one can be reached, attendance is taken very seriously at REACH High School. The district generously donated \$1,250 to REACH for last year's increase in attendance from 83% during the 2006-2007 school year to 88.9% during the 2007-2008 school year. This year, attendance for the first six weeks was 92.5%, which resulted in 31 students with three absences or less enjoying a bowling party. You are doing an excellent job in getting your student to school each day!! Thank you and keep up the great work!

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

## Counselor's Corner

REACH High School had a great start this year. The students are stepping up to the plate and are very successful. This year the students have had two excellent bonding activities to build school spirit and positive attitudes towards education and one another. The school culture of success is high and evidenced by the extremely high attendance rate for the first six weeks. Many students have extraordinary negative life events which would challenge most of us. However, they do not let those events interfere with their success in life and education. The Reach High School culture creates a secure and supportive educational environment which produces students who in turn have a hopeful and productive future. The first week of school I was at TCC (Tarrant County College) and from behind me came a voice I had recognized from REACH High School last year, a student with her scholarship in hand, registering for college. Our seniors this year have already applied to TCC and are taking placement tests this month. We give thanks for the support by families, staff, faculty and administration. Together, we are making a tremendous difference in the lives of our children.

*Dr. Homer Cole*

## Red Ribbon Week

In an effort to promote drug awareness, CISD is participating in Red Ribbon Week from October 27th until October 31st. "Themes" are planned for each day. Please encourage your student to participate: Monday, T-Shirt & Red Ribbon Day; Tuesday, Hat Day, "Put a lid on drugs."; Wednesday, Pajama Bottom Day, "Put drugs to rest."; Thursday, Crazy Socks Day, "Sock it to drugs."; and Friday, Costume Day, "Say boo to drugs."

## 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. 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](http://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."