

# C. T. Joy Elementary School

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Issue #3

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## School Improvement Goals:

1. All students will improve in reading comprehension
2. All students will improve their writing across the curriculum

**Vision Statement**  
Charles Turner Joy Elementary School uses challenging content to strengthen students' ability to anticipate, adapt, and work ethically to ensure their success in an ever diversifying, technologically advancing global community.



## Spring!

If you have never experienced spring in Korea, you are in for a treat! After winter's cold, short and dark days, spring's warm, long days and vibrant colors rejuvenate the spirit. In Chinhae, the over four thousand cherry trees bloom together attracting tourists from all over the world.

Terra Nova testing, March 15-18, is fast approaching. I have already sent out the dates to you so that you can plan accordingly. Please be sure that your student has had enough rest the night before the testing. It is very important that students are in attendance on the days of testing. Please arrange medical and other important appointments after school hours. Thank you in advance for your support.

Our third School Advisory Council meeting of the year is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2011 in the computer lab. Please attend. If you have issues you would like discussed please contact our Chairperson, Mrs. M. so she can add your ideas to the agenda.

The PTO meeting will be March 3, 2011 in the Information Center at 1600. Thank you, PTO, for your positive contributions to our school.

If you are sponsoring a family coming into Chinhae Naval Station, please remember to contact the school for accurate enrollment information. Remind new families that it is important to have a screening of their student/s through the Exception Family Member Program to insure that needed services can be provided here.

Anticipating a very low enrollment at C.T. Joy for next school year DODEA HQ reduced the number of teachers assigned here.

Thank you,  
Marie Cullen  
Principal

**Important Dates: March**

March 2, Dr. Seuss' Birthday

March 3, PTO Meeting 1630  
in the IC

March 9, Progress Reports  
sent home and to the office

March 11, Educators' Day, No  
School for students

March 15-18, Terra Nova  
Testing

March 17, C-Silt Meeting, 1250  
Distance Learning Lab; St.  
Patrick's Day

March 24, Parent Night for the  
Science Fair

March 31, Visit by Do Chun  
students and staff, Staff  
hosted for lunch at Do Chun

**April**

April 6, SAC Meeting  
1500 Distance Learning Center

April 7, End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter  
and PTO Meeting@1630, IC

April 7, Students' Science Fair  
Proposals Due

April 8, Teacher Workday, No  
school for students

April 11-15 Spring Break

April 18, School Resumes, 4<sup>th</sup>  
Quarter begins

April 20, Report Cards ready

April 21, Parent Conferences

April 22, Earth Day Field Trip

April 28, C-Silt 1250-1350,  
Computer Lab

On February 25, 2011 our students, under the direction of Mr. Fr and Dr. B, presented a wonderful program during the ALL Hands meeting. Every student, from Kindergarten through eighth grade participated. Black History Month gives us the chance to reflect on our countries history and the struggle that goes all for all people to realize the promise of equality offered in our constitution. Adults understand that equality and freedom comes through the hard work and dedication of many people. Honoring those efforts is the least we can do for our students, for ourselves.

In March the Elementary team will be asking the question..."Do you like Green Eggs and Ham?" They have lots of very exciting activities planned such as predicting, tasting, and comparing with Dr. Seuss books. They are excited to read the fun filled, rhyming books of beloved author Dr. Seuss on his birthday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>!

They are also going to be seeing green later in the month when they talk about St. Patrick's Day and leprechauns. St. Patrick's Day is on March 17<sup>th</sup> so make sure that you wear green on this day!

If this is your year to PCS, please be sure to notify Mr. Y. He will work with teachers to prepare your school records for you to take. That will allow you to move more easily to your next school.

Employment opportunities at the school next year include the following: substitute teachers. Please see Mr. Y, in our main office to apply.

Please remember to sign in and out as you visit the school. Keeping track of our students is very important to us.

**Dental Health Month**

In support of Dental Health Month, Mrs. M. arranged for dental support from Daegu to visit C.T. Joy. On March 4, Captain Chon will present best practice information to our students at a 1000 meeting. This is just another example to how C.T. Joy works with the community to promote Wellness!

**Science Fair**

Mrs. F. has volunteered to facilitate our Science Fair. The date for this event is Thursday, May 19, 2011. Details will be shared as they become available.

### Eighth Grade Historical Perspective

The eighth grade students have been learning about life in the 1800s and made some interesting reflections about the types of housing typical of the time period:

*Isaiah-* "It was very hard to believe that many people wanted to be architects, but back then architects only constructed houses for people who could buy them; however, only a small minority of all the US population could afford the custom made houses. Today architects make houses no one is living in for months and real estate agents have to lower prices in order to sell homes. This is a big change because back then they only made homes when needed, but today they just make a bunch of homes in one area that no one needs. Another strange fact was they didn't notice that brick was way too expensive to make but they were surrounded by trees. I can't believe it took them 20 years to realize that immigrants needed homes to live in, but immigrants can't afford brick houses. People could have built wood houses that were affordable for the immigrants and made more money. "

*Hannah-* "I learned that although most were poor, some of the rich lived in mansions with many pieces of furniture. This didn't surprise me because even today, the poor don't have much furniture or nice large homes like the rich. The book Everyday Life in Early America by David Freeman Hawke stated, "When William Byrd Sr., began to build a mansion...he sent to Rotterdam for bedsteads, curtains, tables and upholstered chairs." This shows that the rich had many fancy things while among the poor, "about a third of the families had chairs or benches, but only one house in seven owned both. I think I learned a lot about how the early Americans lived at home. Finally, I think that no matter what time period or place you go, there will be the rich with their mansions and the poor with their shacks"

