

C. T. JOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Home of the Fighting Sea Turtles
Parent Newsletter October 2008

C. T. JOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION 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.

The students are working on writing our mission statement into kid friendly words. Pictures will be added so the little ones have a basic understanding of our mission.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

24	8 am	Hispanic Heritage Community Event	Chapel
28	5 pm	Are you Smarter than a C. T. Joy Student	Turtle Cove
30		End of First Quarter	
31		No School for Students	Teacher Work Day

November

4	9am	Lockdown Exercise	
6	8am-3pm	Parent/Teacher Conferences	NO SCHOOL
	6pm	PTO meeting	School Library
11		Veterans Day	NO SCHOOL
17-21		American Education Week	
19	10am	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	
	11:30am	Principal's Coffee	
27-28		Thanksgiving Recess	NO SCHOOL

VISITOR'S BADGE

When visiting the school, please remember to stop by the office and get a visitor's badge. This is necessary to maintain good security at the school. Parents are always welcome. Come see your child in action!

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A C. T. JOY STUDENT?

Students are staying after school on Monday and Tuesday to practice for this event which will be Oct 28th at 5 pm. Turtle Cove.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences are an important part of our educational program. Research indicates that parental involvement helps children more effectively learn and succeed. Our school conferences provide you with this involvement, encourage school-home teamwork, and give you a time to discuss your child's report card with the teacher. Teachers will arrange times for you to visit Wednesday, 6 November.

There will be no school for students on this day so that parents and teachers can meet.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The second floor of the school will be done at the end of this month. We are planning a ribbon cutting ceremony on Nov 19th at 10:00 am. The community is invited. Distinguished visitors will represent CNFK, Chinhae Naval Installation, and DoDDS Korea DSO.

PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE

Coffee with Dr. Marguerite Green will be held on 18 November at 11:30 AM in her office. This follows the ribbon cutting ceremony. All parents are welcome to come and share their ideas, successes and concerns. See you there!

TIME CAPSULE

On June 12, 1998, Ms. Kirk's 3rd and 4th grade class buried a time capsule for students to open during the school year 2007-2008. Mr. Oh has helped to pinpoint the location. Once we are certain we have the correct spot, we will have a school-wide activity to dig it up.



We think this is the location outside of Mr. Vanderpool's classroom

OUTDOOR SCIENCE STUDY TRIPS

The Upo Wetlands and the Busan Aquarium were quite successful. This is a picture from Upo Wetlands. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help chaperone the students.



CULTURAL EXCHANGES

We are building relationships with local Korean Schools. We are hoping to have more exchanges this year. We are emphasizing a two-way exchange; local schools visit us and we also go to visit their school.

POTTERY SCHOOL

Our students in Grades K-3 visited a pottery school with students from C. L. Education School in Chinhae. They made their own piece of pottery which will be put into a kiln, fired-cured, and then will be given to the student to keep. This was a very enjoyable cultural exchange day.

CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL

The Masan City Vice Major has invited all C. T. Joy students to the Masan City Chrysanthemum festival. The City of Masan will provide the lunch and tour. This festival is one of the biggest annual festivals in Korea. This study trip will include a ferry ride to Masan Island. This event will be during the last week of October.

SCHOOL VISIT

On Oct 14th, 43 students from the Changwon English School visited us. Mr. Cade read a book to all of the students. Later, our K/1 class joined the students for lunch at Turtle Cove. We have been invited to visit their school.



SAC TRAINING AND 1ST MEETING

The first SAC/IAC meeting was held on Oct 6th. SAC training was conducted for new members by Peter Grenier. There are no issues past or present. Mrs. Santana represented us at the DAC meeting in Seoul.

SAFETY AND SECURITY EXERCISES

We have now completed our “Evacuation” and “Shelter in Place” annual exercises. Both exercises went smoothly. Lockdown is planned for November 4th, which completes our annual requirements.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Campus Photography completed school pictures on Oct 10th. By having the pictures taken earlier than usual, all pictures should arrive in plenty of time to send to grandmas and grandpas in the states. The staff/student photo was also taken.

