

# Shark News

## Thelma Jones Elementary School

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### SHARK BYTES

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Superintendent's Star Student for Thelma Jones
- Fall Chocolate Fundraiser
- Book Fair
- Watch D.O.G.S.
- Cell Phones

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Red Ribbon Week	26 Oct
CiCi's Pizza Night	29 Oct 19 Nov
Chick Fil-A Night	3 Nov
Book Parade	6 Nov
PTA Board Meeting	10 Nov
Muffins with Mom	12 Nov

## Message to Parents

Hello parents! Welcome back to TJE. We are really excited about the new school year. We have added a few new staff members this year. We all are excited about starting the new school year.

The teachers have done a great job of getting the classrooms ready for learning. We are encouraged by the learning that is occurring within our classrooms.

Parent support has been outstanding for the first six-weeks of school. I would like to say thank you to those who have been volunteering on our campus by helping teachers in the staff workroom and the classrooms. Thank you for supporting us in our endeavors to ensure learning for all of our students.

## Keeping Shark Spirit

S- Strive for Success

H- Helping Others

A- Awesome Attitude

R- Responsibility and Respect

K-Keep Believing in Yourself



## Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you for all of your help with our chocolate fundraiser. We are still collecting money from your sales. Last year we were able to purchase books for the library, student awards, additional math games and our Lego Engi-

neering kits. Please help us in our efforts to provide additional enrichment materials for our students. If you have not turned in your money, please do. Together we can make a difference in the lives of our students.

## Classroom Lesson Plans

To keep current on what is happening in your child's classroom, please refer to the school website to access classroom lesson plans from each grade level. The lesson plans written in newsletter format contain information from each subject area. They also contain vital information about field trips, tutoring and other important information from your child's classroom.

To find the site, please go to the school's website and click on Principal, Dameon Gray. There you will find the T.J.E. Student Handbook, Classroom Lesson Plans and Newsletters.

## Changing Transportation

Parents, please help us maintain a safe and orderly environment. We ask that you call the school no later than 2:30 P.M. if you are changing your child's transportation arrangements. Processing these request during dismissal is confusing and unsafe. Please communicate any changes with transportation in your child's planner.

Please help us to provide a safe and orderly dismissal.



## Superintendent's Star Student

November 17, 2009 is our district board meeting. If you would like your child to be considered for the Superintendent's Star Award, please notify your teacher. The students are nominated by their teachers and then interviewed by the administration. Our winner for September 22, was Courtland Griffith in Ms. Hanner's class. If your child demonstrates Shark Spirit, then let their teacher know.



## PTA Executive Board

The PTA executive board will be meeting Nov 10, 2009 at 6 P.M. If you are a board member, please join us for a brief meeting.

## Destination Imagination

If you are the parent of a gifted and talented student (G.T.) and you are interested in your child participating in additional stimulating activities, D.I. is a way to enrich your child's knowledge. We are in need of additional parent volunteers. Please contact Ms. Angela England for more information.



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**Lunch**

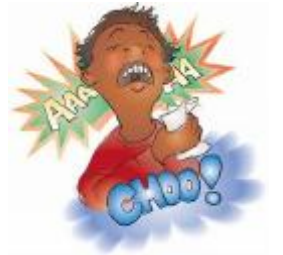
Parents, please don't forget to look at the lunch account reminders that your children are bringing home. Reminders are printed out for your child by the cafeteria manager on Tuesday and Thursday.

When a child's account is low, the cafeteria manager will give them a verbal reminder as they go through the line. Please help us in our endeavors.

**Volunteer Forms**

All of our parents are welcome to volunteer at Thelma Jones. However, we ask that you fill out and submit a background check form if you are volunteering within the school, classroom or office. Parents who would like to attend fieldtrips are also required to fill out a background check form. This form will be provided to you by the office. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Cold and Flu Season**



We have had a great increase of influenza cases among our students in the last week. The Thelma Jones staff is making every extra effort to assure our classrooms are well cleaned. We are teaching our students about appropriate hand washing. During the course of the day students should avoid touching their nose, mouth and eyes. When coughing or sneezing, students should do so into a tissue when possible. If not, students should wash hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer immediately. Even with these extra precautions, we need your help. If your child feels warm and shows any flu-like symptoms, please do not send your child to school. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Please bring a note from the doctor whenever possible to excuse absences, tardies and early dismissals.

**Cell Phones in School Zone**



Parents don't forget that cell phones are not to be used in a school zone. House Bill (HB 55) prohibits mobile Phone Use While Driving Through a School Crossing Zone Effective Date: September 1, 2009 . Please remember that safety of our students is first. Please don't use your cell phones.



**Watch D.O.G.S.  
(Dads of Great Students)**

Thank you dads for a wonderful turnout for our 1st Pizza Night with Pop. We had a great time discussing our commitment to our children and school. If you are interested in joining Watch D.O.G.S. please contact our campus contact Mrs. Rawlinson 817-299-6940.