



SCHOOL NEWS!



Dreamland Academy

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Welcome Aboard & Back!

The 2011-12 school year is underway and Dreamland Academy would like to **WELCOME** the new students to the Dreamland Family. You're in for an exciting, educational year! Dreamland would also like to extend a grand welcome to new faculty and staff.

L.Smith•K.Turner•K.Green
L.Reed•D.Buss•M.Miller

WELCOME BACK to returning students and faculty/staff. You are all models for the school and *only the best* is expected from all members of the Dreamland family – students, faculty and staff. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive 2011-2012 school year!

After School Program

Dreamland Academy's 21st Century program is an after-school program **(3:30p – 6:00p)** designed to be a fun way for students to reinforce the skills they have learned in the classroom. Students engage in enrichment and physical activities throughout each week. Literacy and Math are the primary focus for 3rd through 5th grade.

Opportunities are:

- *Assistance with homework*
- *Library/Internet access for research projects*
- *Reading instruction*
- *Physical activities such as dance, exercise, etc (contingent upon availability of instructors)*
- *Art or Music (contingent upon availability of instructors)*

The after-school program is state-funded under NCLB and offered FREE of cost. All children MUST be picked up by 5:50pm daily. Transportation is NOT provided. An afternoon snack is provided at no cost.

You may contact Mr. Howard at 562.9278 for registration or additional information.

CharacterEd

Self-Discipline

- Making good choices
- Having control over your thoughts/actions
- Practicing good habits, being patient, controlling your temper and taking responsibility for your actions

The CharacterEd instructor, Mr. Joseph, visits classes weekly and introduces a new word for the students to learn and implement.

Ask your child what the newest word is and review what it means!

Student Council

Student council elections are fast approaching!! Applications have been submitted for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt, At Arms, Activity Director, Creative Director, 3rd grade Rep., 4th grade Rep and 5th Rep.

As part of the campaign process, each candidate will deliver a 2 minute speech on September 8th or 9th to each classroom telling why they should be elected to office. A school wide election will be held 9/12/2011. Campaign posters are being posted and ALL students (K-5) will vote.

Candidates are: *Oleavia Ducree, Jacoby Swopes, Iris Lewis, Cashius Long, Xiana Tatum, Catelan Coleman, Diamond Milton, Taylor Carpenter, Yaritza Hernandez, Maria Roman, Destiny Coleman, Keyonna Morrison, Daevin Anderson, Frances Rivera, Kingsley Doshier*

GOOD LUCK, CANDIDATES!

Hispanic Culture Month

Dreamland will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month September 15th – October 15th. During this month of celebration, students will learn about the Hispanic culture. Teachers will introduce key aspects from a variety of resources made available. Dreamland will also serve a Hispanic themed lunch on September 15th. We will also host "Grandparents Day" on the 15th.

Get Connected!

Comcast is pleased to introduce Internet Essentials! It is a new program created to bring fast affordable internet to students and their families who need it the most.

- \$9.95 a month +tax
- No price increases, no activation fees and no equipment rental fees
- A low-cost computer available at initial enrollment for just \$149.99+tax

Reminders to Students

- Come ready to learn!
- Follow **ALL** school and class rules



Reminders to Parents

1. School starts promptly at 7:45am (breakfast is served 7:20-7:40am)
2. School is dismissed at 3:15pm. All students must be picked up by 3:30pm
3. Go to the main office to check your child(ren) in/out
4. Student assessments will be taken the last week of each month.
5. After-school starts September 6th

Check Us Out !

These Dreamland teachers have websites for you to visit - check out what's going on in the classrooms!

Ms. Miller, 2nd grade

www.Dreamland.miller.blogspot.com

Ms. Whittington, 4th/5th grade

www.dreamland4and5department.webs.com

In the Classrooms

Language Arts

We are learning about the expository writing and the writing process. Reading non-fiction texts.

Math

Adding and subtracting
Numbers sense with place value
Rounding to tens, hundreds and thousands

Science/Social Studies

Hemisphere, 7 continents
Rocks & minerals
Structure of the cell
Statue of Liberty

Reading

Intervention via reciprocal teaching. Students are asked to predict, question, clarify and summarize their readings

Computer Technology

Basic parts of the computer system: CPU, monitor, keyboard, mouse. We are also reviewing computer terminology.

Upcoming Events

Open House

Thursday, September 1, 5:00P.M.-6:00 P.M.

Choir Tryouts

9/6 thru 9/9

Dreamland's Best Talent Show tryouts

9/9/2011

Parents Night Out

Tuesday, September 27, 5 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

Thank You, Partners!

Special thanks are due the following:

New Beginnings Behavioral Health Services

Women United for backpack donations to our students!