

Cotton Communicator

September 2009

Hattie Cotton Welcomes New Staff Members for the 2009–2010 Year

Cotton wishes to welcome the following new staff members:

Lori Stratton, Kindergarten

Deirdra Cox, First Grade

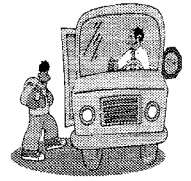
Lauren Roche, ELL Second Grade

Tamika Gordon, Math Specialist

Jennifer Eklond, Tutor

Angela Nevels, Cafeteria

Tina Echols, School Nurse (based at Cotton)



Standard School Attire at Cotton

The Standard School Attire for Hattie Cotton will help us reach our goal of maintaining a safe school that is free of distractions affecting learning and the personal growth of each student. All SOLID color shirts are acceptable this year but they must have a collar and short or long sleeves. T-shirts are not acceptable. Shirts and blouses must be tucked in.

All pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses or jumpers must be solid black, navy blue or any shade of khaki. Solid blue and black jeans are acceptable, but logos may not be larger than two inches. No pants may sag.

Only solid black, navy, khaki or white jackets and outer wear may be worn inside. No hoodies or hats may be worn indoors.

Shoes must tie or have a strap. No flip flops. Shoelaces should be tied.

Please take time to make sure your child is dressed correctly before coming to school. Help them to self-check their clothing while with you and again as they approach the red line in front of the school building before they enter.

Adequate Yearly Progress

Each year Cotton students must reach benchmarks set by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is the term used to refer to an individual school's measure of yearly progress toward achieving state academic standards. "AYP" is the minimum level of improvement that states, school districts and schools must achieve each year. Cotton must meet these standards in three areas; Attendance, Reading and Math. We have met AYP in attendance and Reading again this year; however this is the second year we did not reach our target in Math and as a result we are in what is called School Improvement I Status. Students will be receiving additional help in staff and services to help them improve their Math scores. See the article on Back to School Night below for information and watch for additional information as the year progresses. We are confident that with the school and home working together we will reach the targets this year.

Back to School Night

The Hattie Cotton Back to School Night will be held Tuesday, September 1, 2009 in the school cafeteria. Come out and meet the members of our staff as well as to meet your child's teacher and to receive information on the skills, standards and expectations your child will be working to master.

Under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act your child will be eligible for Supplemental Educational Services (SES).

There will be companies attending that will offer after school tutoring for Cotton students. Each company will explain their services and you will go home with material to help you decide whether or not you choose to have your child participate. It will be your choice as to whether you register your child, but the school encourages every parent to enroll all students K-4 in after school tutoring at no cost to your family and transportation will be provided.

Did You Know?

School begins at 8:00 and students are tardy at 8:05. All students who are tardy must be signed in by an adult. After signing in the student will get a late note to give to the teacher. No child will be admitted to class without a late note. Please remember the doors are unlocked at 7:35 daily to allow all students to enter the cafeteria. All K-4 students report to the cafeteria to eat or to wait for the 7:45 dismissal to class.

Ideas or suggestions for Title I programs at Hattie Cotton? Call 262-6981, extension 129 or 157.