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## The After-Care Corner

I hope everyone had a great summer! I want to take this opportunity to tell you about the After-Care Program ("ACP") at Meyerland PVA Middle School. This is a PTO-sponsored program – so all money goes right back to the PTO which benefits the school, as well as your children. We have five wonderful certified teachers (three per day) who work on a rotating basis. They are loving and caring and truly enjoy working with children. They are available to help with homework and have been known to be a shoulder to cry on if needed. Let me introduce them now. **Ms. Calvin** teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. History in House A. **Mr. Green** teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science in House M. **Ms. Mitchell** teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade Reading in House M. **Ms. Vershier** teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade Reading in House A. **Ms. Ross** teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade Reading in House P. I am so proud to have these fine teachers available for your children.

I have been told by a parent that she was trying to decide between two schools as to which one she wanted her child to attend. She heard about the success of this program and chose our school because of it. It brings me such joy to hear stories like this. I have been told by many parents and the teachers, as well as the children, how happy they are with this program.

ACP begins in the cafeteria at 3:45 (for dinner, homework, etc.). Yes, the children will be fed a hot meal in the cafeteria around 4:00. Meals are served by an HISD employee who works in the cafeteria during the day. After dinner, around 4:30, the children walk to the library where they are able to finish their homework and use the computers. Teachers check with the students each day to see what homework has been assigned. Homework must be completed before free time is granted. Around 5:00, some go outside with one of the teachers to expend some energy. Others may stay in the library and finish homework or play games. We have several board games, puzzles, card sets, etc.

We have several ACP options available: 5 days per week through 1 day per week. There is also a drop-in option. Rates and other information are available in the front office. Tuition is to be paid monthly as set forth in the tuition contract. Payments may be made by check, money order, cash or **Chase QuickPay<sup>SM</sup>** and are due no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> school day of the month. If you join us mid-month, the rate will be prorated.

If you pick up your child between 3:45 and 4:30, please park in the teachers' parking lot and come through the side door. If you pick up your child between 4:30 and 6:00, please park on Wigton - just outside of the library. The gate and door to the building will be unlocked. If you are coming from Chimney Rock, you will drive down the length of the black fence until it ends.

If you are interested in participating in ACP, please contact me at [jmhuff3@yahoo.com](mailto:jmhuff3@yahoo.com).

I look forward to seeing you!

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