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The After-Care Corner

The After-Care Program (“ACP”) at Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts Middle School is a PTO-sponsored program – so all money goes right back to the PTO which benefits the school, as well as your children.

I often talk about the wonderful ACP teachers. I have asked Ms. Calvin to share her experience being involved in this program.

“I am the sole 8th grade Aftercare teacher. March is an odd time to talk about the beginning of the year, so I will. On the first day of school, I can’t help but smile as I wonder who’s walking through my door, but on the inside, I am nervous about who’s walking through my door. I don’t know them yet. Can I trust this child? How will this kid be this year? Will we get along? Our eyes meet, and each kid is thinking the same thing about me. Then, an Aftercare kid ambles in. Our eyes meet, and we both know how the other is. In most cases, I have known the kid and parents for 2 years, and often siblings. We’ve already gone through the “getting to know you” period. There has been a student-teacher-parent relationship for two years. In Aftercare, I have seen them blossom from nervous 6th graders to confident and much calmer 8th graders. I love my Aftercare kids. They immediately become my go-to kids and my classroom leaders. There is just a difference in the depth I am able to get to know a student in Aftercare as opposed to one that I meet the first day of school.” Ms. Calvin

We have several ACP options available: 5 days per week through 1 day per week. There is also a drop-in option. Rates are available on the PTO website in the After-Care section. Payments may be made by check, money order, cash or [Chase QuickPaySM](#). If you haven’t checked out the After-Care section of the PTO website, be sure to do so. You will find articles and pictures, as well as additional information about the program.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please go to <http://www.ptojms.org/aftcrehdr.html> and print out the form. ACP students meet in the cafeteria after school. After dinner around 4:30, they go to the library. After 4:30, you may park outside of the library to pick up your child. You may turn in the form and payment when you pick up your child. Feel free to contact me at jmhuff3@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing you!

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