



*Reach Each Child*

**Pulaski County Public Schools**  
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**Office of the Superintendent**

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of Pulaski County Public Schools:

The 2008 – 09 school year in Pulaski County is upon us! School and central office staff have worked diligently throughout the summer to ensure that the learning environments are the best that they can be when the students return to school. The Pulaski County School Board and staff are committed to increasing student achievement as measured by local, state, and national assessments. Our mission is to “Reach Each Child,” and we seek your assistance in working with your child, your child’s teacher/s, administrators, and other school staff.

To help your child be more successful in school, please help us with the following:

- Remember that you are your child’s first teacher, and you make a difference in his or her academic achievement and progress.
- Get to know your child’s teacher/s, and communicate with him or her on a regular basis.
- Read to your young child/ren, and encourage him or her to read to you.
- Read and familiarize yourself with information that your child brings home from school.
- Know that Pulaski County Public Schools is committed to safe schools and that the schools will not tolerate violence, distribution or use of drugs, weapons being brought to school, or any other activity which threatens the well being of students.
- Talk with your child/ren about the legal, physical, and emotional implications that drugs, tobacco, and alcohol can have on his or her learning. If you have been one of our parents previously, you received a booklet, *A Parent’s Guide for the Prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use*, which should have helped you with discussions about how to keep children alcohol, tobacco, and drug free. If you do not have the booklet, your principal will provide you with one.
- Encourage your child to develop good study and work habits.
- Reinforce to your child how important it is to secure a good education and what the opportunities are that a good education can bring.

The first day for pre-kindergarten (pre-K), kindergarten, and rising sixth and ninth grade students will be Tuesday, September 2, 2008, with a 2-hour early release. Wednesday, September 3, 2008, will be the first day of school for all students in grades pre-K – 12, with a 2-hour early release. Thursday, September 4, 2008, will be a regular school day for all students. During the first few days of school, your child will receive a copy of the Pulaski County Public Schools Handbook, which, along with bus routes, will also include an insert in *The Southwest Times* in August. You can also access important information about schools through our website at [www.pcva.us](http://www.pcva.us) or by calling your school or our central office at 994-2550.

Schools work best when a partnership exists among parents, teachers, students, and the community. Please let us know how we can partner with you for the success of your child.

Very truly yours,

Don Stowers  
Superintendent