



Choice Bus

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The Monroe County Education Foundation is proud to sponsor The Choice Bus' visit to Monroe County. August 17 & 18th all Public School 6th, 7th and 8th graders will toured the Choice Bus -Half school bus and half jail cell. Students climb on board the retrofitted school bus and watch an excerpt to the documentary *InsideOut* where they encounter Monique, a prison inmate. She shares her regret for having dropped out of school in the eighth grade. She explains that she made some choices to hang around, what seemed like, the COOL crowd only to end up making some dumb decisions that landed her in jail at the age of 14. They have the opportunity to get up close and personal with the layout and aesthetics of a prison cell.

The bus is taken to middle schools and high schools across America to encourage students to stay in school and on the road to a good education. During the 2 day visit to Monroe County, approximately, 800 students heard this message.

www.mattiestewart.org/thechoicebus.html



Radio Spots

The recent spots are:

- Alabama Middle School Principal of the Year- Rodney Lord
- Ashley Hollinger serves as Page for Rep. Shiver
- Welcome Dr. Murphy
- Choice Bus visit Monroe Co.
- Foundation T-Shirts for sale
- Parent Meeting on Dropout Prevention
- Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Newsletter Spotlight

Special points of interest:

Choice Bus
Parent Meeting
T-shirts offered
Outstanding Teacher of the Year
Shadowing Opportunities

T Shirts Offered

As we prepare for the 2011-2012 school year to begin, MCEF will be offering a t shirt for sale for students, teachers, and parents. Shirts will be white with the MCEF logo on the front. Principals have approved the shirt as a school SPIRIT Shirt. These will be sold by order form, then printed. Shirts will be sold for YS-AXL \$10 and 2 & 3XL for \$12. Let Susie James know if you are interested, we'll get you a shirt also.

On Monday, September 12, the first Parent Meeting on Dropout Prevention at JUB was held. While the attendance was poor, those in attendance asked for some information to be sent to parents of children that are considered At-Risk. These students would be identified by the following criteria: 1 or more reading levels below grade level, receiving one F on 6th grade report card, failing more than one class in 9th grade, missing more than 10 days in a school year, or recurring behavioral issues.

Several ideas stemmed from this meeting that will be incorporated into various aspects of the JUB School programs.

Shadowing Program—It is not too late to get your business signed up for the Shadowing Program. We will begin recruiting students in September to gain true understanding of the work in varied fields of study. Students would follow you (or employee) around for several days, a day, or several hours at your convenience. Let us hear from you.

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