

# Peabody Elementary School Newsletter

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## Parent Portal

### Five Reasons to Sign-up

- Communicate with your child’s teacher
- Check your child’s grades
- Look up your child’s attendance information
- Receive important updates
- View the cafeteria menu

## Upcoming Events

- 10/14 - No School for students- Professional Development for Teachers
- 10/18 - Peabody Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 10/19 - Peabody Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 10/21 - No School

## Meet Our New Teachers



### Meet Mrs. Douglas– 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Greetings!!! I am Mrs. Douglas. This will be my first year as a classroom teacher. However, I have served a total of two years here at Peabody Elementary as an Instructional Care Aide and a Substitute Teacher ... My desire is to academically educate youth and connect with them beyond the classroom. This year I will be establishing healthy, fun relationships with students, families, and staff members to accomplish this goal and ensure high academic achievement **for all students.**



### Meet Ms. Hamilton–3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher

Hello! My name is Corrine Hamilton. This is my first year working with Peabody as well as with SLPS. I have worked with children for over 15 years at a child development center. I just completed my final class at Central Methodist University this summer. I’m excited about this school year. I know each and every scholar will have an exciting and successful school year. When I’m not working I’m having fun with my daughter.

## Did You Know?

There are more than 40 active conflicts around the world at the moment. To name a few: the war in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, and Ukraine. These wars carry a toll of decades-long devastation for the people who live in those areas. Illiteracy among young people is almost three times as high in countries hit by war. “An uneducated child who grows into an illiterate youth in a country ripped apart by war may not have much of a chance,” Henrietta Fore, executive director of the United Nations Children’s Fund, said in a statement.

### Here are some facts about illiteracy around the world:

- Niger has the world’s highest rate of youth illiteracy, with 76% of 15-to 24-year olds unable to read or write.
- War-ridden Chad, South Sudan and the Central African Republic do not trail far behind, with youth illiteracy rates of 69%, 68% and 64% respectively.
- Though global literacy rates are rising, 750 million adults are illiterate; two-thirds are women.

## America’s Illiteracy WAR

- 2/3 of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of 4<sup>th</sup> grade will end up in jail or on welfare. Over 70% of America’s inmates cannot read above a 4<sup>th</sup> grade level.
- 1 in 4 children in America grow up without learning how to read.
- Students who don’t read proficiently by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are 4 times more likely to drop out of school.
- Nearly 85% of the juveniles who face trial in the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate, proving that there is a close relationship between illiteracy and crime.

## And the WAR continues...

Historically, black people were not allowed to read, write, or even own a book because of anti-literacy laws. Anti-literacy laws made it illegal for enslaved and free people of color to read or write. After the Civil War schools spring up, literacy rates climbed steadily among Black Americans, rising from 20 percent in 1870 to nearly 70 percent by 1910, according to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy. “Literacy promotes thought and raises consciousness. It helps us to get outside of our own cultural constraints and think about things from a totally different angle.”

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Please, Please, Please Help Us Help You Educate Our Scholars. After you finish reading October’s Newsletter, Please reach out to Mr. Hammond your Family and Community Specialist (314) 241-1533 and find out how you can participate or become involved in Peabody’s Literacy Project.