
what's up doc?



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Hello, Everyone:

Have you all been watching the Olympics? You know the timing of the Olympics is perfect. I think we've been needing the Olympics to come along and get our minds off of all the things that are bothering us. And they have been outstanding. I did not watch the opening ceremony but am told by those that did that it was very "British." But my interest has grown with each day, and I have noticed that there are some sleepy-eyed staff roaming the halls at central office, so I know they have been staying up too late watching. I have found the stories of the athletes, their dedication and their discipline, all leading up to one five minute event, is inspiring, along with their dreams of being on the medal stand. And watching them as they hear their national anthem played is nothing short of heart-wrenching. The "Flying Squirrel" Gabby Douglas was on top of her game, and what a great American story. Then there is the great Michael Phelps, who has gotten more Olympic medals than any other person in history. Pretty good stuff, y'all. Thank God for the Olympics.

Meanwhile, back to reality. Some of our staff attended the basketball tournament between the three facilities at Jetson – our own, small version of the Olympics! Youth from all three facilities played their hearts out, and can I tell you, we have some fine athletes out there. Congratulations to Jetson, who won the tournament! I was very proud of all the youth who played.

DAS Sean Hamilton, Acting Director Angela Sutton and I participated in a town hall meeting at Jetson on Tuesday. We had an open discussion concerning a lot of issues that are important to the staff there.

Thursday, members of the Probation and Parole Response Team, Jetson staff and central office staff conducted an after-action review of the escape incident at Jetson. As a result, we will be making some modifications to policy, procedures and practices, and as with every occasion, we are continuously learning how to run more effective operations.

Let's hope TS Ernesto stays a big puff of wind in the Atlantic. Ernesto is not welcome here in Louisiana!

Well, next week it's time for the yellow buses to roll, carpoolers to pool, and homework to start. Football season is just around the corner. Summer is over, but the heat is still with us. Of course, summer lasts well into October down here, if you judge by the temperature.

So, I'll sign off now, with my hope that you all have a wonderful weekend, and my thanks to each and every one of you, for all that you do every day to meet the mission.

Sincerely,

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