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Original PJHS 2nd Story Building Renovation Complete for School Opening



View of 5th Grade Classroom Building from West Side Facing Twin Street

Fifth graders at Patterson Jr. High School will finally get their just reward when school begins on August 8, 2018, as they walk into a fully renovated facility. The newly constructed junior high school was completed for 6 through 8 graders for the 2017 –2018 school year, while promising 5th graders that the 2nd story building would be like new; and, *“A picture is worth a thousand words,”* as they say.

Principal Mark Spradling said that last school year was a great year at PJHS; and now that construction is complete, this will be an even greater school year. He went on to say, ***“We have such a beautiful school that houses the best students in the Parish. I would like to personally thank everyone who supported this endeavor. The school and our Community will reap the benefits.”***

The outside brick of the original (old) building is identical to that of the new school. But the inside has been transformed to stand up to any other state of the art instructional facility. The renovated 5th grade wing is seamlessly connected to the new construction by a closed-in corridor. ***“If you love the way the school looks on the outside, come by during any of our events and take a look at the inside. You will be impressed,”*** Spradling said.

In other news, the central office has been working hard to assure that all schools are equipped with quality educators to ensure student success. Students at each Patterson school will welcome new administrators, coaches, and/or faculty, and are encouraged to do their best to succeed while making this their best year ever.



5th Grade Classroom

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Before and After Photos of Original 2nd Story Building



Family Dollar Store in Patterson Reopening

Family Dollar Store, Patterson location, has been out of commission for seven months when they were forced to close their doors due to an unfortunate fire that occurred on January 1, 2018.

Renovations to the store began approximately two months ago, and the store is slated to reopen August 2, 2018, just in time to provide their customers with new school supplies, household goods, clothing and other items essential to life's day-to-day demands. According to Christine Hansen, spokesperson and store employee mentor, customers will be delighted to find that the store has been updated with a new and improved layout representative of a "New Generation Store," which means convenient, easier shopping and an open floor layout.

Their opening month in August has a lineup of exciting activities. A Monster Truck, equipped with free Monster drinks, will be on the premises Friday, August 10; from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. Also on Saturday, August 11, the store will provide free hot dogs, chips and free cola. Raffles will be available, and the first 50 people entering the store will each receive Family Dollar Gift Cards.



City Supervisor Award Presented by Mayor and Council



L to R: John Rentrop, Larry Mendoza, Terry Space, Mayor Grogan, Travis Darnell, Sandra Turner, Joe Russo

Terry Space (standing left of center), Public Works Supervisor for the City of Patterson, was the recipient of Patterson's Supervisor Award, presented to him by the Mayor and Council at July's monthly meeting. Space commented that he is about to celebrate 19 years of service with the City.

Congratulations are also in order for the following eight dedicated employees who earned the privilege of being "Honored Quarterly Employees" by their prospective supervisors: **Police Department** - Ronnie Fuselier, Cathy Notto, Kevin Stewart; **Gas Department** - Ronald Davis; **Water Plant** - Virgil Walton; **Street Department** - Harry Freyoux; **Administration** - Kim Dardeau; **Patterson Volunteer Fire Department** - Scott Hutton.

Each employee was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

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