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AN INFANT'S PERSPECTIVE ...



Infant Author ~ Miss. Richardson

which I didn't even know I had—to get to that nice plastic jar of orange and yellow balls. My principal, Mrs. Coleman makes sure that my day is planned to meet my individual needs and desires. Each day I get a chance to socialize with my classmates and my staff. You see, Mrs. Coleman and her staff really work for me!”



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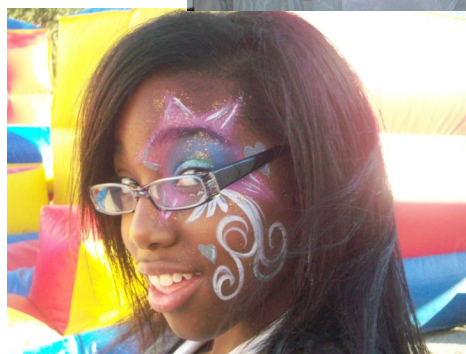
“I tell you, Young Scholars has to be the best school in town. Ms. Dana, my teacher, nurtures and plans developmentally appropriate lessons which will prepare me for future global opportunities and challenges. Look at me! I get a chance to start my day with a morning stroll, exploring within the boundaries established for me. Did you know that providing me the freedom to explore, in a safe and nurturing environment promotes development of many skills, including my large and small motor skills. Pretty soon, you'll

hear and see me talking, singing, walking, running, dancing, jumping, writing and drawing! They tell me prenatal care along with opportunities to develop my social-emotional skills, cognitive and physical skills—trust, self awareness, community, reading, writing, problem-solving is where education and job training begins. Thank goodness they're providing so many opportunities for me to explore life! Life in this world is pretty exciting! Believe it or not, I am using my problem-solving skills,

**FOOD, FUN
FRIENDSHIP**

**Oct
2011**

**FALL
FESTIVAL**
October
28th
3—5 pm



FALL FESTIVAL WRISTBANDS AND TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

2011 FALL FESTIVAL THEME ~ STEP UP REACH OUT AND BE A FRIEND ~



Young Scholars Families ARE YOU READY for our Annual Fall Festival? Well, it's is here—Friday, October 28, 2011, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Downtown Houston, at the corner of St. Joseph Parkway and Jefferson! Join us as we **STEP UP, REACH OUT AND BE A FRIEND!**

Friendship is this year's focus! We look forward to promoting it in our school community all year long. This year, "Step Up" and help us celebrate **BULLY-FREE BEING THE WAY TO BE!**

FUN FOR EVERYONE



Young Scholars Fall Festival, affectionately known as **OCTOBERFEST** is one of our highest attended, parent-partnered activities of the year. All families participate —from pumpkin art contests, to face-painting. Parents even provide an age-appropriate infant/toddler festival experience. Young Scholars Families make plans now to enjoy cotton candy, turkey legs, our one of a kind teacher-created **SURPRISE HOUSE**, gumbo, hot dogs, games and monster slides. Remember, the success of **OCTOBERFEST** is parent volunteers. If you have not signed-up as an **OCTOBERFEST** volunteer, do so today! For more information concerning this event, please see one of the secretaries or your child's teacher.

In Other News....

- **FALL FESTIVAL TICKETS** are on sale now for all families who have not paid their \$50 semester activity fee or completed their fundraising activity. You still have time to pay your \$50 activity fee in order to receive a wristband. All others will be required to purchase tickets. Activity Fee can be paid online. Also, tickets can be purchased online. For more information, please see one of the secretaries.
- Charter School Pictures—Tuesday, November 1, 2011-UNIFORMS REQUIRED
- Charter School Attendance Rate was 98% for the first cycle! CONGRATULATIONS!!!
- Donuts with Dad, Granddads, Uncles—A HUGE SUCCESS!
- Check out our website weekly for news, events, homework, resources, and much more—www.ysafe.org—families enrolled will need user name and password to access certain pages
- Bulletin Boards around Young Scholars, from infants to 8th grade features your child's work. Certain bulletin boards have been designated to feature STAR STUDENTS and/or GREAT WORK. Check them out! Perfect Attendance Bulletin Boards are coming on November 1st.
- Parent Involvement at Young Scholars has always contributed to the success of our programs. Thank your so much for taking out time to help us with fieldtrips, homework, tutoring, fundraising, special events!
- **ACTIVITY FEES** are due!!! Young Scholars is committed to exposing your child to high quality early care and education. Many private schools are able to provide such based on high tuition prices, parent involvement and fund raising campaigns throughout the year. Here at Young Scholars we are committed to providing the same experience for your children without high tuition cost. Each year, our families commit to a \$50 per semester activity fee or participate in fund raising. **THANK YOU** again for helping us provide your child with a private school experience. We could not do it without you!

Accessing Student Grades, Assignments...

Parents, are you utilizing HISD's Parent Student Connect to access valuable information about your child's classes? Parent Student Connect (PSC), allows registered users (i.e., parents and students) to log in to view a student's grades, assignments, progress reports, attendance records, achievement test scores, report cards, and more. Please note, printed report cards will still be mailed to students' homes. Users can also set up "triggers" that send an e-mail or text message if a child's grades drop below a selected average or a student is absent or tardy to class. . Access and registration will be through the Parents & Students page.

How to access PSC: •Already registered? Parents or students who have already created a user ID and pass-

word in The Source may continue to use those; they will not need to re-register. Just click on the "Login" button at the top of the "Parent & Students" page.

•First-Time User? Parents and students may register directly from the "Parents & Students" page on the HISD Web site. To complete the registration you must have the student ID, date of birth, and Social Security number available to complete registration. **See your child's teacher for more information.**

For class assignments, including homework access our website:

www.ysafe.org