

September News

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SCHOOLWORKS...

From the Perspective of an Employer...

If you started a new job on Monday, August 24, 2009, and since starting that new job, you've already missed at least one day of work or you've arrived to work later than scheduled you would receive coaching, warning or even possibly termination.

Did you know that children LIVE what they LEARN!

As Business Partners (Parents) in our children's education, what messages, life principles, work ethics are we teaching our children? Are we teaching them that it's ok to be late for work...it's ok to tease co-workers... fighting is acceptable on the job...attendance at work is not important...nothing in life is more important than

television, game systems, clothes, partying...disrespect is acceptable... volunteering is for other folks...

As our student-employees (your children) move through the employment cycle of SCHOOLWORKS, we will help them understand the importance of acceptable work ethics...how "school ethics" impact future opportunities for success.

Student-Employee Pre-Assessment

We are in the process of conducting pre-assessments in Reading and Math in order to determine your child's individual needs. Results of these assessments will be available for review at Open House on September 12, 2009.

PILOTING—New Virtual School Opportunity

This semester, three students will have the opportunity to experience accelerated education via our new online project. More information to come...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 2009

SCHOOLWORKS—

Mon 7—Labor Day Holiday (Young Scholars closed)

Tue 8—President Obama's Address to Student-Employees

Wed 9—SCHOOLWORKS Job Fair

Fri 11, 18&25—SCHOOLWORKS Research—Houston Public Library Downtown

Sat 12—Open House and Business Partner (Parent) Volunteer Opportunities

Mon 14—Employment with SCHOOLWORKS Begins

Fri 25—Owl Week—Sign Up/Audition for Extra-Curricular Activities

...Breaking with Tradition...

Blending School and Work

Thank You—**SCHOOLWORKS** Business Partners—Our Parents

Thank you 2009-2010 **SCHOOLWORKS** Business Partners (Parents) for your level of volunteer participation in your child's education:

Diamond Level

Scott Family

Miranda Family

Burrell Family

Platinum Level



Forthcoming!

Gold Level

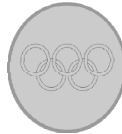
Forthcoming!

Silver Level

Forthcoming!

Bronze Level

Forthcoming!



There are volunteer opportunities throughout the year. All capital raised becomes the capital of student-employees. There are five (5) Levels of Participation:

1. Bronze Level—8 hours or \$50+ Donation per year
2. Silver Level—16 hours or \$100+ Donation per year
3. Gold Level—24 hours per year or \$200+
4. Platinum Level—40 hours per year or \$500+
5. Diamond Level—\$1000+ per year

SCHOOLWORKS Themes for the Next Three Weeks

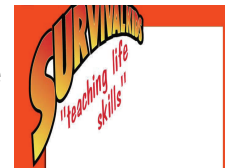
Our preschool and through eighth grade student-employees have been focusing on "All About Me." Parents will have an opportunity to see their child's resume at Open House. The resume is required to participate in job opportuni-

ties with **SCHOOLWORKS**.

For the next three weeks we will incorporate the theme: "Survival." During this unit, students are invited to imagine what our world would be like in the future if nothing is done—

"business as usual"—then are presented with challenges of making a difference!

Join us as we explore SURVIVAL!



Child Development Center Theme for the Month

We are focusing on "All About Me" in our Child Development Center. During this time, your child's skill will be assessed—small motor, large motor, cognitive and social-emotional. Parents will have an opportunity to review results of assessments during Open House, September 12th,

9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Parents will have an opportunity to sign up for volunteer opportunities and will plan September through December Calendar of Events. We look forward to seeing each of you.



SCHOOLWORKS Seeking Student Council Board Members

Student Council is a wonderful opportunity to act as a role model for other students and learn to be a leader. In Student Council, you will be involved in many projects that contribute to the school and the community, while having fun at the same time! If you choose to run for student council and are elected*, you must be prepared to do the following:

Attend meetings (Every Tuesday, after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m.)

Participate and contribute to activities that may be held before or after school

Maintain passing grades and acceptable conduct each grading period

Attend a mandatory Student Council Workshop on Tuesday, October 9th from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

In order to run for any office, you must complete 4 things: (Due by Thurs., Sept. 24)

You and a parent must sign this form

You must get 1 (one) adult recommendation excluding your teacher

Write a brief essay (no more than 1 page) on the back of the following sheet explaining how you would be an asset to the Student Council.

Collect 24 signatures of students in 4th – 8th grades and 3 teacher or staff signatures that will support your campaign for Student Council Office.

Rules for Posters

1. All students who are running for Representative on Student Council can make up to (but no more than) 5 posters explaining why they are running for Student Council Representative.

2. The purpose of the posters are to INFORM your peers of your abilities to fulfill the duties of Student Council Representative. Your posters should be done in a PROFESSIONAL manner.

3. Consult the Student Code of Conduct for rules on the content of your posters (examples: no profane

or inappropriate language, no sexual innuendos, no stated or implied inappropriate language, and more)

5. All posters must be STAPLED to the bulletin strips around school. NO TAPE may be used.

6. Students may pass out other campaign materials, including, but not limited to flyers, buttons, candy bars, and more.

September

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Available

24 Applications due by Thursday, Sept 24th 2:00 p.m. to Ms. La Tasha McGlory

October

1 Campaigning Begins Oct 1st

5 Voting takes place

8 Results Announced

9 Posters must be removed

9 Student Council After School Workshop

SCHOOLWORKS PBL

In today's world, teachers have a long wish-list for their students: They want them to be globally competent, problem solvers, critical thinkers, technology literate and collaborative, to name just a few. But those characteristics cannot be taught through traditional instruction. Project-

based learning (PBL), slowly displacing traditional forms of teaching, has evolved as a way for teachers to help their students become what the world will one day demand of them.

It is important for your child to attend school each day

and arrive on time in order to experience the full benefits of PBL.

If you should have any questions regarding PBL, please feel free to contact Mrs. Riles, Charter School Assistant Principal.