

THE BEST ARE IN THE EAST — HISD EAST REGION SCHOOLS



The **Houston Independent School District's East Region** is made up of 43 schools throughout Houston's East Side. The East Region serves more than 32,000 students in Pre-K through grade 12. Students from across the Houston area travel to East Region schools to participate in innovative programs for engineering, oil industry technology, early college preparation, dual credit courses, gifted and talented, and Magnet programs. East Region schools offer challenging academic curricula that supports the college-bound culture of HISD.

New Campus for East Early College

Houston ISD and Houston Community College will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the new **East Early College High School** building on March 11, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. Officials from both organizations are expected to be in attendance, as well as community leaders, students, and the general public.



Major progress has been made on the new East Early College building. The foundation and exterior walls are now standing for the new, two-story structure.

The target date for completion is June, 2009 barring any significant weather delays. Once building is complete the **East Early College** family will spend summer months preparing the interior to hold classes for the 2009-2010 school year.

Sparkling Science Competition

The East Region Secondary Science fair was held February 11, 2009 at the regional office. There were over 95 entries from eleven East Region middle and high school campuses. The quality of work exhibited in each entry was impressive and each category was very competitive. Over 30 judges from



Lyondell, University of Houston, Center Point and HISD selected winners.

Numerous junior and senior division entries are advancing to the city – wide Science and Engineering Fair to be held in March at the **George R. Brown Convention Center**. Congratulations to all who participated!



| East Region Science Fair Award Outcomes | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | School | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| SR | Austin | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| JR | Deady | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| SR | Eastwood | 6 | 4 | |
| JR | Edison | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| JR | Holland | | | 1 |
| 6th | Jackson | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 9th | Milby | 5 | 1 | |
| JR | Ortiz | 2 | 2 | |
| 6th | Project Chrysalis | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| 6th | Rusk | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 6th | Stevenson | 5 | 2 | 1 |

HISD - East Region Fine Arts Festival

The second annual East Region fine Arts Festival will be held May 9, 2009 at **Chavez HS**. Artwork, performances, drum lines and concession booths will be provided by East Region campuses. Join us for the fun and excitement!



East Region Super Spellers

Eighteen East Region elementary campuses sent their champion spellers to the East Region's English Spelling Bee February 18, 2009. Family members, principals and campus spelling bee coordinators cheered students on.



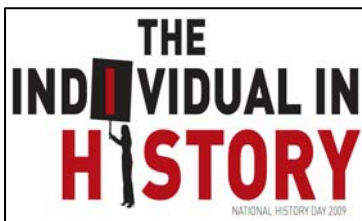
This year's winner, Jada Franklin, is an eighth grader at **Ortiz Middle School**. Jada is a Hurricane Ike evacuee from Galveston. Jada advances to the

city-wide KUHT-PBS spelling competition. The spelling bee will be televised LIVE from the Houston PBS Studios on March 28, 2009. The winner from this competition will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee May 23, 2009 in Washington D.C.

Congratulations are also extended to Diego Quintanilla, a fourth grader from **DeZavala Elementary**, who challenged Jada for the first place. Diana Garcia of **Franklin Elementary** and Ravan Garay from **Lantrip Elementary** tied for third.



East Region History Day Superlatives



January and February were filled with academic competitions at all Regional offices. Thanks and kudos go out to the following campuses and their students who competed

and placed in the East Region History Day competition that was held February 5, 2009.

| East Region History Fair Award Outcomes | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----|-----|-----|
| Category | School | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| 5th | Franklin | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 5th | Crespo | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Junior | Deady | | 1 | |
| Junior | Stevenson | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Junior | Holland | 2 | 1 | |
| Senior | EECHS | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Senior | Milby | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Senior | Austin | | | 1 |

East Region Schools

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| Bellfort Academy | Lantrip Elem. | Whittier Elem. |
| Bonner Elem. | Laurenzo ECC | Project Chrysalis |
| Briscoe Elem. | Lewis Elem. | Deady Middle |
| Burnet Elem. | Oates Elem. | Edison Middle |
| Cage Elem. | Park Place Elem. | Holland Middle |
| Carrillo Elem. | Patterson Elem. | Jackson Middle |
| Crespo Elem. | Pleasantville Elem. | Stevenson Middle |
| Dávila Elem. | Port Houston Elem. | Ortiz Middle |
| De Zavala Elem. | Robinson Elem. | Austin High |
| Franklin Elem. | Rucker Elem. | Chávez High |
| Gallegos Elem. | The Rusk School | Eastwood Academy |
| Harris, J. R. Elem. | Sánchez Elem. | East Early College |
| Harris, R. P. Elem. | Southmayd Elem. | Furr High / REACH |
| Henderson Elem. | Tijerina Elem. | Milby High |



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