

SCHOOL HOURS

7:45am-3:00pm

TARDY BELL

7:50am



UPCOMING EVENTS:

♦ Aug. 5-20

- Wharton School Supplies & Uniforms Donations Drive (drop off in main office)

♦ Wednesday, Aug. 21

- Middle School Orientation, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

♦ Friday, Aug. 23

- 1st -5th Gr. Back to School Meet & Greet, 4:30 – 5:30 PM
- Pre-K & K Back to School Meet & Greet, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

♦ Monday, Aug. 26

- First Day of School
- Welcome Back Coffee, Cafeteria, 7:45 – 9 AM
- After School Program begins

♦ Monday, Sept. 23

- NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

♦ Tuesday, Sept. 3

- SDMC Mtg., 3:30 PM
- PTO Mtg., 5:30 PM

♦ Wednesday, Sept. 4

- Dairy Cow Presentation, PK – 2nd Grade

♦ Tuesday, Sept. 10

- Grandparent's Day; Luncheon 10 AM – 1 PM

♦ Monday, Sept. 13

- NO SCHOOL – Fall Holiday

♦ Thursday, Sept. 19

- OPEN HOUSE

♦ Wednesday, Sept. 25

- Parents Aboard, 8 – 9 AM
- Early Dismissal, 12:30 PM

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Wharton Newsletter – Summer 2013 Edition

AUGUST 1, 2013

Two Languages, One Journey...

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DR. VIRGINIA ELIZONDO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

From the Principal's Desk... Dear Wharton Families- I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and is ready to start an exciting new year! Entering my third year as principal of Wharton, I am thrilled by the opportunity to get to know all of you and engage in the educational process together. I look forward to working diligently with you, our children, staff and community to provide exceptional experiences for all children as we continue to develop as the only dual language, IB candidate school in the district. As we begin the year, I would like to remind you of our mission, "to empower our students to become respectful, life-long, bilingual and bi-literate inquirers who celebrate diversity as responsible citizens of the world." Additionally, as we prepare for our adventure into the coming school year, I am including important information in this newsletter to help you be ready for the first day of school on Monday, August 26, 2013. Please enjoy the remaining days of summer. I look forward to a great year and to meeting all of our new and returning children and families soon!

IB News: We look forward to a new & exciting year as we make our progress toward becoming an IB World School. Wharton will be submitting our application for authorization on October 1st. In preparation, seventeen teachers and administrators attended IB workshops at Lamar High School last week and two more teachers are taking IB online courses this fall. Parent volunteers have also assisted with other IB projects this summer that will assist students in their units of inquiry and development toward becoming global learners through the IB Learner Profile.

New Wharton Team Administrative Team Member: Please join me in welcoming **Dr. Virginia Elizondo, Assistant Principal:** Dr. Elizondo is a graduate of the University of Houston's College of Education with an Executive Ed.D. in professional leadership. The topic of Dr. Elizondo's thesis was dual language and its implications for educational leaders. Dr. Elizondo has been an educator for 13 years, and is certified as a teacher, administrator and school superintendent. She is a native Houstonian who attended HISD schools.



Welcome new members of our teaching staff: Ms. Ines Iglesias, 2nd Grade; Mr. Ivan Sandoval, 3rd Grade Ms. Paola Pflucker, new 4th Grade class; Coach Dwayne Archangel, Physical Education Specialist Teacher. I would also like to congratulate Ms. Betancourt on her new position of bilingual special education diagnostician in HISD.

School Supplies & Uniforms Donations Drive: Please join us in assisting families in need and making *back to school* joyous for all Wharton Eagles by donating school supplies or new/gently used uniforms. Donations may be brought to the main office from Aug 5th-20th. Wharton families may request assistance beginning Wed., Aug. 21st by calling 713-535-3771.

Back to School Meet & Greet: Elementary parents and students are invited to come to Wharton on Friday, August 23rd. Due to limited parking, the schedule is staggered with 1st -5th grade invited from 4:30-5:30PM and PK-K from 5:30–6:30PM. The evening will provide you the opportunity to find out classroom assignments, meet your teacher(s), and visit classrooms. You will also be able to meet other families and enjoy a frozen treat. Lastly, you will also be able to learn about our PTO, enroll in our CASE After School Program, pick up car rider and walker passes, drop off your child's school supplies, and become an official Wharton volunteer through VIPs!

Middle School Orientation: Middle school students/parents are invited to attend an orientation meeting on Wed., August 21st from 5 - 6:30 PM. Everyone will receive crucial information regarding middle school policies, curriculum, clubs, after-school activities, community service, and more. Middle school shirts/hoodies will be on sale. Please join us!



Dismissal at 3:00PM: There are 5 ways for a student to leave campus at the end of the day: 1) they are taken to the Cafeteria at 3:00 PM to begin our after-school program; 2) parents drive into the circular driveway for curbside pick-up, as long as they have a **yellow carpool pass** displayed on the dash; 3) they board an HISD bus on Columbus street; 4) they are picked up by an authorized person from school by the PK playground, with a **blue walker pass**; or, 5) they walk home - **middle school only**.

Breakfast Offerings: HISD will continue our First Class Breakfast in the classroom free to all students this year. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 – 8:00 AM daily. Our students will have a choice of entrée and side selections and will not be required to take all items of the meal. Students will only be asked to choose a minimum of 2 items (of their choice) among the options available. Please arrive on time so your children may be offered a healthy breakfast!

Wharton K-8 Dual Language Academy Website: For information regarding school supplies, dress code, school hours, daily procedures, and other useful information, please visit our website: <http://schools.houstonisd.org/whartondla>

After School Program: Sign up your children for our fantastic After School Program! We offer many different activities for your child to enjoy throughout the school year. The After School Program begins immediately after dismissal at 3 PM and ends at 6 PM daily. First, students are picked up from their classrooms and walked to the cafeteria for a snack. Students then attend a homework assistance class or an enrichment class according to the weekly schedule. Classes end at 5:30 PM. During the last 30 minutes students are dismissed from the cafeteria for parent pickup. The cost of the program is \$1900 per child for the year. We offer a 9 month payment plan, the first payment is due on August 30th and the last payment is due on Friday, May 2nd. Families with more than one child will be charged \$1200 per additional child per year. CASE provides a sliding tuition scale for a limited number of qualifying families. **You may sign up for the After School Program starting on Monday, August 19th – Friday through August 23rd from 10AM – 3PM, with extended hours on Wednesday, August 21st and Friday, August 23rd until 6PM. Please contact our After School Coordinator, Leslie Hancock or our Assistant Coordinator, Elsa Lopez, if you have any questions at 713-535-3778 or 713-535-3771.**



HISD's Millionaire Club – Students should remember to read at least 5 books this summer, record the books they read on the Millionaire Club Certificate, and then have their Certificate signed by a parent, guardian, or librarian. Ms. Hogg will collect completed forms when we return in the Fall and will award incentives to all students who participate.