



# “The Monthly Energizer”

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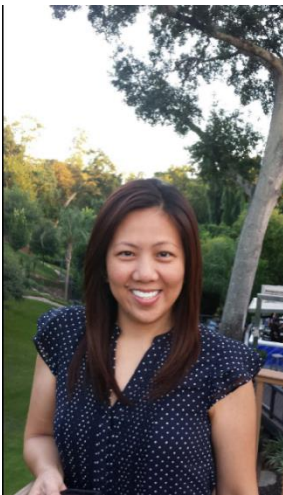
## October

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**Mission Statement:** The mission of EEA is to provide an accelerated learning environment that clearly charts a path of empowerment for students to become tomorrow’s problem-solvers, thinkers, and leaders through participation in a wide variety of educational experiences, appropriate to their age, interest and needs.

### Principal’s Corner

Hello Parents/Guardians:



*Arlene Kho, Principal*

Making the transition from elementary to middle school isn’t always easy. Schools are bigger. Classes are more challenging. Teachers are more demanding. Suddenly, students are expected to manage various assignments in multiple subject areas — and they must know how to budget their time accordingly.

With so many things to juggle, it’s no surprise that parents and students both can end up feeling frustrated and stressed about lost assignments, last-minute projects and forgotten textbooks. So what’s the key to successfully surviving the transition to middle school? Organization. Being organized and prepared can help students improve their grades and reduce their stress.

Warm Regards,  
Arlene Kho

### Community Affairs

The Green Apple Day of Service, took place on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014. This gave parents, teachers, students, companies and local organizations the opportunity to transform all schools into healthy, safe and productive learning environments through local service projects. The



*Image provided by Green Apple Day program*

Green Apple Day of Service is a worldwide campaign which includes North America, South and Central America, the Middle East, and Asia. The students at EEA Middle school took part in the “Green Apple Service Day”, on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Students were excited to volunteer to clean up their campus by picking up trash on their campus and surrounding areas. Students learned the values of community service and working together.

**“We learn here, where we learn matters...”**

This is the slogan for Green Apple Day. The program inspires students to take pride in their school, as well as, giving them a sense of pride. Students learn citizenship and the importance of working together to better their community.



Photo courtesy of The Susan G. Komen Foundation

## Upcoming Events

### Field Trip to the Miller Outdoor Theatre September 30, 2014



Image provided by the Miller Outdoor Theatre

Students will take a field trip to the Miller Outdoor Theatre to watch “The Intergalactic Nemesis Book One: Target Earth” performance

presented by Young Audiences of Houston.

### Testing Dates

Eighth graders will take the Readistep exam on **October 16**. ReadiStep can help students and their parents understand which skills need work as students make the important transition into high school. It also lets students see how their skill levels compare to those of other students nationally. All ReadiStep test takers also receive free access to MyRoad™, an online college and career planning tool that helps students explore opportunities for the future.



Picture credited to PSAT

On **October 15<sup>th</sup>** seventh and eighth grade students will take the PSAT test. We hope to get our students familiar with the exam to help them visualize their future and what they need to do to score well when it is time to take their SAT.

### Texas Southern University Homecoming Parade October 25, 2014

EEA will participate in the 2014 Texas Southern University Homecoming Parade on **October 25**. This year’s theme is “OneTSU”. Every year the Energized family of schools gets together to decorate floats and join in on the family fun and festivities.

### Field Trip to the Texas Renaissance Festival November 4, 2014



Picture provided by the Texas Renaissance Festival

The Texas Renaissance Festival invites all public, private and home school educators and students to join them

for the 10th Annual School Days. School Days is offered exclusively as an educational opportunity. The festival grounds will not be open to the general public. It is designed to be age appropriate for students and all events, shows and activities will be both educational and entertaining. Students, teachers and chaperones are invited to join the fun and come in costume.

On **November 4**, our students step back in time as they enter the sights and sounds of New Market Village, an authentic recreation of a 16th century European Village. Students will interact with hundreds of costumed characters representing the courts, culture, art, science and literature of the Renaissance Period.

Jousting knights, musicians, jesters and magicians perform on stages and arenas throughout the village. Students will have the opportunity to learn courtly dances, the ancient art of falconry, and the history of arms and armor. Artisans in period dress illustrate the technological advances of the Renaissance age through live demonstrations in pottery, glass blowing blacksmithing, armor making and other arts and trades of this amazing period.

**Family Night:** Family night will be held on **October 16**, featuring “Math Night”. Please come out and show your support for our students and staff.



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VIPS recruits thousands of parents and community partners to donate their time, resources, and knowledge in support of the district’s primary goal to increase student achievement. Volunteers contribute in areas such as mentoring, tutoring, fundraising, career education, enrichment programs, extracurricular and community service activities, and office and classroom assistance. After registering online and undergoing the annual background check, volunteers can work in any HISD school for the school year. All schools can track volunteer hours donated to the school district by establishing an online VIPS account.

1. Register online at [www.houstonisd.org](http://www.houstonisd.org) and click on the Students & Parents tab, then Participate.
2. Once you have registered, you must go in person to the school of interest and show proof of identification.
3. Identification information will go into our database for processing by the Volunteer Coordinator at each campus.
4. The criminal history background check can take 2-3 weeks to complete.

5. Once you are CLEARED to volunteer, you are eligible to volunteer throughout HISD.

## *Homework Haven*



*ClipArt*

### **Multiple choice test taking tips:**

Read the question before you look at the answer.

Come up with the answer in your head before looking at the possible answers, this way the choices given on the test won't throw you off or trick you.

Eliminate answers you know aren't right.

Read all the choices before choosing your answer.

If there is no guessing penalty, always take an educated guess and select an answer.

Don't keep on changing your answer, usually your first choice is the right one, unless you misread the question.

In "All of the above" and "None of the above" choices, if you are certain one of the statements is true don't choose "None of the above" or one of the statements are false don't choose "All of the above".

In a question with an "All of the above" choice, if you see that at least two correct statements, then "All of the above" is probably the answer.

A positive choice is more likely to be true than a negative one.

Usually the correct answer is the choice with the most information.

### *Green Apple Day of Service*



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*From the  
Editor's Desk*



We are so excited about the first edition of the campus newsletter! Please continue to share your articles, pictures, events, teacher and student of the month, principal's letters and whatever else you would like included in this publication.

Warm Regards,  
Tashanya Roberson