Mission Statement:
The mission of Inspired Academy is to provide a variety of learning opportunities as well as supportive services needed for obtaining basic school academic and social skills to ensure grade level advancement. Achievement of this mission will result from changing the traditional school concept to one with redesigned and integrated curricular, instructional, and organizational practices that provide enrichment, not solely remediation, for all students in at-risk situations.

Principal’s Corner:
The fall is always an exciting time for scholars in middle school, and I hope things have gotten off to a good start for you and your family. The first 7 weeks of school has been very productive and meaningful. It has served as a period of transition for our teachers and scholars as they returned from summer vacation. Scholars settled in quite nicely and teaching and learning took off without a hitch. The first nine weeks grading cycle will end on October 24, 2014. Please spend some time and have a frank conversation with your student about their academic progress and behavior. If you need to arrange a parent/teacher conference, please contact the main office to schedule an appointment. As we continue to strive for higher levels of teaching and learning, I hope you will join us by supporting us in every way possible. Remember at Inspired for Excellence Academy, we are always and only about getting our scholars smarter and stronger.

Our Vision: At Inspired for Excellence Academy, we embrace high levels of learning for all scholars as both the reason our organization exists and the fundamental responsibility of those who work within it. We acknowledge that scholars learn at different rates and with different levels of support. Therefore, we are willing to examine all practices in light of their impact on learning. Consequently, every adult member of our learning community is committed to having every child that sits before us, smarter and stronger, by doing whatever it takes to be sure that failure is not an option for any child.

Dominique Valdez receives the “Spirit Monkey” award as an incentive for outstanding achievement in APEX. Dominique is a 7th grade honor student and is the first recipient of the Spirit Award.

Student Spotlight
Apex Instructor, Elva-Gedward Moore at Inspired for Excellence Academy, Inc. works hard “Bridging the Gap” to accelerate students who are grade levels behind. Moore is passionate about the program designed for 7th & 8th grade Middle School students. Moore’s students are serious about getting back on track using APEX online training. Moore motivates and encourages students to push hard to get back on track.
**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.

Register online at www.houstonisd.org, click on Students and Parents, then Participate.

Once you have registered, you must go in person to the school of interest and show proof of identification.

Identification information will go into our database for processing by the Volunteer Coordinator at each campus.

The criminal history background check can take 2-3 weeks to complete.

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

**Health and Fitness Corner**

In 1980, Nancy G. Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan, that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. In 1982, that promise became the Susan G. Komen® organization and the beginning of a global movement. What was started with $200 and a shoebox full of potential donor names has now grown into the world’s largest nonprofit source of funding for the fight against breast cancer. To date, the foundation has invested more than $2.5 billion in groundbreaking research, community health outreach, advocacy and programs in more than 30 countries.

**Homework Haven**

**Select a quiet place to study.**

**Don’t wait until the last minute.**

**Use your daily planner for assignments.**

**Dedicate a space for every class in your book bag.**

**Stay organized throughout the year.**

**Make study cards.**

**Make your own study guide.**

**Talk about assignments with friends.**

**If you are struggling, ask for help.**
Upcoming Events

Testing
October 16, 2014

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.

Texas Southern University Homecoming Parade
October 25, 2014

Inspired for Excellence Academy, Inc. 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.

Open House

Open House was held on Thursday, September 18, 2014. Parents met with teachers, faculty and staff and discussed their students’ progress and the expectations for the school year.

Ms. Francis discussing classroom expectations at Open House

Oscar Cooper and family are greeted by Mrs. R. Johnson, ELA teacher.

We are so excited about the first edition of the campus newsletter! We want to thank each and every one of you for providing outstanding pictures and information. We plan to go from good to great, but we can’t do it alone. 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. Send all correspondence to ggallien@houstonisd.org and trobers3@houstonisd.org.

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