



# SINCLAIR STARGAZER

Sinclair Elementary Newsletter

February 7th, 2018

## A Message from the Principal

We've had a crazy start to the year! The freezing second week of January did slow us down a bit but we're back on track! Boosterthon was awesome! I really enjoyed the music in the morning and afternoon and it was a huge success as we raised more money than ever! I want to say thank to our PTO and all our parents who contributed to make this event successful. Without you, it simply wouldn't be possible.

Our new school dismissal time is 3:30 p.m. I'm asking that you honor this time as instructional time adjusting your after school schedules and planning your child's doctor, dentist and professional visits to occur after 3:30. The extra 10 minutes are being used as instructional time. Parents please note that we won't be able to accept student pickups after 3:00 PM, of course with the exception of an emergency.

As you may have noticed, we have been using some cones in front of the school to aid with traffic during dismissal. Please keep in mind that student safety is our number one priority. I'd like to remind everyone to please respect all traffic and parking laws and ordinances during arrival and dismissal. A little patience on everyone's part will go a long way in helping to ensure our students are safe each and every day. Lastly, As always, don't hesitate to contact me at [lmashbur@houstonisd.org](mailto:lmashbur@houstonisd.org) for anything!

*"When you can do the  
common things of life  
in an uncommon way,  
you will command  
the attention of the  
world."*

*George Washington  
Carver*



### Sinclair Spotlight:

#### *Mr. Lira, Administrative Assistant*

- This is his first time working in a school district.
- Likes Sushi and Coffee (Not mixed, of course)
- We are super excited to have Mr. Lira as part of our front office team and encourage you all to stop by and say hello him. When asked what made him switch from the executive side to an educational setting, he said: "Having a father who has been a teacher for 15 years and being engaged to one, I've spent several days with them in their school setting. I've come to appreciate everything schools do for our communities and I wanted to join the effort. Coming from assisting an executive team, my experience will come in handy to help our team and staff become the best in our district!"



## FEBRUARY

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
*Box Tops Contest Begins!*

**February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
*Spirit Night*  
Chick-Fil-A @ 610  
4:00 PM—8:00 PM

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
*Name That Book Competition*  
MC Williams MS Auditorium  
12:30 PM—2:30 PM

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*STEM Night/PTO Meeting*  
Cafeteria @ 5:45 PM

**February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
*2nd Annual Silent Auction*  
Cactus Cove Restaurant  
7:00 PM—10:00 PM

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip*  
Cinemark Tinseltown @ 290

**February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip*  
The Hobby Center  
6:15 PM—10:30 PM

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*Pre-K/Sinclair Choir*  
*Celebrates Black History*  
*Month*  
Cafeteria @ 6 PM

**Box Top Contest Ends!**

# Magnet/Vanguard Coordinator Message

As we progress through the third cycle, students move through their two week rotations in each magnet class. Please feel free to reach out to our magnet teachers to find out more about what your student is doing in their class. Students are making cross-curricular applications in several of our magnet courses this semester. Upper grade students are using their STEM engineering skills in Ms. Catoire's music class to investigate sound energy as they design their own instruments from upcycled materials as well as applying social studies and research skills in Mr. Quentin's STEM class to create interactive posters, programmed video stories, and even video games that present an ancient civilization or culture. Meanwhile, lower grade students are putting their science knowledge to work by creating interactive solar system models using PowerPoint in Ms. Doucette's media class as well as connecting their literacy skills to produce class plays in Mrs. Adams's drama class.

We are continuing to grow our fine arts offerings through added field experiences for students. This month, Mrs. Adams has organized the very first evening field trip for 5th graders to see Memphis at Theater Under the Stars. Students will have the opportunity to dress up and attend a formal performance within the greater Houston community. Our hope is to establish this evening field trip as an annual event.

Our annual STEM night is coming up on February 15th! Please mark your calendars — students will be showcasing their STEM projects and skills at some stations and there will be opportunities for families to take some science/math resources home as well. Prior to the start of the evening, we will be hosting a community meeting to present two organizations for consideration as our after-school care providers. As we expand our special programs, it is imperative that we hear your voices in order to best meet the needs of your family. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

## A message from the PTO

Thank you all for your support of this year's Boosterthon fundraiser! The money raised will be going directly back into the school to provide classroom supplies, and support literacy and technology needs in the current and upcoming school year.

We had originally set the Boosterthon fundraiser to be at the beginning of the school year and our silent auction to occur mid year, but our Houston weather interrupted this schedule. We know we just had a fundraiser and many of you donated, but we want to invite you all to attend our silent auction on the 16th. We have some great items that range from car passes for dismissal in the circle drive to bowling with the principal. The event is planned for 2-16-17 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm at Cactus Cove Restaurant.