



# **Coffee with the Principal/ Title 1 Meeting**

Wharton K-8 Dual Language Academy  
November 1, 2024



# **Advanced Orchestra Performance**

## Ice Breaker

Chose a color in your outfit and answer one of the following questions with someone you haven't met before.



# Thanksgiving GRATITUDE GAME

-  NAME A PERSON YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.
-  NAME SOMETHING YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.
-  NAME A MEMORY YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.
-  NAME A PLACE YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.
-  NAME A SKILL YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.
-  NAME ANYTHING YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR.



# IRT Visit

Congratulations Team Wharton!

We scored a 9.125 on our first IRT Visit



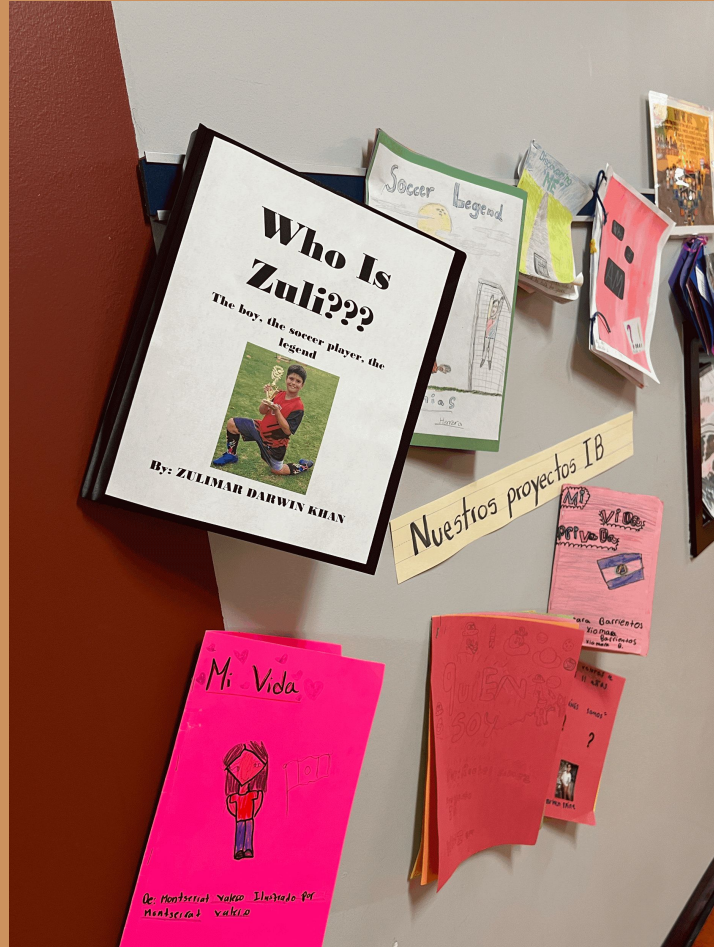
Huge glows!

- Student work displayed in the hallways and in the classroom

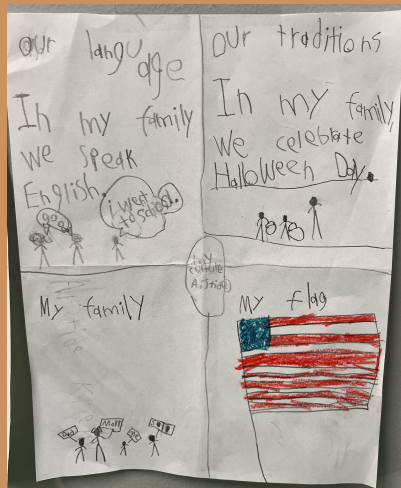
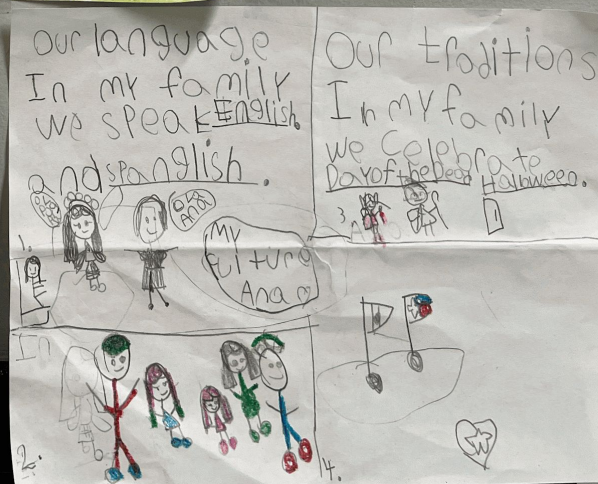
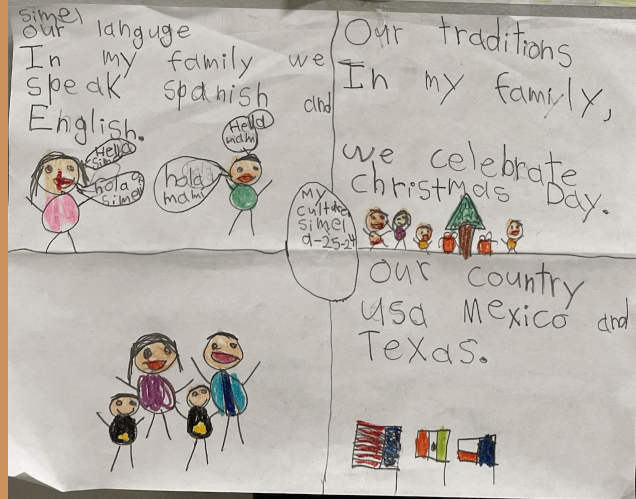
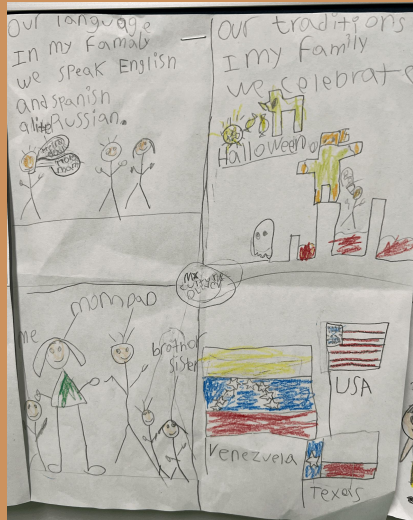
Evidence of high quality instruction through the IB PYP and Spanish dual language programs.



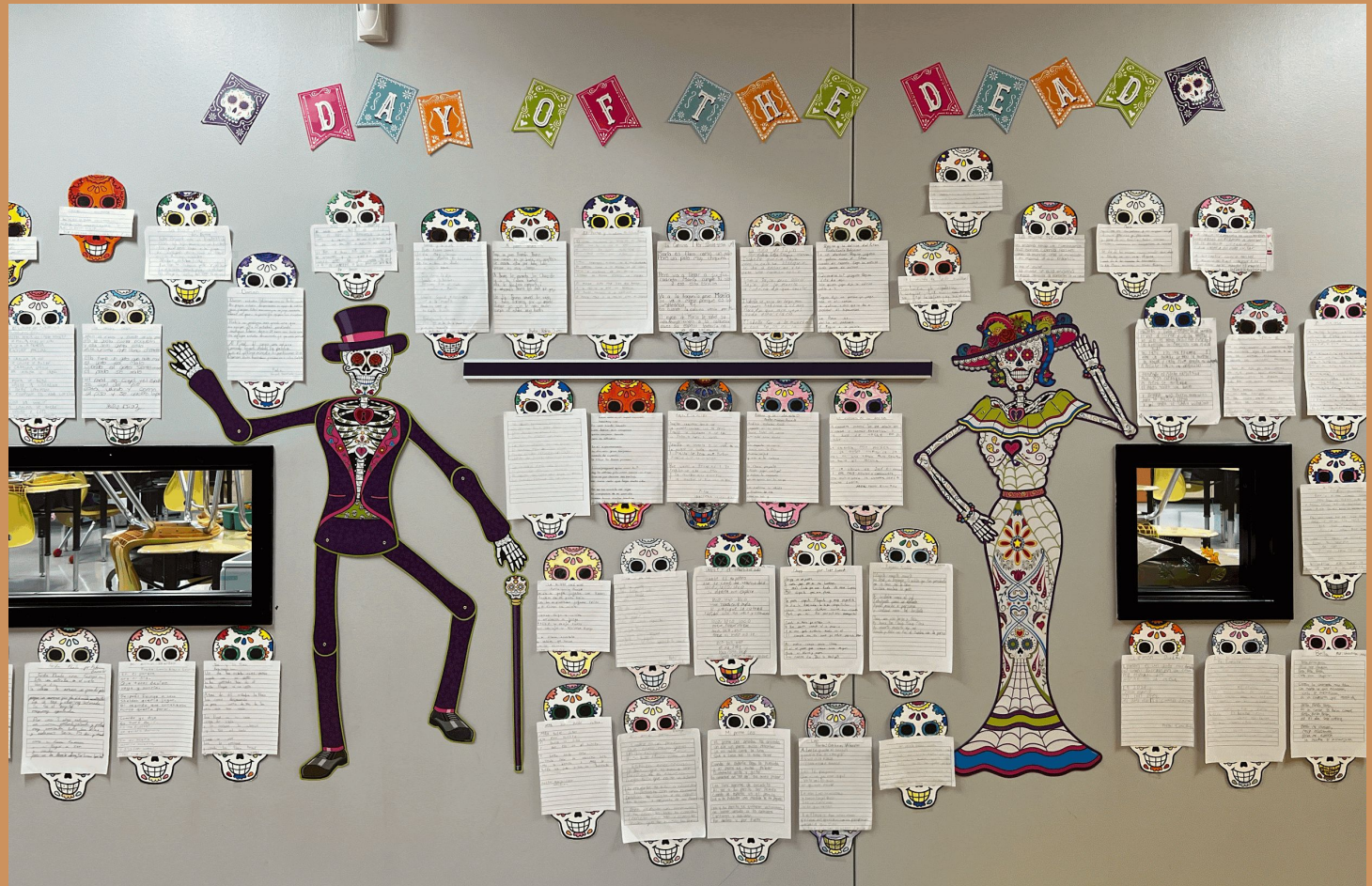
# IB at Wharton!







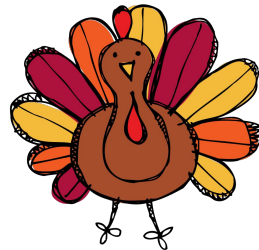




# Attendance Matters!

- Tardy policy - 8:35 am
- 90% Compulsory Law
- Leaving Early (MS)

“Houston ISD is dedicated to academic achievement and success for all scholars. Regular attendance is critically important, because absent students lose instructional seat time, thus creating a lost opportunity to learn, ask questions, and engage in class activities. Poor attendance can be excused/unexcused absences and truancies, which ultimately impacts our students' academic performance.”





**MAGNET  
THURSDAYS  
ARE BACK!**



WHARTON  
DUAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY

WHARTON DLA  
VIRTUAL  
SCHOOL TOUR



WHARTON K-8  
DUAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
MAGNET THURSDAY TOURS  
9:00 AM  
OCTOBER 10, 2024 THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 2025

SCHOOL CHOICE FAIRS  
9 AM - 12 PM

9AM - 12PM  
11.16 MILBY HS  
12.14 - WASHINGTON HS  
01.11 - WESTSIDE HS  
02.08 - LAMAR HS

IMPORTANT DATES

12.10.24  
PHASE 1 -  
APPLICATION OPENS  
02.12.25  
PHASE 1 -  
APPLICATION IS DUE  
03.20.25  
PARENT LOTTERY  
NOTIFICATION DAY  
&  
PHASE 2 - APPLICATIONS  
OPEN

NEED MORE INFO?

713-535-3771

WDLA WEBSITE



# 5th & 8th Grade Students Only



## GIFTED AND TALENTED TESTING

If your child is currently in **5th** or **8th** grade and **enrolled or zoned to HISD** and not already identified as gifted and talented in both reading and math, we are offering a second round of G/T testing for these two transition grades. This will provide an opportunity for G/T identification and admission to a secondary Vanguard Magnet campus that requires G/T identification for enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year.

**DEADLINE TO REQUEST: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

*Scan the QR code OR click the link below:*

### Middle School Vanguard Campuses

- Black MS
- Burbank MS
- Hamilton MS
- Lanier MS
- T.H. Rogers



### High School Vanguard Campus

- Carnegie Vanguard HS

**GT Test Request Link**

<https://bit.ly/3Sx6X8B>

- Enrolled families please make sure you input the Student's ID number so they are tested at their enrolled campus.
- Zoned families must reside in the primary residence of the HISD-zoned campus. We will not test non-zoned students.

**5th & 8th Gr Testing Window**  
November 11 - November 22



GiftedandTalented@houstonisd.org

# Parent Volunteer Guidelines



## WHARTON DLA LOVES VOLUNTEERS!

CAMPUS OR  
TEACHER REQUEST  
FOR VOLUNTEER  
SUPPORT

01

TEACHER REQUEST  
VIA TODDLE

CAMPUS REQUEST  
VIA PTO  
PLATFORMS

02

VOLUNTEER SIGNS UP  
THEN COORDINATE  
WITH DESIGNATED  
STAFF

03

VOLUNTEER SIGNS IN  
AT THE FRONT OFFICE  
(NOTE: IDENTIFICATION  
REQUIRED)

04

VOLUNTEER REPORTS  
TO EVENT LOCATION  
OR WORKS ON  
ASSIGNMENT IN WDLA  
COMMUNITY ROOM

05

TEACHER SUPPORT:  
COORDINATE WITH  
THE TEACHER  
DIRECTLY

CAMPUS SUPPORT:  
COORDINATE WITH  
MRS. BENAVIDEZ

REMINDER: ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE VIPS APPROVED.





# Updates

## Security -

- Wharton has requested a police office on campus since the beginning of the school year.
- We continue to implement security protocols such as:
  - Locking classroom doors
  - Locking external doors
  - Buzzing in Visitors

## Teacher Support:

- Weekly PLCs
- Mentor Teachers
- New Teachers on The Block PD Days
- Coverage or TA/s provided for additional planning or support with students in classroom
- One-on-One check-in

# Middle School Student Travel Opportunity!

## Contact Ms. Valles for more information



## Join us in Japan Summer 2026

Dear parents & guardians,

There's an incredible educational travel opportunity available for your student. Come to the information session to meet with me and learn more about this tour, including:

- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- Earning high school or college credit
- Affordable payment options
- How to enroll on this trip—before it fills up

I look forward to seeing you there!

Erika Valles  
Group Leader

Opt in to get info on the RSVP page.  
For more information contact me [evallesm@houstonisd.org](mailto:evallesm@houstonisd.org)



Come here ————— to go there

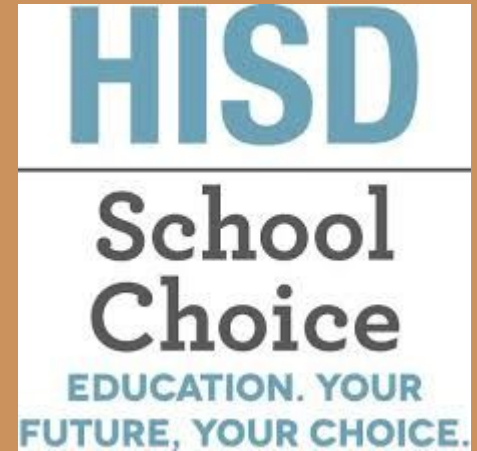


# IN- HOUSE SCHOOL CHOICE FAIR

ALL 8TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO THE  
SCHOOL CHOICE FAIR

- @ WHARTON
- FROM 2:00 - 3:00
- DEC. 4TH

35 SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND!





# Upcoming Events

## November 1

- Sunshine Cart
- Storybook Parade @ 2:00 PM

## November 2

- Fall Festival

## November 8

- No School for students

## November 11

- Cycle 2 Report Cards Go Home

## November 16

- School Choice Fair at Milby HS
  - 9:00 - 12:00

## November 18 - 22

- Scholastic Book Fair

## November 20

- Thanksgiving Luncheon for PK, 1st, 3rd, & 5th

## November 21

- Thanksgiving Luncheon for Kinder, 2nd, 4th, & MS

## November 25 - 29

- Thanksgiving Break



- **Tuesday 11/19** - Virtual General PTO Meeting
- **Friday 12/6** - Movie Night



**THANK YOU!**