

## ****Principal's Corner****



**FAFSA Deadline.** Next week – January 15th – is the deadline for our seniors to submit their FAFSA.  The FAFSA is necessary to be considered for grants and loans for college, and also may be required for academic, athletic and needs-based scholarships.  It is important for all families to submit a FAFSA before this deadline.  If you are selecting not to submit the FAFSA, simply email Ms. Trendell ([mtrendel@houstonisd.org](mailto:mtrendel@houstonisd.org)) to let her know your family is opting out.

**What is Dead Week?**  The week of January 18-22 is designated as dead week.  Dead week is the time period in which no NEW material is presented in the classroom, allowing teachers and students to review the comprehensive material from the first semester as students prepare for semester exams.  Students should report to class (in-person or remotely) as scheduled to participate in the review lessons the teacher has prepared.  The teachers have the flexibility to determine whether or not the synchronous learning period will need to be extended during dead week to ensure students have the best preparation for success on exams.

**Final Exams.** The week of January 25-28, students will take first semester final exams.  The exam schedule is listed below.  Students will be released after their exams each day at 12:40 p.m.  Exams will be administered in-person and remotely, depending on your child’s learning preference.  This may present a challenge.  I always ask that we are strategic about creating systems that make it more difficult for students to choose the wrong thing, than the right thing.  I want to encourage students to uphold the highest levels of academic honesty.  Any behaviors that violate the academic honesty policy may result in a zero on the final exam.  Please follow the guidelines provided by the teacher for exam administration.

January 25-28

Fall Semester Exams (see exam schedule below)

**Monday, January 25, 2021:   Period 2- (8:30 - 10:30 am)**

**Period 1- (10:40 am - 12:40 pm)**

**Lunch 12:40 - 12:50 pm**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021:  Period 6- (8:30 - 10:30 am)**

**Period 5- (10:40 am - 12:40 pm)**

**Lunch 12:40 - 12:50 pm**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2021:  Period 3- (8:30 - 10:30 am)**

**Period 4- (10:40 am - 12:40 pm)**

**Lunch 12:40 - 12:50 pm**

**Thursday, January 28, 2021:  Period 7- (8:30 - 10:30 am)**

**Period 8- (10:40 am - 12:40 pm)**

**Lunch 12:40 - 12:50 pm**

January 29

Student holiday – Teacher Prep Day

February 1

First Day of Spring Semester (4th grading cycle)

## ****Highlighted Events****

* **Thurs. Jan. 7th- Senior Pictures (Lamar)...sign-up**[**www.bit.ly/LASTCHANCEseniorphotos**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/wIv_VbBRN6Tqqs9gIkqeuw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QqaHR0cDovL3d3dy5iaXQubHkvTEFTVENIQU5DRXNlbmlvcnBob3Rvc8KgVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpf9QJK9l_SXF6rUhdESk9ORVMxM0Bob3VzdG9uaXNkLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)
* **Fri. Jan. 8th- Senior Pictures (Lamar)...sign-up**[**www.bit.ly/LASTCHANCEseniorphotos**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/wIv_VbBRN6Tqqs9gIkqeuw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QqaHR0cDovL3d3dy5iaXQubHkvTEFTVENIQU5DRXNlbmlvcnBob3Rvc8KgVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpf9QJK9l_SXF6rUhdESk9ORVMxM0Bob3VzdG9uaXNkLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)
* **Tues. Jan. 12th- PSAT 9th Grade**
* **Wed. Jan. 13th- Virtual Business Workshop (Online) 11:45 am - 12:15 pm**
* **Fri. Jan. 15th- UIL Winter Show (Lamar) 6:30 pm**
* **Fri. Jan. 15th- LDT Winter Spectacular (Performance Hall) 7 pm**
* **Sat. Jan 16th- UIL Winter Show (Lamar) 7 pm**
* **Mon. Jan. 18th- MLK Holiday**

## ****PSAT 9th and10th Updates****

The 9th graders will have an opportunity to take the PSAT 8/9 on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.   All freshman (both virtual and in-person) have been registered to take these tests free of charge. The PSAT is not required, however our students are encouraged to take these tests for practice. All students who are testing must arrive on campus by 8:30 AM. It is important that students are on time. Students arriving late will not be allowed to test. This will be the only opportunity to test this school year. There will be no make-up exams. Virtual students will be allowed to leave campus when everyone is finished testing (about 12:00 noon). In-person students will remain on campus until 4:10 PM. For additional helpful hints about taking the PSAT, please visit the College Board at  [https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/tQbd0QPnpH-SIncwpy9Dnw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QyaHR0cHM6Ly9jb2xsZWdlcmVhZGluZXNzLmNvbGxlZ2Vib2FyZC5vcmcvcHNhdC04LTlXB3NjaG9vbG1CCl_1Akr2X9JcXqtSF0RKT05FUzEzQGhvdXN0b25pc2Qub3JnWAQAAAAB)  We will be offering the PSAT 10 to sophomores on Tuesday February 23, 2021.

## ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Program

Attention 10 - 12th graders interested in taking the ASVAB.  The ASVAB will be administered at Lamar HS (in-person) on Wednesday, January 20th. The ASVAB is a multiple choice assessment, administered by the United States Military Entrance Processing Command used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces. This test covers eight general subjects, testing current knowledge and propensity to learn in different subject areas. It contains questions on English, science, mechanics and electronics. To learn more or take a practice test visit [www.asvabprogram.com](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/5nMqunzB8pMDThX0Q6ZDGA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0S_aHR0cDovL3RyYWNrLnNwZS5zY2hvb2xtZXNzZW5nZXIuY29tL2YvYS9nTVFBUWdwem0zLWlnT1lXeWJncGNRfn4vQUFBQUFRQX4vUmdSZHMyRmlQMFFiYUhSMGNEb3ZMM2QzZHk1aGMzWmhZbkJ5YjJkeVlXMHVZMjl0VndkelkyaHZiMnh0UWdvQUFPSXQwbHRiblhqZlVoWnpkMkZzZEc5dVFHaHZkWE4wYjI1cGMyUXViM0puV0FRQUFBQUJXB3NjaG9vbG1CCl_1Akr2X9JcXqtSF0RKT05FUzEzQGhvdXN0b25pc2Qub3JnWAQAAAAB) or  [https://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Fj--oxCIC8dIrtJbwqttAg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QwaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cubWlsaXRhcnkuY29tL2pvaW4tYXJtZWQtZm9yY2VzL2FzdmFiVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpf9QJK9l_SXF6rUhdESk9ORVMxM0Bob3VzdG9uaXNkLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~). To register to take the ASVAB at Lamar HS students should complete the Google form at [https://forms.gle/922o5eXEccoFfEC86](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Jlj_othJvvsVVaZSrLREYg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QjaHR0cHM6Ly9mb3Jtcy5nbGUvOTIybzVlWEVjY29GZkVDODZXB3NjaG9vbG1CCl_1Akr2X9JcXqtSF0RKT05FUzEzQGhvdXN0b25pc2Qub3JnWAQAAAAB)  to begin the registration process. Students must be logged into the HISD Google account to access the link.

## ****SENIOR PORTRAITS- LAST CHANCE JAN. 7 & 8!****

Seniors: If you have not taken your senior portraits, your LAST CHANCE to get your portraits done and be in the 2020-21 yearbook is THIS THURSDAY, January 7th or Friday, January 8th. You must bring $10 cash or card for your session, in which you will take a formal photo and a cap & gown photo. All outfits are supplied via the studio.

Sign-up for the LAST CHANCE photo session at Lamar, in the athletic lobby right outside the entrance from the 2nd floor parking garage, via the following link: [**www.bit.ly/LASTCHANCEseniorphotos**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/wIv_VbBRN6Tqqs9gIkqeuw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QqaHR0cDovL3d3dy5iaXQubHkvTEFTVENIQU5DRXNlbmlvcnBob3Rvc8KgVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpf9QJK9l_SXF6rUhdESk9ORVMxM0Bob3VzdG9uaXNkLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)

Any senior can attend the on-campus session on January 7th or 8th.

**\*If you do not get your senior portrait taken by Prestige before Jan. 8th, you WILL NOT be in the yearbook!\***

**Please contact Kadee Harper,**[**kadee.harper@houstonisd.org**](mailto:kadee.harper@houstonisd.org)**, with questions regarding pictures.**

## ****Yearbook PHOTO PICK-UP - ROUND 2****

**If you are a 9-11 grade student that took the yearbook photo in November, your photos and proofs have arrived!!**

We will hold a second drive-through distribution!

**Where: Transit center off Eastside**

**When: Saturday, January 16th**

**Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Swing through to pick up your photos if you are a virtual student or an in-person student that did not collect your photo from your neighborhood teacher before winter break!

Follow us on Instagram and Twitter @lamarlifeonline and @lamarlifeyearbook for more updates!

**Please contact Kadee Harper,**[**kadee.harper@houstonisd.org**](mailto:kadee.harper@houstonisd.org)**, with questions.**

## ****SENIOR ADS - RUNNING OUT OF TIME!****

**Time is running out to purchase a yearbook ad or shoutout for your senior/student!**

**The deadline is January 15th and ad prices start at just $40!**

You can create the meaningful and personalized ad yourself (like Shutterfly) or we can create it with photos you supply.

It’s quick, it’s easy, and it’ll last forever!

**To purchase a yearbook or yearbook ad, follow the steps below:**

--> Go to [www.balfour.com](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/ZvNiWK1KzsJmQcW8kG2oGA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QWaHR0cDovL3d3dy5iYWxmb3VyLmNvbVcHc2Nob29sbUIKX_UCSvZf0lxeq1IXREpPTkVTMTNAaG91c3RvbmlzZC5vcmdYBAAAAAE~)

--> Click yearbooks and enter your student's information

--> Once entered, click SHOP FOR THIS STUDENT

--> You will see all yearbook ad sizes and prices as well as all items available to purchase, such as the yearbook itself!

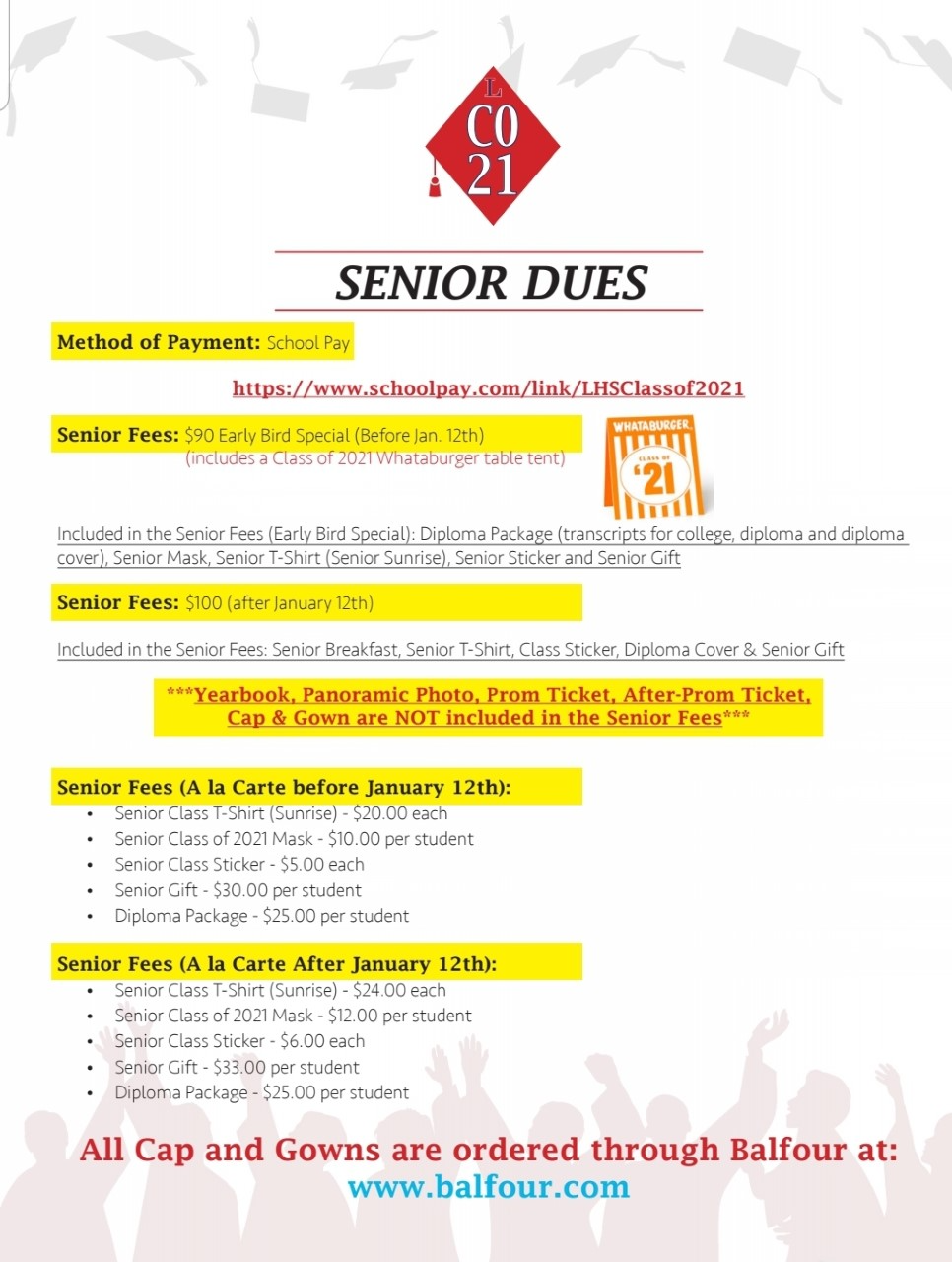
-->Once you purchase the ad space you can personalize it yourself! If you wish to have a yearbook staff member create the ad for you, please contact our Adviser after you purchase the ad for further direction.

**Follow us on Instagram, Tic Tok, and Twitter @lamarlifeonline and @lamarlifeyearbook for more updates!**

Please contact Kadee Harper,[kadee.harper@houstonisd.org](mailto:kadee.harper@houstonisd.org), with questions.

## Senior Dues Early Bird Deadline Jan. 12th

**Seniors make sure you pay your senior dues before January 12th.  Reference below for further details:**



## Balfour Graduation Invitations



Hello Texans! Its is 2nd Semester and Graduation is around the corner. Below we have attached links with all information needed for placing your Graduation Order. Orders can easily be placed online at balfour.com, placed at our office or placed at school on designated days. Balfour will be on campus during lunch for questions and orders on:

**Tuesday, Feb. 2**

and

**Wednesday, Mar. 3**

Packets have been left at the front reception area if you would like a hard copy of either brochure.

Lamar High Schools Custom Balfour Page

[https://www.balfour.com/texas/houston/lamar-high-school](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/aOYQXOaklNUqNtKgreZvRg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0Q3aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYmFsZm91ci5jb20vdGV4YXMvaG91c3Rvbi9sYW1hci1oaWdoLXNjaG9vbFcHc2Nob29sbUIKX_UCSvZf0lxeq1IXREpPTkVTMTNAaG91c3RvbmlzZC5vcmdYBAAAAAE~)

Class Jewelry Catalog

[https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1018756/](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/1OGPtL5qBO-6C9l4X73SeA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QtaHR0cHM6Ly9vbmxpbmUuZmxpcHBpbmdib29rLmNvbS92aWV3LzEwMTg3NTYvVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpf9QJK9l_SXF6rUhdESk9ORVMxM0Bob3VzdG9uaXNkLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)

Graduation Catalog

[https://online.flippingbook.com/view/673253/](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Yb3flz2hHBwZW4aXl_wqiQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QsaHR0cHM6Ly9vbmxpbmUuZmxpcHBpbmdib29rLmNvbS92aWV3LzY3MzI1My9XB3NjaG9vbG1CCl_1Akr2X9JcXqtSF0RKT05FUzEzQGhvdXN0b25pc2Qub3JnWAQAAAAB)

All products except Cap and Gowns and Diploma Frames will be mailed directly to the students home. Cap and Gowns and Diplomas Frames will be delivered to the Senior Class at a later date in the Spring.

Please be aware that an individual processing fee will be included after March 3, 2021.

## Are you prepared for the future?!

**Lamar has partnered with Argus Media to present a fantastic opportunity for you to take steps for your future and receive information and mentorship from professionals!**

This could be a resume boost for you as well as provide you with great insight!

Check with your teacher to see if they will offer you extra credit for attending!

**General information:**

**Part 2 of 5:**Writing Formal Emails & Professional Documents

**Day/Date:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021

**LUNCH,**11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

**To RSVP and add this to your Teams calendar, please complete the short form via the following CAP-SENSTIVE link:** [www.bit.ly/stepstotheFUTURE](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/ei3rmNp28bIs56Qooclmsg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QiaHR0cDovL3d3dy5iaXQubHkvc3RlcHN0b3RoZUZVVFVSRVcHc2Nob29sbUIKX_UCSvZf0lxeq1IXREpPTkVTMTNAaG91c3RvbmlzZC5vcmdYBAAAAAE~)

Please contact Kadee Harper, [*kadee.harper@houstonisd.org*](mailto:kadee.harper@houstonisd.org), with questions.

## Interested in Interior Design or Architecture?

**Lamar has partnered with Abel Design Group to present you, “An Introduction to the Architecture and Design Industry”**

This could be a career path that you've been dreaming of but never knew just how to get started! This presentation will be led by a 2014 Lamar graduate that can provide insight to the design industry and advise on life after high school!

Check with your teacher to see if they will offer you extra credit for attending!

**General information:**

“An Introduction to the Architecture and Design Industry”

**Day/Date:**Thursday, January 21, 2021

**LUNCH,**11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

**To RSVP and add this to your Teams calendar, please complete the short form via the following CAP-SENSTIVE link:** [bit.ly/INTROdesign](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/MXgjQ1TuzuFDSoPfYEjA7A~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QZaHR0cDovL2JpdC5seS9JTlRST2Rlc2lnblcHc2Nob29sbUIKX_UCSvZf0lxeq1IXREpPTkVTMTNAaG91c3RvbmlzZC5vcmdYBAAAAAE~)

Please contact Kadee Harper, [*kadee.harper@houstonisd.org*](mailto:kadee.harper@houstonisd.org), with questions.

## LDT Winter Spectacular



When:  **January 15th**

Where:  **Ned S. Performance Hall**

Time:  **7 pm**

Purchase Tickets on SchoolPay: https://[www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/Md8b](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/SfPK7ttMethobdk0gM5ZIA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QoaHR0cDovL3d3dy5zY2hvb2xwYXkuY29tL3BhcmVudC9taXAvTWQ4YlcHc2Nob29sbUIKX_UCSvZf0lxeq1IXREpPTkVTMTNAaG91c3RvbmlzZC5vcmdYBAAAAAE~)

## WRESTLING FANCLOTH FUNDRAISER!!!!

**IT IS TIME TO GET YOU SOME NEW WRESTLING GEAR!!!**

**YOU CAN PURCHASE ITEMS AT THE LINK BELOW: The sale ends Jan. 18th.**

**Online store**

[**https://fancloth.shop/ZMCYT**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/WfC_ZsSk6D6fIbtb6y1X4g~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QbaHR0cHM6Ly9mYW5jbG90aC5zaG9wL1pNQ1lUVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpf9QJK9l_SXF6rUhdESk9ORVMxM0Bob3VzdG9uaXNkLm9yZ1gEAAAAAQ~~)

**THE ITEMS ARE SENT DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME!!! NO MORE WAITING ON US.**

**When you purchase, you can put Coach Noble/Coach Wingard or a players name if you know them!**

## Baseball Tryouts

Baseball tryouts will begin Friday Jan 22 at 4:30 PM at the baseball field. All required paperwork needs to be submitted PRIOR to trying out. Please email Coach Munoz at [Dmunoz@houstonisd.org](mailto:Dmunoz@houstonisd.org) for more information.

## ****LAMAR WOMEN’S LACROSSE****

The Lamar Women’s Lacrosse team starts practice this Monday, January 11that 4:35pm at the HYLAX fields located at South Campus (3500 West Belfort Ave).  If you have not registered for the spring season, it’s not too late!!  Just go to [https://lamarwlax.org/spring-season](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/G-_U-WhifDgZzJHSwEkpNQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh132CP0QjaHR0cHM6Ly9sYW1hcndsYXgub3JnL3NwcmluZy1zZWFzb25XB3NjaG9vbG1CCl_1Akr2X9JcXqtSF0RKT05FUzEzQGhvdXN0b25pc2Qub3JnWAQAAAAB) to register.  If you have any questions or would like more information, please email [lamarwlax@gmail.com](mailto:lamarwlax@gmail.com).

## ****Wraparound Specialists****

Wraparound  received donations from community partners, PTO, Alumni and staff for the Alamo Closets for our students and families in need. If you know of any student and or family in need; please either stop by the Wraparound Office located next door to the School Store and or either call Mrs. Merci at 713-522-5960 Ext: 008156 or 832-377-8407and Ms. Harris at 713-522-5960 Ext: 008358 or 346-91-7229. Leave a detailed message and they will return your call. They are working on helping families for the Winter Break, so please keep in mind any families may need the extra support and help over the upcoming break. They are there to help bridge the gap for our students, families, staff and community, by providing nonacademic support, resources and connection. Please allow them to provide support. “It takes a village to raise a child and a community to raise a family; let us all wraparound and connect”!

## ****Appointments****

Please try to schedule all appointments for days when students are virtual to help us limit the number of people on campus during the day.  This is an important part of our Communicable Diseases Plan and is important in maintaining in-person as an option for students.

In the event of a true emergency, please call in advance to let the Welcome Center know you are coming to campus.  **Please remember that we cannot check out students during the lunch period 11:45-12:45 p.m., or during the last 30 minutes of the school day (3:40-4:10 p.m.)**

## ****Need Help with Something Else?****

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| If your Advocacy Teacher is … | Your Academic Dean is …  Your Assistant Principal is...  Your Neighborhood Clerk is... |
| Mr. Arjon or Mr. A. Ryan  9A & 9B | Mr. Jefferson  [pjeffer2@houstonisd.org](mailto:pjeffer2@houstonisd.org)  Dr. Cain  [rcain@houstonisd.org](mailto:rcain@houstonisd.org)   Ms. Guzman   [Mguzman5@houstonisd.org](mailto:Mguzman5@houstonisd.org) |
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## ****An Inspirational Moment****

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

Author:  Anne Frank

