MESSAGE TO PARENTS ...

“Parents are their children’s first educators”

...is one of the most resounding truths of all time... and one we have all heard at least once in our lives. We owe many of our character traits to our parents including, our likes and dislikes, personal habits, sometimes even our fears, and in many cases – ultimately our profession. Parents taught us our first words, witnessed our very first steps, laughs, tears and pain. The world we explored, be it small or large, wealthy or poor, filled with joy or sadness – was the world we grew to love. It was the world that nurtured our imagination. It was the world shown to us through their eyes – through the eyes of our first teachers – our parents.

For educators, the end of each weekday often signifies we’ve concluded another workday filled with lessons, questions, much curiosity and frequent technology mishaps. Sometimes if educators are fortunate, their daily contribution to a student’s educational growth helps create life-long bonds. Year after year students experience a change of teachers as they do the change of seasons, however during the most influential years in a student’s life, one constant remains unaltered – parents.

A child’s academic future is nurtured through the care and never-ending labor provided by parents and fueled by their wish to see their children succeed. It is because of this desire that our Multilingual Department has created this space to maintain our children’s most fearless advocates informed and equipped with tools that will enhance their skills at promoting their children’s educational development. In addition to educational tools, we provide avenues for parents to seek resources such as immunization, volunteering, entertainment, and tips for at-home learning. We believe knowledge is power, and our job is to empower parents with information and resources that will enhance their understanding of their children’s education and how to advocate for them.

DROP OF WISDOM

Greetings Families,

I want to welcome you to a different type of school year! As a parent I know that schooling our children at home is not easy, but I know that with your help our children will be successful!

In addition, I want to ensure that you visit our Support for English Language Learners page for more information about how to support your child at home. Be sure to activate the google translate button at the top right-hand corner to be able to see the information in multiple languages. Looking forward to a healthy and fruitful school year!

Anna L. White, Executive Director
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IMPORTANT DATES

PHASE 1: SEPT. 19 – NOV. 6, 2020
PHASE 2: NOV. 7 – FEB. 26, 2021*
PHASE 3: FEB. 27, 2021

*Deadline for current HISD students to apply for transfers.

ARE OUR CHILDREN’S IMMUNIZATIONS UP TO DATE?

The Harris Health Troubleshooters Immunization Program assists families to obtain full immunizations for children. For more information call 713-873-TOTS (713-873-8687) or click on here: https://www.harrishealth.org/.
We Need Volunteers!

Volunteers In Public Schools

Members of our VIPS program support students through mentoring and tutoring students. Fundraising, career education, and enrichment programs are also areas of dedication. If you're ready for a new challenge registering online or visit VIPS at https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/126421.

Houston Zoo Live Event

Tune-in Wednesdays at 11:00 am to watch different species of amphibians interact within their habitat. Ready to observe? Click here: https://www.facebook.com/houstonzoo.

School - Family Partnerships

When families show a positive attitude about education, children do better and are enthusiastic about going to school.

Parents of children in schools are encouraged to:

• advocate for their children and school,
• encourage their children’s achievement, positive behavior, persistence and active participation in learning and school activities,
• ensure that their children attend school every day ready to learn,
• communicate with the school about absences and any special circumstances affecting the student, and
• collaborate, volunteer, and engage in decision-making to improve the quality of the school.

Remember …. Learning can be enjoyable, as well as rewarding.

Do You want to Help Your Child Succeed in Learning a Second Language?

You can help your child become a better reader by practicing the skills listed below. Since literacy skills are transferable, these good habits can also enhance their literacy skills in the native language.

• Create a literature rich setting
• Read together
• Re-read to discover new details and build fluency
• Read different types of books
• Listen to audio books and talk about what you have read together or independently

For additional strategies on assisting your children succeed at home click on this link: https://www.txel.org/parents-and-families

Tips for Preparing a Comfortable Learning Setting At Home

Learning at home can be a balancing act. However, sustained periods of distance learning are successful when students have a routine to follow and a space in which to work and learn. As you think about how to support your child’s online learning, consider the following:

Provide an appropriate learning space for students when possible.

Help students keep track of deadlines.

Prepare a daily schedule, map out your at-home instructional day.

Communicate with teachers regarding instructional needs and the campus for technology troubleshooting.

Monitor your student’s time and encourage physical exercise.

Reflective Questions for Parents of English Learners:

• How can I monitor how much English my child is learning?
• How can I help my child improve his/her English Language proficiency?

Discussing these questions with your child’s teacher will help guide teacher will help guide your academic support at home. Educating a successful student is a collaborative effort of both parents and teachers.