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Wharton PK-8 Dual Language Academy to celebrate new building with grand opening ceremony

WHAT: Wharton PK-8 Dual Language Academy is hosting a grand opening ceremony to celebrate their new school, which opened in January. Built as part of the 2012 Bond Program, the new \$39.2 million building features new learning spaces and labs, a new gym, library, dining commons, a courtyard that preserves heritage trees, and a grand, three-story glass entryway. Brightly colored hallways and classrooms feature wall graphics — in both English and Spanish — that showcase the school’s dual language program. The project also included a major renovation to the school’s historic, original building, which houses the lower grade levels and a community and art room.

Editor’s Note: *Media will be able to tour the new facility and interview students, staff, and district officials.*

WHO: Wharton PK-8 Dual Language Academy Principal **Jennifer Day**, HISD Board of Education President **Diana Dávila**, HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, Wharton Project Advisory Team Member **Raul Ramos**, Ballet Folklórico, and the Lamar High School JROTC, as well as various dignitaries, school stakeholders, community members, students, parents, and staff

WHEN: Thursday, April 25
2 – 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Wharton PK-8 Dual Language Academy, 900 West Gray St., 77019

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