

## **NASA astronauts on mission to encourage STEM education at several HISD campuses**

**WHAT:** Former NASA astronauts, along with their international counterparts, will visit five campuses in the Houston Independent School District on Wednesday to encourage the study of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

The astronauts will visit Davila and Wesley elementary schools, Deady Middle School, and Milby and Washington high schools. They will end their day by attending and supporting STEM night at Deady MS.

Astronaut visits to schools statewide Wednesday are part of the Association of Space Explorers' annual Community Day and are supported by the Texas A&M University System and Space Center Houston.

The astronauts' goal is to share their knowledge, experiences, and passion for space exploration in order to inspire future astronauts, scientists and engineers.

### **Astronauts' HISD Schedule on Wednesday, Oct. 16:**

**8:45 a.m. Davila ES**

Presentation at Davila ES, 7610 Dahlia St., 77012

**9 a.m. Wesley ES**

Presentation at Wesley ES, 800 Dillard St., 77091

**10:30 a.m. Milby HS**

Presentation at Milby HS, 1601 Broadway St., 77012

**1 p.m. Washington HS**

Tour of engineering classrooms at Washington HS, 4204 Yale St., 77018

**2:45 p.m.**

Presentation

**3 p.m.**

Rocketry/drone demonstration

**3 p.m. Deady MS**

Presentation at Deady MS, 2500 Broadway St., 77012

**5 p.m.**

STEM night with both teams of astronauts in attendance

***HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan will attend the presentation and drone demonstration at Washington HS beginning at 2:45 p.m.***

**WHO:** HISD Board of Education Trustees; HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**; Assistant Superintendent School Choice **Justin Fuentes**, former NASA Astronaut **Millie Highes**; former NASA Astronaut **John Olivas**; former European Space Agency Astronaut **Michel Tognin**; Korean Astronaut Program Astronaut **Soyeon Yi**; HISD students, staff, parents, community partners

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Oct. 16  
8:45 a.m.-6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Davila and Wesley elementary schools, Deady Middle School, Milby and Washington high schools

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