

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

HISD to host launch event for Camp Spark online academic enrichment program

WHAT: The Houston Independent School District will host a kickoff event on Tuesday, August 18 to announce the district's [HISD @ H.O.M.E.](#) Camp Spark online academic enrichment program.

The two-week online academic camp begins Monday, August 24 and runs through Friday, September 4 with the goal of enabling students to return strong for the 2020-2021 school year, which begins with virtual instruction on September 8.

Camp Spark lessons will range from physical fitness to science, literacy, math, internet safety, technology and art. Rising ninth-graders will take part in a boot camp to prepare them for high school while 10th- through 12th-graders will participate in a College and Career Readiness course.

During the launch event, a variety of sports, entertainment and education figures will present information about Camp Spark's engaging interactive daily lessons.

Educational content for camp participants will be provided by The Houston Public Library, Children's Museum Houston, Microsoft, Smart Financial, The Houston Ballet, The Houston Dynamo and Dash, Comp-U-Dopt and others, as well as HISD staff and teachers.

Students attending Camp Spark will have the chance to win one of thousands of prizes like STEM kits from Children's Museum Houston, and Bluetooth speakers.

Camp Spark is free for all students. Registration is encouraged but not required at Houstonisd.org/CampSpark.

Note: *The launch event is closed to the public however **media is invited to attend**. Masks and physical distancing will be required.*

WHO: HISD Board of Education Trustees, HISD Interim Superintendent **Grenita Lathan**, HISD Interim Chief Academic Officer **Yolanda Rodriguez**, Houston Dynamo and Dash President of Business Operations **John Walker**, performing artists **Rap A Lot Kids**, and **Dr. Trevor** with student ambassadors **Palmer Girls**

WHEN: Tuesday, August 18, 2020
1-1:30 p.m.

WHERE: BBVA Stadium
2200 Texas Ave, 77003

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