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# WELCOME!

Emerson Elementary welcomes several new additions to our community! Please join us in wishing them a great school year.



Belen Embid comes from Spain where she taught English. She teaches 1<sup>st</sup> grade bilingual.



Isabel Bover comes from Majorca, an island off the coast of Spain, where she worked as a teacher. She teaches 5th grade math.



Kenneth Brown, our Prevention Control Officer, will collaborate with teachers and parents to ensure your child's safety and well-being.



Diana Salam is our new receptionist. She comes from the banking business and speaks Spanish, English and some Arabic.

## Eagle Award

At the beginning of every month, faculty and staff nominate an individual who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in meeting the needs of students or being a collaborative team player. The winner receives a designated parking spot for the month and a small eagle figurine to keep. Recent winners include Valissa Johnson (September) and Mariela Magaro (October).

## HISD Learning Labs

HISD will present the first in a series of Learning Labs on Wednesday, November 19 at 5:00 in the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center Board Auditorium. The lab will present an overview of the district's goals, the Board of Education, valuable resources, and more.

Space is limited, so call 713-556-7200.

## A Word from Title I

We are so glad to see so many parents coming to school functions and participating! Our parent leaders (pictured below) are Hilda Rodriguez, Norma Lopez, Dionicia Ramos, Monica Valadez and Lynn Nguyen (not pictured).



Our SECOND CUP OF COFFEE (SCC) was very well attended. Carla Holmes and Melany Ghelman from the West Region Office spoke to our parents of the importance of PARENT INVOLVEMENT. SCC is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. The October 14 meeting, "Raise a Reader", was presented by the Children's Museum.

## Overcoming Ike



**"Helping Children After a Natural Disaster: Information for Parents and Teachers"**

The National Association of School Psychologists has provided tips to parents and teachers to help students deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. The association reports that natural disasters can "undermine a child's sense of security and normalcy" and that recovery will take some time. Numerous tips to parents, teachers and schools may be accessed via the internet link below.

[http://www.fortbend.k12.tx.us/cmfvartidbits/Tidbits\\_parentlinks\\_20080911\\_1639.pdf](http://www.fortbend.k12.tx.us/cmfvartidbits/Tidbits_parentlinks_20080911_1639.pdf)

### Target Supports Education

Target benefits a wide range of children through such programs as **Take Charge of Education**. Every time you use your Target card, a percentage of your purchase can be donated to the school of your choice.

Visit [www.Target.com/community](http://www.Target.com/community) to learn more about Target's educational programs.

### Box Tops for Education

Continue to collect Box Tops. Each student who brings in 10 box tops by the end of November will receive a Popsicle. Box tops are found on many items, including many cereals and diaper products.

Parents can check [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for a complete list of items and also coupons that can be downloaded. All money collected from the box tops is used by our school.

# CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

Members of the 2008-2009  
Emerson Elementary Choir

Nofisat Babajide	Lovelía Hernandez
Christian Massie	Hellen Revilla
Casey Vela	Allyson Ferrera
Rachel Torres	Tasiah Rodgers
Betsy Flores	Elyse Harvey
Jessica Escobar	Grace Nguyen
Emily Trujillo	Karen Rodriguez
Valeria Guerrero	Mellisa Trevino
Ivy Masar	Gabriella Guajardo
Andy Medina	Esmeralda Salazar
Rachel Mendez	Katherine Ramos
Khaila Smith	Natalie Escobar
Jessica Medina	Samantha Paradiso
Ada Braulio	Destiny Estrada
Alejandra Espinosa	Aylin Hurtado
Gabriella Murillo	Zane Ford
Gildardo Ortega	Marlon Paz
Adriana Sadler	Victoria Scott
Lized Gutierrez	Jennifer Cabrera
Stephanie Valladares	

## HISD Online Resources: *Britannica*

The Houston Independent School District Department of Library Services provides students with numerous online resources to positively impact student achievement. This month, we want to highlight *Britannica Online School Edition*.

Our school has free access again to Britannica Digital Learning, thanks to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the Texas Education Agency, and Education Service Center, Region 20. **See the insert in this newsletter for username and password.**

Kids can follow the presidential election, play in the learning zone, celebrate Hispanic heritage, and more. The links below will take you to a world of learning. Enjoy

PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup>: [www.school.eb.com/learningzone](http://www.school.eb.com/learningzone)  
K- 5<sup>th</sup>: [www.school.eb.com/elementary](http://www.school.eb.com/elementary)  
K – 8<sup>th</sup>: [www.spanish.eb.com/juvenil](http://www.spanish.eb.com/juvenil)  
(Spanish version)

## Fine Arts & Technology

### Choir

The Emerson "Eagle" Choir is preparing for the new school year. Mr. Cook started the vocal auditions in September after school. Over sixty students have signed up to try-out for the Choir. The auditions will conclude on October 2.

### Physical Education

Marathon Kids is a free school and community based fitness/nutritional program that incorporates a six month endurance-building running/walking and nutritional project for elementary students and their families. The program runs from October 18<sup>th</sup> through the last part of April and is managed from the home or from the classroom. Students will be encouraged to participate in a 26.2 mile marathon where they run/walk in ¼ mile increments with their parents/siblings and/or their classroom friends during school. There will be a nutritional and mileage log maintained by the student. The goal is for the child to develop the love of sound physical, nutritional and psychological aspects of a well-rounded person.

### Science

The fall air is bringing some measurement & fun to the Science Lab. We have been using science tools and studying about the 3 states of matter. Solid: matter that keeps its shape & volume when placed in a different container, Liquid: keeps its volume but takes the shape of the container, and Gas: takes the volume & shape of the container it is in. Parents, please ask your children to name the 3 states of matter & give an example of each. Coming up this month: Spooky, Spooky Science Night will be held on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details. We will have activities, experiments & presenters. All are invited. What a treat!



## Websites for Kids

[www.facthound.com](http://www.facthound.com)

Innovative Web portal designed to provide students with the most accurate and current resources available on the Internet

<http://kids.yahoo.com/>

Yahoo!'s entertainment and education site for children aged 6 through 12

<http://www.learningplanet.com/index.asp>

Advertising-supported resource for parents, teachers, and their students.



The Girl Scouts will be at Emerson on Tuesday October 21 at 6:30 p.m. to help girls in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join Daisy, Brownie and Junior Girls Scouts. There will be fun for the girls and information for the parents. Registration in Girl Scouts only cost \$10 per year. Each girl must be accompanied by a parent at this information meeting.



### Prepay Student Meals with Parent Online

HISD Food Services is pleased to offer an on-line payment system for purchasing your child's school meals. You can conveniently prepay for student meals using a credit card and avoid the hassles that can occur with you child carrying cash.

Soon to come, you will also be able to view your child's history and restrict the sale of items you prefer they not purchase. To begin using this convenient service, visit [www.parentonline.net](http://www.parentonline.net) and register an account for your child, or visit the food services website at [www.houstonisd.org](http://www.houstonisd.org) for more information.

The system will ask for a username and password, school name, and student ID number. Both VISA and MasterCard are accepted. Please note that there is a five percent convenience fee per transaction.

We hope you find Parent Online convenient and helpful in managing your child's health and nutrition.

### Upcoming Events

#### Second Cup of Coffee

- Tuesday, October 14,

#### Girl Scouts Meeting

- Tuesday, October 21, 6:30

#### Boy Scout Rally

- Wednesday, October 22

#### GT Information Session

- Thursday, October 30, 6:00 p.m.

#### Spooky, Spooky Science Night

- Thursday, October 30, 6:30 p.m.

#### Parent Involvement Day

- Thursday, November 18
  - Celebrate Reading, 8:00 a.m.
  - Gobble, Gobble Math, 6 p.m.

#### Barnes & Noble Book Fair

- Friday & Saturday, December 5-6