



Sinclair StarGazer

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

9/15	Sinclair's Grandparents Day
9/15	Open House - 6:30 p.m.
9/18	PTA Family Day @ Northwest Mall
9/18	Museum District Day
9/22	Fall Begins
9/24	PTA Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Parent Teacher Association



Sinclair is looking for **PTA** members. Become involved within our school for the interests of our children. Dues are only \$5 and general meetings are every 3rd Thursday of the month. Even working parents can become a vital part of the PTA. We look forward to seeing you!

FAMILY DAY WITH THE PTA

The National PTA Urban Family Engagement Initiative presents Family Day with the PTA. Join them for fun, learning and play on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Northwest Mall. There will be prizes and mall discounts offered as well as backpack giveaways. Check out the student performances, too!



VIPS

Are you able to volunteer your time to help in our school? Become part of the VIPS Program, Volunteers in Public Schools. No amount of time is too small. Help with tutoring or work in the library, office, cafeteria or clinic, even assist a teacher in the classroom.

★Any parent that wishes to chaperone or accompany their child on a field trip *must* be approved through the VIPS system. You can register @ <http://amun.houstonisd.org/visits/en-us/Account/Register.aspx>



Volunteers in Public Schools

MUSEUM DISTRICT DAY

Experience **18 free museums** on Saturday, September 12th at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.! There will even be a free shuttle bus at any of the participating museums. Museum District Day will be a fun event complete with hands-on activities, demonstrations, many interesting exhibitions, and performances throughout the day. You won't want to miss this! For more info, go to <http://www.houstonmuseumdistrict.org/>



FALL FESTIVAL

Sinclair Fall is scheduled October 30th. is the chair of Festival you are volunteering our Fall Festival *fantastic*, please contact Mark at 713-229-4121.



Festival 2009 for Friday, Mark Longoria the Fall committee. If interested in to help make

HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Reading is a wonderful way to enrich your child's life. If your child does not have their library card yet, now is a great time to get it. Children 18 and under receive free general admission to the Houston Museum of Fine Arts on Saturdays and Sunday with their PowerCard!



JAYCEE PARK FUNDRAISER

Jaycee Park, located at Grovewood and Seamist in Timbergrove, is being renovated! Friends of Jaycee Park are having a coin drive on Saturday, September 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to fundraise for a new playground, walking trail, and resurfaced basketball and tennis courts. Volunteers will be going door-to-door in Timbergrove and Lazybrook asking for donations to help with this effort. This is the first of many fundraisers and park activities. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, contact:

Ileana Desalos
friendsofjayceepark@yahoo.com
or (713) 922-6742

SINCLAIR T-SHIRTS

Sinclair Superstars T-shirts are mandatory for all Field Trips. Your child can also wear them every Friday! Take advantage of our Back to School special. You can get any size T-shirt, sweatshirt, and a magnet for only \$20 (while supplies last). You can purchase them from the School Store which is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Size XS is on its way.

If your child has outgrown their previous Sinclair T-shirt, we ask that you consider donating it back to the school.



TEXAS FATHERHOOD SUMMIT

The Hispanic Family Initiative invites you to register for the 2009 Texas Fatherhood Summit. The theme for this year is **Motivating Father, Restoring Families, Strengthening Communities**. Local leaders will be present to speak about the importance of a father figure in a child's life. Join our community at this special two day event. To register, or for more information, go to:

<http://www.hispanicfamilyinitiative.org/fatherhood/>

September 15th & 16th
Cockrell Scout Center
2225 North Loop West
Houston, TX 77008



KROGER - NEIGHBOR to NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

If you shop at Kroger, you can help Sinclair earn a donation! It is free and easy. Simply take the school's bar code with you and have the cashier scan your Kroger Card and then the bar code. You are enrolled for the rest of the program year!

How the Program Works

This program gives our school the chance to earn a portion of a \$1 million donation that Kroger gives out annually. The program runs this school year from July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.



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