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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

10/15	PTA Meeting 3:30 p.m.
10/21	Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.
10/28	Central Region's Community Connections 6 p.m. @ Scarborough HS
10/30	Fall Festival
10/31	Halloween
11/14	SPARK Fundraiser Fish Fry

POWER FOR SCHOOLS

Thanks to a new program developed by HISD in partnership with select Texas electricity providers, school fundraising efforts will soon be experiencing a "power surge."

Just sign up with one of the participating providers and a portion of your monthly electric bill could go to the school of your choice. Several electricity providers have agreed to offer school supporters market or lower electricity rates and make a monthly contribution to schools for each supporter who signs up through the program and designates a school.

There is no cost to schools or their supporters to participate in the program. The electricity providers involved in the program so far are: Affordable Power, Ambit Energy, and Champion Energy Services. Others are expected to join as the program expands.

To join, visit the [Power For Schools Web site](#).

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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GLOBAL SERVICES

Global Services has been supporting our PTA by donating their printing services for the StarGazer, the weekly publication from the Sinclair PTA. If you own a small business of your own, or work for a company that is in need of printing equipment, please keep our friends at Global Services in mind. They specialize in Sharp and Kyocera products. Visit their website @ : <http://www.globalservices.net/>



PARENT ONLINE

HISD now uses a system called **Parent Online**. This is an online meal payment system that allows you to prepay for meals with your credit card. Useful features of this system are:

- ★ Balance and purchase history
- ★ Notification by e-mail when your balance is low
- ★ No lost or stolen money
- ★ Restriction of individual foods if you prefer your child to avoid them

Register @ www.parentonline.net



You will be asked for a username and password, your child's school name and their **student ID number**. Please ask your child's teacher for their ID number if

you have lost it. There is a 5% convenience fee per transaction for this service.

PTA MEETING

Our next PTA Meeting will be on Thursday, October 15th. See you there!



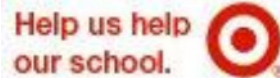
TARGET – TAKE CHARGE of EDUCATION PROGRAM

If you shop with a Target Red card, you can link it to Sinclair to earn 1% of the purchase you make with it. Visit

www.Target.com/tcoe

or Call 1-800-316-6142

Our Target Program number is 98781



HOUSTON ZOO BOO

The Houston Zoo is inviting all little ghouls or goblins to come to the Houston Zoo for Halloween activities that are fun for the whole family!



All kids are encouraged to come dressed in their spookiest, scariest, or prettiest Halloween costume! They'll love to show off their costume in a Costume Parade and dance to "thrilling" music with a children's DJ!



Zoo Boo will also once again feature the popular Fiesta Mart Pumpkin Patch. Kids pick out their very own child-sized pumpkin and paint it into a Halloween jack-o-lantern! (While supplies last).

October 17, 18, 24, 25, & 31

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

<http://www.houstonzoo.org/en/cev/r/dt/150> for more info.

Buy your tickets before you arrive at the Houston Zoo!

Purchase discount Zoo tickets at any of the 33 Fiesta Mart stores across the Houston area. Visit the courtesy booth of any Fiesta Mart in the Houston area to purchase an adult Zoo admission for \$8 and a child Zoo admission for \$5.

