# Elite College Prep Academy

"Our mission is to develop strong critical thinkers that will graduate from four year competitive colleges by providing strict character development and a rigorous academic curriculum."

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Happy New Year!

The New Year provides an opportunity to re-focus on what has been achieved and what still needs to be accomplished. This month our character trait is "Good Citizenship." We believe it is important that our students practice and embody this trait.

**Report Cards:** Is your child performing to the best of their ability? Open House is Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to retrieve your child's report card for the second nine weeks.

**Empowered Parent Coalition:** The community Health Fair is

scheduled on January 16<sup>th</sup> (during Open House) from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Elite cafeteria. Take advantage of the opportunity to receive detailed information on specific services available and learn about various health topics.

**100**<sup>th</sup> **day of school:** The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is Wednesday, January 21, 2015 and we would like EVERYONE to dress the part. Dress up like a 100 year old person to celebrate this day.

**Awards Ceremony:** Instead of holding a mid-year awards ceremony as we have done in the past, there will now only be one at the end of the year to

present A honor roll, A-B honor roll, Perfect Attendance, Citizenship, Principal's Award, and STAAR/ITBS certificates.

### STAAR dates:

March 30<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Writing Day 1 March 31<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Writing Day 2; 5<sup>th</sup> Reading April 20 – 5<sup>th</sup> Math

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**Saturday school:** All students are to report to school on the following Saturday's:

March 28 April 11 April 18

Mandatory attendance!

## U P D A T E S

Attendance: Your child's success is directly related to excellent attendance. Our overall school attendance is an indicator on our state accountability rating and effects HGA success. Students arriving after 7:45 a.m. are considered tardy. Students who are absent should submit a written excuse (parent note or doctor's excuse) upon returning to school. Excessive tardies/absences are referred to the district's truancy officer.

Phone Alerts: If there are any parents who do not receive important and emergency related messages, please contact the front office to update a current telephone number.

**Holiday:** There is no school on Monday, January 19, 2015 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The function of education, therefore, is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically...." MLK

# FBI (Federal Book

<u>Investigators</u>) <u>news:</u> Together, we have read 1,324 books total thus far.

1st Grade: 237 books 2nd Grade: 165 books 3rd grade: 399 books 4th grade: 284 books 5th grade: 239 books

Please encourage your child to read daily so that we can attain the goal of 10,000 books by the end of the year. Happy reading!

## School connection at home!

As a parent, you are the major provider of your child's education from birth through adolescence. And because your home is the primary environment in which your child's potential and personality will take shape, it's important to make sure that you create a positive, open atmosphere that will not only support what goes on in the classroom, but will also instill the desire to learn. It is through your love and encouragement that your kids will become motivated.

Be the change you want to see at Elite College Prep Academy!