

# 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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Post #6

Celebrating Black History...

In 1976, the week in February became a month-long celebration, known today as African American History Month. Black History Month is an opportunity to emphasize the history and achievements of African Americans.

**Character Does Count!**

Teachers will reinforce the values associated with COURAGE throughout the month.

**Spring Pictures:** Lifetouch is returning for spring pictures on February 23, 2015. Take advantage of bright colorful spring clothing and accessories! Students must change into

their full uniform following pictures.

**Empowered Parent Coalition:**

Parents who completed all sessions are invited to attend the parent ceremony on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. We ask that you save the date! More details to come.

“The path to excellence starts with your foundation.”

**Go Texan Day!** Wear your favorite boots, cowboy hat, and western gear to celebrate Go Texan Day on February 27, 2015.

**Read Across America:** A nationwide reading celebration on Dr. Seuss’ birthday, Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pajama Day with lots of Reading!

**STAAR dates:**

March 30<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Writing Day 1; 5<sup>th</sup> Math

March 31<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Writing Day 2; 5<sup>th</sup> Reading

April 21<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Math

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Reading; 5<sup>th</sup> Science

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

**March 28**

**April 11**

**April 18**

Mandatory attendance!

As we work together toward the academic success for our students, communication between students, parents, and teachers is the utmost importance.

## U P D A T E S

**Head Lice:** This is a friendly reminder to periodically check your children’s head for head lice. They are spread by close person to person contact. It is a good practice to check your child’s head, close to the scalp line regularly.

**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.

**Why reading matters!**

The most important criterion for success in the primary grade levels is reading success. Reading, by way of books, children’s stories, magazines or websites, exposes kids to new vocabulary. Even when they don’t understand every new word, they absorb something from the context that may deepen their understanding of it the next time the word is encountered. Reading can open up new worlds and enrich children’s lives. Children are influenced by and imitate the world around them. Inspire your child to read!

**School connection at home!**

With your help as a parent, we want to challenge our students to take an active role in their future. Talk with your child about the importance of participating in the activities in class. So often a few students are dominating the class discussion while others are sitting back and quietly listening. Encourage your child to take full advantage of the opportunities to get the knowledge he/she needs to improve. Learning, just as life, requires "doing" - doing classwork, doing homework, doing projects, doing reading assignments, and doing long division.

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