HOUSTON GATEWAY ACADEMY, INC.

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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We have had a terrific start of school and it has been a true joy to witness returning and new students interaction, comfort levels, and academic efforts.

Visit our webpage at <u>www.hgaschools.org</u> for the latest news and other pertinent information. Feel free to contact us with concerns or questions you may have at 832-649-2701.

Take the opportunity to read the following news and reminders:

Instructional Time is Important!

The instructional day begins promptly at 7:45 a.m. and we

highly encourage all students to arrive on time and remain at school until dismissal time. Every minute counts, even up until the last minute! We appreciate your continuous parental support of protecting instructional time in order to assure student success. As in the past, we will again save Box Tops for Education until the end of the year.

Hispanic Heritage Month: We are celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens who ancestors came from the five Latin American countries. You are welcome to walk the hallways to visualize how we are recognizing the Latino American heritage into the curriculum.

Open House: We are excited to invite you to our first Open House on Friday, October 24th from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to retrieve your child's report card for the first nine weeks. This is a great opportunity to speak with teachers about your child's progress, needs, and abilities.

Trunk or Treat: PTO is hosting the annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 24th at 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. We warmly invite all parents and students to attend. Please contact Jessica Trapani at 832-385-5835 to volunteer or to ask questions that you may have.

Fall Pictures: Life Touch is scheduled to be here on Monday, October 6th. The portrait package has been sent home with each student and can also be viewed online at mylifetouch.com

Eye Screenings: Eye Care for Kids is scheduled to conduct free eye exams on October 6^{th} and 7^{th} to all students free of charge.

Hearing Screenings: The Center for Hearing and Speech is scheduled to conduct hearing screenings free of charge on October 1st for students in grades, K, 1, 3, and 5th. <u>The school will keep all parents</u>

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Red Ribbon Week (Drug Prevention): There is a week long effort in which everyone will have the opportunity to show their support of being drug free.

Thursday, Oct. 23: Wear crazy hats. Hats off to being drug free!

Friday Oct. 24: Wear your camouflage gear. Join the fight against drugs!

Monday, Oct. 27: Dress like your friend. Friends don't let friends bully or do drugs! **Tuesday, Oct. 28:** Wear your favorite athletic jersey. Team

up against drugs! Wednesday, Oct. 29: Wear Red.

Thursday, Oct. 30: Wear orange clothing. Orange you glad that you're drug free! Friday, Oct. 31: Wear college clothing or dress up as your future career. My future is bright, be drug free! School connection at home! The time you spend with your child leads to academic success. Speak to your child about what they are learning in school and check homework along with assuring it is returned back to school the following day. The kids are most successful when the schools and families work together. "It is not what is poured into a

"It is not what is poured into a student that counts but what is planted. - Linda Conway