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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Greetings!

Thank you for your attendance at last week's Open House in which we were able to attain 92% parent participation. One of the most influential factors in determining a student's academic success lies in parental involvement. Moreover, there are better results when teachers and parents work together to identify students' needs and implement strategies to meet them.

Any remaining report cards not received by parents during Open House will be mailed. If you do not receive your child's report card, please call the school at 832-649-2701. **PTO News:** Thank you for your continual support with past, present and future fundraisers. Do not forget that our annual Trunk or Treat is Thursday, October 30th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There will be food, fun, and lots of candy, so come dressed in your costume! The next PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) meeting is November 11th at 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. PTO will host a Harvest

Breakfast for parents on Friday, November 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the Elite cafeteria. **Early Dismissal:** Elite College Prep Academy is hosting the East Regional Math Olympiad on November 10, 2014. Due to this magnificent event, we are dismissing **ALL students at 2:30 p.m.** GOOD LUCK to our math teams!

"I before E except after C" -HGA's inaugural Spelling Bee Competition will take

place November 22nd from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Grades 4th-12th will be competing for advancement to the regional competition on December 3rd. Come join us as our students spell their way to success.

Thanksgiving Break: There will be no school on Wednesday, November 26th through Friday, November 28th.

<u>FBI (Federal Book</u>

Investigators) news: Together, we have read 350 books total thus far. A high five party is awarded to students who read 6 books in $1^{st}/2^{nd}$ grade and 2 chapter books from 3rd -5th grade every six weeks. Please encourage your child to read daily so that we can attain the goal of 10,000 books by the end of the year. We want to a build a hunger for reading that provides a foundation for a lifetime of literacy because we know that literacy translates to success in and beyond the

classroom. Happy reading!

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Program: The parent sessions are held on Tuesday's at the Elite Campus, 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Thursday's at the Evergreen Campus, 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Any parent who attends the parent sessions in the month of November will have an opportunity to win a Thanksgiving basket. Tickets will be given at the beginning of each session and the drawing will take place prior to dismissing. Good luck to everyone!

School connection at home!

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. It is at the heart of education and a better life. As with other acquired skills, reading gets better with practice. By reading more often, children will grow more skillful, more confident, and more in love with reading. Read aloud to children, regardless of age. The benefits continue to be enormous; developing listening skills, improving vocabulary, bonding, and enjoyment.

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