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## Elite College Prep Academy Post

### Each day is a gift, so be Thankful

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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.

Hello Parents!

Visit our webpage [www.hgaschools.org](http://www.hgaschools.org) for the latest news and other important information about our school. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us (832) 649-2700.

Please take the time to read the following news and reminders for 2013:

- **Early Dismissal:** Elite College Prep Academy is hosting the East Regional Math Olympiad on **November 12, 2013**. Due to this magnificent event, we are dismissing **ALL students at 2:30 p.m.**

GOOD LUCK to our Math teams!

- **Events:** McTeacher's Night is **Thursday, November 7th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Please come support HGA and have dinner with us at McDonald's located on:

6950 Woodridge  
Houston, TX 77087



### November Holidays

- ⇒ November 26, 2013 - **Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m.**
- ⇒ November 27th - 29th - **No School**

- **Open House News:** Elite College Prep Academy would like to thank ALL parents who came to Open House this past Friday, October 25th. We had **75% parent participation**. Great Job! We are **thankful** for your support! Let's increase this percentage during our next Open House.
- **Dismissal:** Let's be respectful of our neighbors' homes. Please refrain from parking on the side of the street and blocking their driveways. Ensure that you make arrangements to pick up your students **no later than 5:30 p.m.**
- Houston Gateway Academy provides **FREE Adult** computer, citizenship, and English as a Second Language (ESL) **classes** for members of the community. For more information contact Ms. Garcia (281) 300-2015.

- **PTO News:** This year's Trunk-or-Treat Festival was truly a success. With your support we raised \$1,072.73. We would like to **thank** all those that attended. Everyone had an amazing time, and we can't wait to do it again next year.
- Our next fundraiser is the **Deanan Gourmet Popcorn**. More details coming soon.

### Food for Thought

Reading together as a family is an excellent way to help children of all ages develop strong language skills, share experiences and learn about their world. Young children may want to hear the same story read over and over again, while older children and teens may take an interest in a particular topic and want to read many different books about the same subject. When you read a picture book to your child, read the page before showing him the picture. Allow her time to imagine what the picture will be. As he begins reading on his own, he may make pictures in his head of what he is reading. If the story takes place in another city or state or country, show your child a map and talk about where the place is, how far it is from Houston, what language they speak and something interesting about the culture. Bilingual books are a fun way for families who speak two languages to share the same story. Bilingual books are available in English/Spanish and many other languages.

Some of my favorite November and December books include Sarah Morton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Girl and Samuel Eaton's Day: A day in the Life of a Pilgrim Boy, both by Kate Waters (Scholastic Bookshelf Series), Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto and Ed Martinez, The First Tortilla, a bilingual book by Rudolfo Anaya. Where Fireflies Dance, Ahi, donde bailan las luciernagas, by Lucha Corpi, is an inspiring tale of a young girl who finds her destiny with the help of her family.

Happy reading!

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