



# The Almanac

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## GradeSpeed Parent Session

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

5:30pm-6:30pm

Join us in the Askew cafeteria for an overview of HISD's new online grade book software program. Learn how to navigate the site to stay on top of your child's academic progress!

### Two Renzulli Training Sessions

*"The Renzulli Learning Differentiation Engine™ puts students in touch with engaging, individualized resources specially chosen for their interest areas and learning styles."*

Askew teachers and students have the opportunity to use the Renzulli Learning Program for schoolwork and enrichment. Parents have two upcoming opportunities to learn how to use this resource with their children.

- ◆ September 30, 9:30 am to noon, West Briar Middle School Auditorium
- ◆ October 1, 5:00, Askew Elementary Computer Lab

Please feel free to attend either or both of these training sessions. Our Vanguard Coordinator, Ms. Engle

will provide a training that will focus on the application of Renzulli at Askew. Please feel free to attend either or both of these training sessions.

### Renzulli: No Child Left Bored!

### Gift Wrap Sale Ends Thursday

The Innisbrook Gift Wrap sale will end September 24th. All orders need to be entered online as [www.Innisbrook.com](http://www.Innisbrook.com) before turning in. If you do not have access to a computer, please turn in the order early with a note attached. All students who sell at least one item will receive a prize and get to come to the Participations party. Great prizes for top sellers and bonus entry winners (those who sold at least 5 items and turned in their coupons). Please call Madeline Walker at 713-782-2797 or Kim Hill at 713-780-8249 with questions.

### HISD Online Resources

HISD offers a variety of online educational resources. The following resources



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### Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 28	No School  Fall Holiday
Sept. 24	Gift Wrap Sale Ends  Vanguard Parent Meeting 5:00 Library
Sept. 30	GradeSpeed Parent Session 5:30
Oct. 8	HISD Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day Prekinder and Kinder
Oct. 10	Last SPLASH Carnival Noon—4:00
Oct. 22	Literacy Night  5:30—7:00
Nov. 4	Report Card Day  Fuddruckers Night
Nov. 16	Prince's Night
Nov. 17	PTO Meeting 8:00 am
Nov. 25-28	Thanksgiving Holiday

are available: **Britannica and World Book encyclopedias, ABC-CLIO, EBSCO, NetTrekker, WilsonWeb, Proquest, Thompson Gale, Teaching Books, BrainPop, and United Steaming/Discovery.** From home, you may use the following username and password to access the resources:

Username: houstonisd

Username for brinapop:  
houstonisd1

Password: texans

You may get to these resources via the following websites:

<http://tinyurl.com/4242bx4k>

or

[http://www.hisdlibraryservices.org/online\\_resources.htm](http://www.hisdlibraryservices.org/online_resources.htm)

### HISD Food Services

Families of students who qualify for HISD's Free and Reduced Price Lunch program can now submit their children's applications online. Just visit: <http://www.mealapps.houstonisd.org> and follow the instructions. In addition, parents can also prepay for student meals and snacks using **Parent Online.** HISD food Services offers a choice of healthy meals to students each school day. Breakfast is free for all students, while lunch costs \$1.60 in elementary schools. Reduced lunch costs \$.40, and there is no charge for students who qualify for free lunch.



### Curious about West Briar Middle School's G/T Program?

On Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m., West Briar Middle School is holding a G/T Parent Involvement meeting where the program will be explained and any questions answered. All parents interested in learning more about the G/T program are invited to attend.

### Nutcracker Auditions !!

Allegro Ballet of Houston is holding auditions for our 7th Annual Nutcracker Ballet.

Don't miss being a part of such a wonderful holiday tradition !

Sunday September 27, 2009

7 years old - 10 years old 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

11 & up 4:00 - 5:30

open to all.

Allegro Academy of Dance

12680 Goar Road (behind Asaiana restaurant)

281-496-4670

### Askew Directory

Each year the Askew PTO publishes a School Directory with student and parent names, addresses and home phone numbers. This is a great opportunity for business owners to advertise their business and support Askew at the same time. Approximately 400 copies are distributed each year, usually at the end of October. Members of the PTO get a free copy of the Directory (another reason to join

the PTO)! Available ads range from \$45 to \$110 and should be print-ready.

If you know of a business that would be interested, please pick up forms in the school office or contact Susan Boyd at 713-975-1102 for further information.

### WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL DANCE WITH INERTIA!

Join Westside High School's INERTIA Dance Company for an exciting performance experience! The Inertians would like to invite you to perform with them during halftime on **Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**! First, attend the rehearsal in the WHS Gym from **12:00p-3:00p** to learn all the moves the Inertians are famous for. Then meet at Delmar Stadium at 6:00p to perform at halftime! This clinic is open to **girls and boys ages 5-14**, and the cost is \$40 per child which includes instruction, game ticket, game t-shirt, snacks and door prizes. Applications available in the front office. **For more information contact Abby Cramer at 713-898-0135 or [n.cramer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:n.cramer@sbcglobal.net)**

### Ms. Townes' Weekly Science Vocabulary

Gram

Milliliter

Millimeter

Variable

Hypothesis

Conclusion

