

# 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!

### Student Absences

Parents, please send a note with your children when they return to school after an absence. Please include the child's name and the reason they were absent. Phone calls to the school regarding excusing your child from an absence is not an acceptable form of documentation.



### 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 Fundraiser Has Been Extended!

The Gift Wrap Fundraiser has been extended to Wednesday, September 30. Remember, all orders must be entered online at [www.Innisbrook.com](http://www.Innisbrook.com) (click on Parents EZ; school number is 119324). You must register your children first and then print off a voucher after you enter the order. You keep your order form and turn in the voucher with your

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### Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 30	GradeSpeed Parent Session 5:30  Gift Wrap Sale Ends
Oct. 1	Renzulli Training Session 5:00
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

payment (cash or check payable to Askew PTO). If you don't have access to a computer please send a note with your order. If you have already turned in your order, you can still **add items** to it ( a great way to earn more prizes)! Just print off a revised voucher and submit it along with the extra payment by Sept. 30. All orders will be considered on-time if turned in by 9/30 and are eligible for **class drawings**. Please call Madeleine Walker at 713-782-2797 or Kim Hill at 713-780-8249 with any questions. Thanks for participating! Remember, the school receives 50% of everything sold!!!

### HISD Online Resources



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



We kindly ask that you would be considerate of our Askew neighbors. Please do not park in or block their driveways.

### 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**



Density	Melting point
Buoyancy	Freezing point
Evaporation	Dissolve
Matter	Solution