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http://www.hisdlibraryservices.org/online_resources.htm

HISD Parent Student Connect now Available!



HISD has launched Parent Student Connect (PSC), a new and improved version of *The Source*, which gives parents and students secure online access to valuable information about a student and his or her classes.

The new service allows registered users (i.e., parents and students) to log in to view a student's grades, assignments, progress reports, attendance records, achievement test scores, report cards, and more. Printed report cards and progress reports will still be distributed to students every 4 weeks but PSC will allow users to view all data as it is inputted; users can also set up "triggers" that send an e-mail or text message if a child's grades drop below a selected average or a student is absent or tardy to class. The PSC is your connection to the GradeSpeed program teachers will be using.

Parents or students who have already created a user ID and password in *The Source* may use those and will not need to re-register. Please note that all links to *The Source* have been disabled as the information is no longer up-to-date.

Those not previously registered with *The Source* will need:

- ✦ Student ID Number (HISD)
 - ✦ Student Date of Birth
 - ✦ Student address as listed in HISD's student information system.
- Last 5 digits of student's social security number if on file with HISD. If not on file, use the last 5 digits of the "S-Number" provided to your child by HISD.

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.



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 Theatre Season Opens October 8 with "The Odd Couple"

The Westside Theatre Production Company has another great season is store for our community! We open with Neil Simons's female version of *The Odd Couple* in the Black Box October 8-10 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available in the Black Box for \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door or call 281-920-8054.



Our season continues with the moving drama *Reviving Ophelia* November 5-6, *Columbinus* January 7-9 and the musical hit *Zombie Prom* February 4-7.

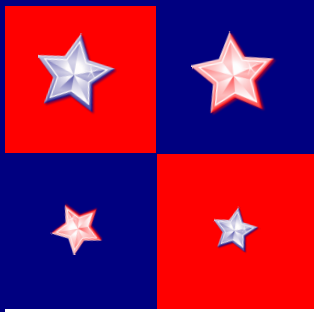
A Request

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

Mrs. Townes' Weekly Science



Vocabulary	Melting point
Density	Freezing point
Buoyancy	Dissolve
Evaporation	Solution
Matter	



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Carnival is Oct. 10th!

We need 2 liter bottles for RING-A-POP!



For every 2 liter bottle YOU donate YOU will receive 1 free ticket for Carnival!!!

Here is what you need to do...

- 1.) Drop off your 2 liter bottle to your teacher between Wed, Sept. 31st and Oct. 9th.
- 2.) Fill out a voucher (your teacher has them)
- 3.) Put your name on the Class Voucher List (your teacher has it)
- 4.) On Friday, Oct. 9th take your filled out voucher home with your teachers signature
- 5.) Bring your voucher to Carnival on Sat, Oct. 10th
- 6.) Turn in your voucher at the ticket table

Receive 1 free carnival ticket for EACH 2 liter bottle you turned in!!!

Kate DiCamillo's Book Signing

Kate DiCamillo, the author of *Because of Winn-Dixie*, *The Tiger Rising*, and *The Tale of Despereaux*, will



be at Pershing Middle School on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. The event is free. After a presentation by DiCamillo about her new book, *The Magician's Elephant*, she will have a book sale and signing. For more details visit www.imprintheouston.org or call 713-521-2026.

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 brainpop: houstonisd1

Password: texans

You may get to these resources via the following websites:

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

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Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 8	HISD Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day Prekinder and Kinder
	Westside Theatre Season Opens with "The Odd Couple"
Oct. 10	Last SPLASH Carnival Noon—4:00pm
Oct. 22	Parent Advisory Council Meeting Askew Cafeteria 4:30—5:30 pm
	Literacy Night 5:30—7:00pm
Nov. 4	Report Card Day
	Fuddruckers Night
Nov. 16	Prince's Night
Nov. 17	PTO Meeting 8:00 am
Nov. 25-28	Thanksgiving Holiday