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### "Almost always, the creative dedicated minority has made the world better."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## President's Message

Happy New Year! The Coalition is poised to begin another year working with our member organizations to continue to improve the Hiram Clarke area. However, we need everyone's help We all must come together and work as one.

When one of our organizations needs help, I am asking that it receive help from the other members. For example, if one organization goes to City Council, members from the other organizations should attend to give the member organization support. Numbers speak.

Also, when our District K council member needs support, I am asking each

civic club/homeowners association to commit to sending at least two persons to attend the meeting or event.

One initiative that I would like for all our member organizations to work on is the vacant lots in our community. These vacant lots have owners, and they are responsible for the upkeep of their lots. Please call 311 and give the location of the lots. I am counting on each organization to make a difference.

My second initiative is the yellow signs advertising homes for sale. If these signs are placed on the city right of way or esplanade, they are in violation of the City of Houston sign ordinance. You can remove them. Do not allow these companies to place these signs on the right of way of your yard.



Attendees at "Christmas in the Clarke" December 19, 2013, at the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center



The Hiram Clarke Crew Line Dancers perform at "Christmas in the Clarke."

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 16– South Houston Concerned Citizens' Coalition Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center, 3810 W. Fuqua.

January 17– Five Corners Improvement District Board of Directors Meeting 12:00 Noon, Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center January 31-South Houston Concerned Citizens' Coalition membership dues are due.

**Feb. 18-**The first day of early voting for March 4 Primary

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### **For Your Information**

ABE/GED Classes and ESL Classes for Spring 2014

Free ABE/GED and ESL classes at the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center. Classes will meet Monday--Wednesday 9:30 A.M.--1:30 P.M. Mandatory registration is January 13-15, 2014. Registration, orientation, and assessments are mandatory. Applicants must be at least 18 years old or older, present a picture ID (showing name and date of birth). ESL applicants must present a government (domestic or foreign) authorized ID. All applicants should bring a three-ring

binder with dividers, two pencils, and two blue ink pens.

First Cycle: January 13-March 31, 2014 Second Cycle: April 1-June 11, 2014.

These classes are provided by Houston Community College Adult Education Program.

What's New in 2014?

Effective January 1, 2014, incandescent light bulbs will no longer be manufactured or imported in the United States.

Effective January 26, 2014, the price of postage stamps will rise to 49 cents.

" We cannot
accomplish all
that we need to
do without
working
together."
—Bill
Richardson

## **School Round-Up**

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Early Childhood Center:
Jan. 17-Progress Reports;
Jan. 20-MLK Holiday; Jan.
29-Early dismissal 12:30 P.M.,
Professional Development;
Jan. 31-Nursery Rhymes Palooza: Costume Parade, Progress Reports; Feb. 1-20 –
Spring Fundraiser begins; Feb.
4-100th Day of School; Feb. 7
Parent Meeting 8:30 A.M.
(ABC Dental)
Fondren Elementary-Jan. 17

Class Group Picture; Jan. 20-MLK Holiday; Jan. 24-Honors Walk and Awards Ceremony; Jan. 29-Early Dismissal 12:30 P.M.; Feb. 5-Family Literacy Night; Feb. 13-Progress Reports; Feb. 14-End of Pre-K grading cycle Hobby Elementary: Jan. 14-16-Common Assessment; Jan. 13-Parent Meeting-Kindergarten; Jan. 15-Parent

Meeting (Pre-K, Grades 1, 2, 4, 5); Jan. 16-Parent Meeting Grade 3
Madison High School: Jan. 13-PTSA Meeting 6:00 P.M.; Jan. 15-Faculty Meeting; Jan. 20-MLK Holiday; Jan. 22-Faculty Meeting; Jan. 23-SDMC Meeting; Jan. 29-Early Dismissal; Feb. 3-PTSA Meeting 6:00 P.M.; Feb. 5-Faculty Meeting; Feb. 12-Faculty Meeting; Feb. 14-End of Cycle 4

## **School Round-Up Continued**

Windsor Village Elementary: Jan. 15-Spelling Bee; Jan. 15, 17, 22, 24-Band Practice 3:30-5:15 P.M.; Jan. 16-Honor Roll-Pizza with the Principal; Jan. 17-the 18th Annual Gardere MLK Oratory Competition 10:00 A.M.; Jan. 20-MLK Holiday; Jan. 21-ABC Dental Clinic (Pre-K-K), Reading and Math Tutorials 3:30-4:20 P.M. (Grades 3-5); Jan. 23-ABC Dental—Clinic (Grades 1 &2), Science

Fair; Jan. 25-UIL Competition @ Almeda Elementary, Jan. 27-28-Reading & Math Tutorials (Grades 3-5) Jan. 28-ABC Dental Clinic (Grade 3), Grade 5 field trip to Houston Symphony; Jan. 29-Early Dismissal 1:00 P.M.; Jan. 30-ABC Dental Clinic (Grades 4 & 5); Jan. 31-Career Day; Feb. 3-14-High frequency Words (Grades 1-2); Feb. 3-4-Reading & Math Tutorials (Grades 3-5)

Grissom Elementary: Jan. 13, 21, 27-Students with perfect attendance may wear jeans with school uniform shirt; Jan. 18, 25-Saturday Tutorials 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. (Grades 3-5); Jan. 20-MLK Holiday; Jan. 29-Early Dismissal 12:30 P.M. Dowling Middle School: Jan. 17-Honor Roll Celebration; Jan. 20-MLK Holiday