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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

Spring officially arrives March 20. Spring is like a rebirth from the winter months. Trees, flowers, and plants bloom anew.

I would like to take spring as a metaphor for an awakening for our community. It's time for many of us to awaken from our season of apathy, complacency, and inactivity. If we want a decent community, we have to work for it ourselves. No one can solve our problems without our help. I would like to refer to a quote from John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country." Let me say, "Ask not what your community can do you but what you can do for your commun

munity."

If you have not attended your subdivision's civic club/homeowners association meeting, please do so and see what you can do to make your neighborhood better. We are all in this together. That's what community means.

In the future, the Coalition might have some issues in our community that we will need to address. We will need everyone's help when we visit City Hall or Houston Independent School District. We have to stop being stepped on because of complacency. If you are complacent, nothing will ever get done.

Until next month, Linda

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14-Neighborhood 101 Workshop: In's and Out's of Chapter 42 (City of Houston Land Development Ordinance) Linkwood Park Community Center, 3699 Norris Street, Houston 77025, 9:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

March 19-South Houston Concerned Citizens' Coalition meeting 7:00 P.M., at the Hiram ram Clarke Multi-

Service Center, 3810 W. Fuqua. Speakers include the representatives from Harris County Flood Control District, City of Houston Planning Department, and the Department of Neighborhoods (DON)

March 28-Bunny Hop, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M., at Townwood Park, 3403 Simsbrook



Assistant Chief of Police Troy Finner (a Madison High School alumnus) addresses the attendees at the Hiram Clarke H.P.D. Storefront meeting January 12.



Members of an area Zumba group perform at the ABC Dental National Dental Month Celebration February 21.

April 7-Super Neighborhoods 39 & 40 Meeting 6:45 P.M., at the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center

Visit the POD at the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center. You will find art work by local artists. It's located on the parking lot.



Almeda Elementary: **March 24**-Life Touch Spring Pictures; **March 27**-Report Cards; **March 28**-Tutorials 9:00 A.M.-12 Noon; **March 30**- Grades 4-5 Math, Grade 4 Writing; **March 31**-Grades 4-5 Reading; **April 3**- Spring Holiday; **April 7**-Cap & Gown Pictures- Grades K & 5; **April 8**- Grades 3- 4 Practice STAAR, Family Math Night 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Grissom Elementary: **March 25**-Early Dismissal at 12:30 P.M., No Tutorials; **March 27**-Last Clubs' Day -College Day (Wear college T-Shirts); **March 28**-No Saturday Tutorials; **March 30-31**-STAAR Testing (Tutorials for Grade 3 only); **April 1**-Tutorials (Grades 3, 4, & 5) 3:30-4:30 P.M.; **April 3**-Spring Holiday; **April 6-8**- Tutorials (Grades 3-5) 3:30 -4:30 P.M.; **April 10**-College Day (Wear college T-shirts); **April 13-15**-Tutorials (Grades 3-5) 3:30-4:30 PpPP.MP..M.;P.**April 17**-College Day (Wear college T-shirts)

*"Great spirits
have always
encountered
violent opposition
from mediocre
minds."
—Albert Einstein*

School Round-Up

Hines-Caldwell Elementary— **March 24**-After School Tutorials (Grades 1-5) 3:30-5:00 P.M.; **March 25**-Boy Scouts Meeting 3:00-4:00 P.M.; **March 26**-After School Tutorials (Grades 1-5) 3:30 5:00 P.M.; **March 27**-Report Cards; **March 28**-STAAR Prep Academy (Grades 3-5) 8:30-11:30 A.M.; **March 30**-STAAR Writing Day (Grade 4); **March 31**-STAAR Writing Day 2 (Grade 4), STAAR Reading (Grade 5); **April 3**-Spring Holiday; **April 7**-World Health Day, After School Tutorials (Grades 1-5) 3:30 -5:00 P.M.; **April 8**-Boy Scout Meeting 3:00-4:00 P.M.; **April 9**-After School Tutorials (Grades 1-5) 3:30-5:00 P.M.; **April 11**-STAAR Prep Academy (Grades 3-5) 8:30-11:30 A.M.

Martin Luther King ESC: **March 26**-Spring Pictures, Individuals Pictures (Uniforms not required); **March 27**-Stem Project: Float Your Boat; **April 1**-Celebrating a College-Bound Culture-Wear favorite college t-shirt all month; **April 3**-Spring Holiday; **April 12-18**-Celebrating the Week of the Young Child-Parent Involvement; **April 10**-Parent Meeting 8:30 A.M.; Week of the Young Child Trike-a-Thon-Bicycle

Safety-Parent Involvement; **April 6-10**-Parents, community members and current college students are invited to share positive aspects of their college experience. Students will create their own college books. **April 10**- Parent meeting 8:30 A.M., Week of the Young Child Trike-A-Thon-Bicycle Safety and Parent Involvement **Windsor Village Elementary**- **March 23-24**- Reading and Math Tutorials 3:20-4:20; **March 24**-Southwest Dairy Classroom; **March 27**-Pizza with the Principal-Honor Roll, Report Cards; **March 30**-STAAR Writing (Grade 4) Day 1; **March 31**-STAAR Writing (Grade 4) Day 2, STAAR Reading (Grade 5)

School Round-Up Continued

Montgomery Elementary—**March 23**- 27-Telepas Testing; **March 30**-STAAR Testing (Grade 5 math and Grade 4 writing); **March 31**-STAAR Testing -Grade 5 Reading and Grade 4 Writing; **April 3**-Spring Holiday; **April 8**-Museum Trip (Grade 4) **Hobby Elementary**—**March 27**-School Picture Day Basket ball Game 1:00-1:50 P.M. at Cullen M.S., Parent Weekly Meetings; **April 4**-League Finals Basket ball Game TBA at Cullen M.S.; **April 10** -Little Beakers Science; **April 21-23**-STAAR Testing Billy Reagan K-8-(Science Words)

March 23-Life Cycle; **March 24**-Amphibian; **March 25**-Pollination; **March 26**-Decomposers; **March 27**-Producers, Report Cards; **March 30**-Metamorphosis

Inside Story Headline

Gift Cards

"New rules for gift cards went into effect August 22, 2010."

- They are as follow:
"Money on gift cards cannot expire for at least five years from the date the card was purchased, or from the last date any additional money was loaded onto the card. If the expiration date listed on the card is earlier

than these dates, the money can be transferred to a replacement card at no cost."

- "Inactivity fees can be charged only after a card hasn't been used for at least one year, and you can be charged only once per month. But you may be charged a fee to buy the card or replace a lost or stolen card."

- "The expiration date of a card must be clearly disclosed on the card, and fees must be clearly disclosed on the card or packaging."

If you have problems or complaints, call 1-877-FTC-Help for retail gift cards, and for cards issued by banks, call 1-800-613-6743.

*Information taken from the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Information.