

New E-STEM Academy to Open at Jack Yates High School this fall

Houston Independent School District (HISD) is bringing Houston's first "STEM" program to the Third Ward community.

Opening in August 2008, on the third floor of Jack Yates High School, the Energized for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Academy (E-STEM) will offer an exceptional educational choice for students entering the ninth grade who are interested in participating in rigorous and challenging studies in a non-traditional setting.

E-STEM will be led by Lois Bullock, a dynamic educator who has been delivering outstanding educational opportunities to HISD students for a decade.

"This is the type of rigor and creative learning that needs to be happening in our district," said Board of Education First Vice President Paula Harris, who represents District IV. "Our community is ready to embrace an open-enrollment, high-achievement program that will help our children compete in the global arena because of their exposure and success in science, technology, engineering and math."

The E-STEM course of studies will be particularly appealing to students that are creative, learn best through hands-on experiences, and are able to use technology as a spring-

board to deeper understanding of their academic course work. STEM-trained teachers will provide students with exciting project-based, real world challenges and allow students to construct, create, design, and problem solve while learning deep science, mathematics, and engineering content.

In keeping with the district's mission of creating a college-bound culture in every school, E-STEM students will be able to earn college credits while still in high school that will prepare them for postsecondary academics as well as technical careers in a variety of fields.

Support for the program will be provided by a coalition of stakeholders and community partners including: the City of Houston Green Program, Rice University, Texas Southern University, Houston Community College, and CSTEM Teacher and Student Support Services.

The E-STEM program will be open to students entering the ninth grade in August. Enrollment will be limited to 100 students in the 2008-2009 school year and one grade level will be added each year. Student acceptance to the new program is based on available space. The school is located at 3703 Sampson Street, 77004. Applications can be found at www.es-temacademy.org.

HISD Naulings, July Employee of the Month

Sabrina Naulings, Employee of the Month for July, works as a campus police officer at Albert Johnston Middle School. She came to the district in 1994 as a temporary clerk in the Benefits Department, but transferred to the Police Department shortly afterwards, and has been there ever since.

Naulings's main duties consist of patrolling the campus, preparing safety reports, and working with the Shared Decision Making Committee and other campus personnel to keep all students safe while at school. She also serves as a member of the school's Safety Committee, the Bicycle Patrol, and the Special Response Team.

A native Houstonian, Naulings is a proud member of Jesse H. Jones High School's Class of 1995. She also attended HISD's Louisa May Alcott Elementary School.

Naulings lives in South Houston with her husband, Christopher, and two sons,

Ronald and Kriston. In her spare time, she enjoys singing, reading, and spoiling her granddaughter SaNise.

"Safety and security are our number-one priorities here at Johnston Middle School, and Officer Naulings is a huge part of our plan," explains Principal Dave Wheat. "I knew she was something special the very first time Westbury High School had an early dismissal last fall and Johnston didn't. Westbury is right down the street, and Officer Naulings knew that a lot of its students would be walking over to Johnston, wandering the halls to visit former classmates. But she didn't just sit around waiting for it to happen. She actively recruited officers from both HPD and the constable's office in advance and set up a perimeter around the campus to turn those students away. Officer Naulings' proactive approach prevented classes and other daily activities at Johnston from being disrupted that day. She helps keep us all safe."

"Working with Officer Naulings for the last two years has been a joy," adds



Sabrina Naulings

Assistant Principal Charles Cade. "Safety First" is her number-one concern. She works very well with the administration and staff and is highly respected by students and parents. She is an asset to our school."

"Officer Naulings is an empathetic and compassionate woman first, and a tough police officer second," says Counselor Laura Sunosky. "She always takes the human element into consideration when dealing with anyone on our campus. Officer Naulings can be found before school, after school, and during school greeting children and adults and interacting with teachers in order to create a relationship and positive line of communication. She is an exceptional police officer who shows extreme compassion for her students, and she pushes for initiatives that will assist Johnston in following its motto of 'Safety First.'"

Source: HISD

Food Services Department Now Hiring Substitutes

The HISD Food Services Department is currently hiring Food Service Substitutes, who are responsible for preparing, serving, and cleaning up food at assigned schools throughout the district.

The pay is \$8.00 an hour and substitutes generally work four to seven hours a day.

Please note that these positions do not offer benefits; however, advancement opportunities are available.

Applicants must possess good oral and written communication skills (in English); have a positive, cheerful attitude geared towards customer service; be able to handle food and equipment safely; be able to follow directions and recipes; be able to lift and transport boxes weighing at least 40 pounds; have six months related experience; and have reliable transportation.

All applicants must also successfully complete a background check and drug test before an offer of employment can be made. Those who are hired will be required to travel to different locations as needed.

How to Apply:
Online at HISD Jobs (www.houstonisd.org).

In Person: "On-the-spot" interviews will be conducted from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at:

- o July 21: Pershing MS, 3838 Blue Bonnet Blvd., 77025
- o July 22: Shadownbriar ES, 2650 Shadownbriar, 77077
- o July 24: Fondren ES, 12405 Carlsbad, 77085
- o July 30: Bastian ES, 5051 Bellfort, 77033

Interviews will also be conducted from 9:00 a.m.-noon at:

- o July 26: Food Services Support Facility, 6801 Bennington, 77028
- Please do not contact the individual schools listed above. Questions may be directed to the Human Resources Department at 713-556-7467 or the Food Services Support Facility at 713-491-5700.

Local saxophonist teaches young jazz group to win



The Imani Jazz Ensemble performed during the Texas Democratic Delegate Convention in Austin, TX. The group has made a CD and video about Barack Obama. They learn under the direction of Saxophonist, Leon Mitchison.

The award winning Imani Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Leon Mitchison, world acclaimed saxophonist, are in flight again, this time to New York! This young group of talented musicians who were commissioned to play for the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats in Austin, Texas, June 6, 2008. Prior to this huge endeavor, the group performed for a Senator Hillary Clinton Presidential Pep Rally locally in Houston, Texas.

And now, they will entertain educators, philanthropist and community service persons at the Outstanding Educators/Community Service Awards Program, at the prestigious Swan Club in Roslyn Harbor, New York.

The Imani Jazz Ensemble are Grand Champion Winners of the Music Showcase Festivals, 2008. Several of its members received trophies for outstanding performance by category, i.e. vocals, bassist and rhythm section.

The group has made a CD and a video on Senator Barack Obama, the democratic presidential hopeful. Believe it or not, the group's ages range from 9 years to 14 years and in grade levels 4 through 8. Great musicians, they are! Look to hear their music played on the radio someday.

For more information about The Imani Jazz Ensemble, please contact Mr. Leon Mitchison, Director at (713) 594-3557.

The Hampton Spring Shadows offers monthly Support

HOUSTON—The Hampton Spring Shadows, an assisted living community located at 9889 Kempwood Dr., holds a monthly support group to educate and provide support to those caring for a loved one. The group will meet the first Tuesday of every month from 4 to 6 p.m. This month's group will meet on Tuesday,

Aug. 5.

The support group, established 13 years ago, is co-facilitated by Mary J. Meyer, RN for more than 20 years, and Sarah Ward, who owned a care management company for 10 years. Both Meyer and Ward have received extensive training from the Mental Health Association on facilitating sup-

port groups. Monthly support groups at Spring Shadows are free and open to the public. Space may be limited; a reservation is requested. Please call Susan Waller at (713) 934-8844 for more information or to R.S.V.P.



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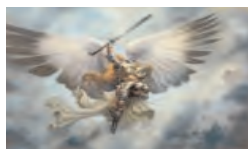
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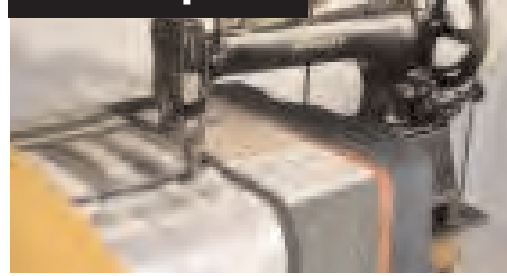
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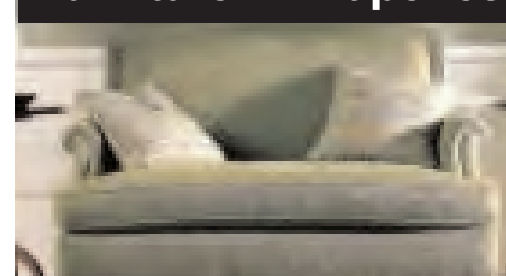
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