

# Picture Day

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Because of construction, we have to make some adjustments. Please note:

- Class pictures and individual pictures will be taken on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.
- Ordering information for the **Class Group pictures** will be sent at a later date.
- There will be **NO** Spring pictures taken this school year.
- There will be **NO RETAKES.**
- November 1, 2016 will be **the only picture day** for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Please have your child at school on time. Picture taking starts at 7:55 a.m.
- **Fall Individual Portrait orders must be pre-paid.** On November 1st, please return payment with the attached order form/envelope. You may also prepay online (see order form for instructions). Class Group Portrait money is not being accepted at this time.
- Please enclose **exact** cash amount in envelope.
- LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE TAKEN. If you do not send your money on November 1<sup>st</sup>, you must contact 1<sup>st</sup> Photo Texas direct @832-414-8968.
- **Uniforms are not required for pictures on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.**



**Parker Elementary  
10626 Atwell  
Houston, Texas 77096  
713-726-3634**

**Lori Frodine, Principal  
Bryan Berry, Assistant Principal  
Helen Brook, Title 1 Coordinator**

**TITLE 1 PAC Meeting  
(Spanish Club)**

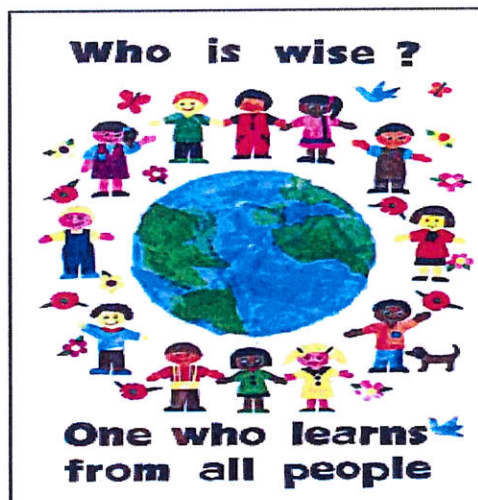
**Date: Friday October 28, 2016**

**Time: 8:00 a.m.**

**Place: Cafeteria**

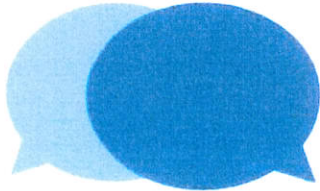
**Theme: Learning how to Organize  
Set Goals and Focus**

**Speakers: Susan Carlock**



# LISTEN & LEARN TOUR

A CONVERSATION WITH



## SUPERINTENDENT CARRANZA HOSTED BY TRUSTEE WANDA ADAMS

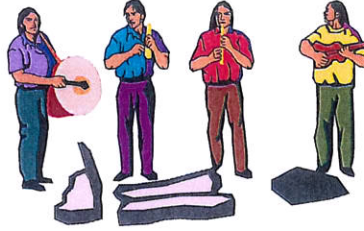
Please join HISD Board of Education Trustee Wanda Adams, District IX, for a town hall meeting with newly appointed HISD Superintendent Richard Carranza. Superintendent Carranza will be available to listen to input from the community about the district's future and learn about key issues that are important to stakeholders. You are welcome to attend any of the following sessions:

**MONDAY | OCTOBER 24**  
6:00 P.M.

**Madison High School**  
13719 Whiteheather Dr.  
Houston, TX 77045

**TUESDAY | OCTOBER 25**  
6:00 P.M.

**Parker Elementary School**  
10626 Atwell Dr.  
Houston, TX 77096



Parker's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Open Mic Concert  
Thursday, November 10, 2016  
Calling all Family Members, Moms, Dads, Uncles, Aunts  
And Alumni (16 yrs. and older)

Hey kids, do you have a family member who plays a musical instrument? Is your uncle, aunt, mom or dad a great singer? Does grandpa like to kick out the jams? Well, tell them that they are needed to perform at this year's 13th Annual Open Mic Concert! Just think how much fun it will be to see your father or mother dust off that old trombone, guitar or Sarrusaphone and perform for all your friends at Parker Elementary. It's a great show every year, but we need you to "convince" your family members to join us. Space is limited, so return this form ASAP to the Magnet Office. Each Performer will perform one selection.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

What instrument do you play? \_\_\_\_\_

What schools did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Who did you study music with? \_\_\_\_\_

Brushes with Greatness!?! \_\_\_\_\_

What song (s) would you like to perform tonight? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite breakfast cereal? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Magnet Office by Nov.4, 2016

# \$162 MILLION ‘ROBIN HOOD’ PAYMENT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

HISD is subject to **sending \$162 million in local property-tax dollars** to the state this year by **PURCHASING ATTENDANCE CREDITS** — and local voters will be given the option of authorizing the payment before it can be sent.

The HISD Board of Education has placed the issue on the **NOVEMBER 8 BALLOT**. Here’s the language that will appear on the ballot:

## ★ BALLOT ★

*Authorizing the board of trustees of  
Houston Independent School District to  
**PURCHASE ATTENDANCE CREDITS**  
from the state with local tax revenues.*

FOR
 AGAINST



- If voters **APPROVE** the measure, **HISD will begin paying the \$162 million next spring**. The state will use this payment to fund public education in Texas.
- If approved, the district will continue to make annual recapture payments for the foreseeable future. Voter approval will no longer be required for HISD to send an estimated \$257 million in 2017-18; \$308 million in 2018-19; and \$386 million in 2019-20. That’s over \$1 billion going from HISD to the state in the coming years.



- If voters **DON’T APPROVE** the measure, HISD would then be subject to detachment of about **\$18 billion worth of commercial property next July** — starting with the most valuable.
- The Texas Education Agency will detach a portion of HISD’s commercial property and reassign it to other school districts in Texas, where it will be taxed at those districts’ rates. Those districts would likely impose taxes at a higher rate than HISD does. HISD would lose that revenue from the business community, and the local share would possibly increase.

Either way, the Legislature in 2017 could make changes to the school finance system to avert or lessen the impact of the “Robin Hood” payment. Visit [HoustonISD.org/Recapture](http://HoustonISD.org/Recapture) to learn more.

# HISD BUDGET IMPACTED BY 'ROBIN HOOD' LAW

→ HISD is "PROPERTY-WEALTHY" and is subject to the state's "ROBIN HOOD" law, even though it faces challenges other property-wealthy districts do not:



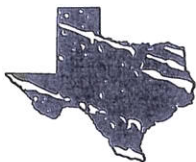
Nearly 80 percent of HISD students are **ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED.**



Almost a third are **ENGLISH-LANGUAGE LEARNERS.**

- o The number of economically disadvantaged students HISD serves is higher than the **TOTAL** number of students in any other Texas district.

→ HISD is expected to pay **\$162 MILLION** to the state by purchasing "attendance credits."

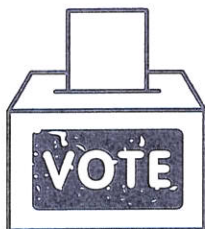


- o This payment forced HISD to **CUT \$95 MILLION** from the 2016-17 budget.
- o This "**WEALTH**" designation means HISD pays the state more than it receives in aid.

→ Rising property values will cause HISD's estimated **RECAPTURE PAYMENTS TO GROW:**



- o **\$257 MILLION** in recapture for 2017-18
- o **\$308 MILLION** in recapture for 2018-19
- o **\$386 MILLION** in recapture for 2019-20



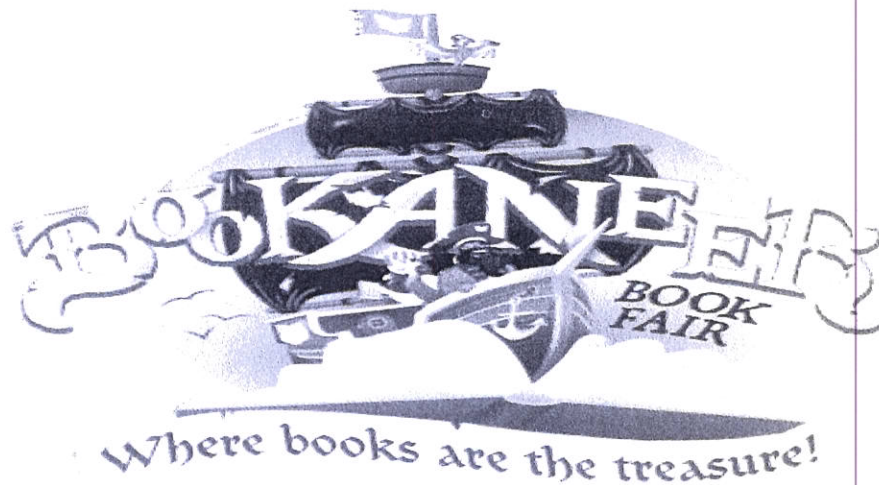
## ★ ELECTION NOVEMBER 8 ★

Voters will be given the option of authorizing the \$162 million payment before it can be sent to the state by "**PURCHASING ATTENDANCE CREDITS.**" The measure will be on the **NOVEMBER 8 BALLOT.**

Visit [HoustonISD.org/Recapture](http://HoustonISD.org/Recapture) to learn more.

*Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!*

*Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>*



## **Book Fair Poster Contest 2016**

### **Official Rules:**

**Deadline:** All posters must be turned into the library by **Monday, Oct. 31st, at 8:15 a.m.**

**Theme:** Must portray theme **“Where books are the treasure!”**

**Size:** **Minimum:** 8 ½” x 11”  
**Maximum:** 22” x 28 ½”

#### **Front of Poster:**

Must include **“Parker Book Fair”** and **“November 7-11”**

**\*\*Do NOT place your name on the front of the poster!\*\***

**Back of Poster:** Must include student name, grade level, and teacher on the **BACK** of the poster.

*Posters without this information cannot be identified as winners*

**Prizes:** Book Fair Gift Certificates will be awarded to the top three winners in **EACH** grade level!

**Follow contest instructions carefully** (for instance, putting your name on the front instead of the back will disqualify you). Don't leave any information out! **Original** artwork counts for more than computer graphics. Parents and siblings may assist as needed, but the work should be the student's.

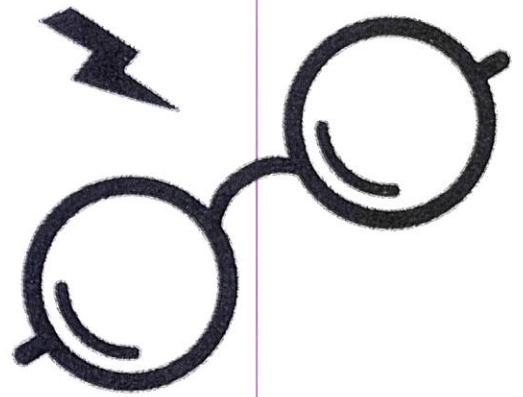
# Family Literacy Night!



**Tuesday, November 15,  
2016**

**5:00–6:30**

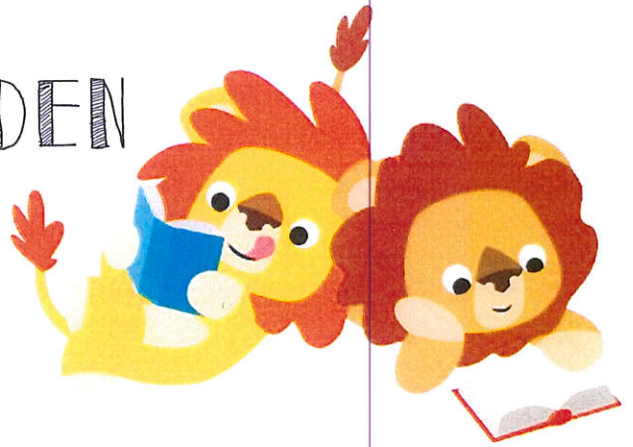
**3rd–5th Grades**



*A Magical Night of  
Reading and Math!*



# THE LION'S READING DEN AT PARKER ELEMENTARY



Parker Families,

You are invited to come to The Lion's Reading Den, a night out to celebrate reading with your family, on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30!

This will be a night to find a place to read with your family or friends, read alone, or enjoy group read-alouds!

Families are welcome to use the front lawn, the side deck, or the library.


Don't forget to bring your favorite books, a comfy cushion or chair, and bug spray if you plan to sit outside!






# HALLOWEEN SAFETY

## How to Report a Tip

 Call 713.222.TIPS (8477)

 Text TIP610 plus your tip to CRIMES (274637)

 Use our **Mobile App**  
Download app name: Crime Stoppers Houston

 Go to [crime-stoppers.org](http://crime-stoppers.org)

Tipsters will remain anonymous and could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$5,000.

Halloween is said to be the most eagerly awaited night of the year for kids and about 41 million children go trick-or-treating each year in the US alone.

Halloween is the **highest candy sales day of the year** with nearly 600 million pounds of Halloween candy sold and an average household spending of about \$44. Sadly, it is also the **deadliest night** for pedestrians with twice as many child pedestrians being killed while walking on Halloween as compared to any other day. [Here are some tips for a safe and spooky Halloween:](#)



**H**ave a trusted adult aware of your plan before you leave. Map out where you are going in case of an emergency. Talk to your kids about Halloween night safety (only 1/3 of parents do!)

**A**s a driver, slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are very excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways. Anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

**L**ook both ways before crossing the street. Walk on sidewalks and cross the streets at corners only.

**L**imit your social media sharing and whereabouts for the night. Don't overshare! Burglars have been known to take advantage of homes when they know they're empty.

**O**bserve all treats, and dispose of any that appear to have been opened, tampered with, or are not wrapped.

**W**ear "fitted" costumes to prevent tripping and blocked vision.

**E**nsure that older kids are trick-or-treating with a group of friends.

**E**nsure that your children carry glow sticks, flashlights, or wear reflective clothing when trick-or-treating in the dark.

**N**ever allow children to go trick-or-treating alone.



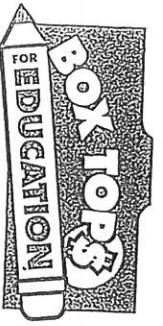
### If you're expecting trick-or-treaters:

- Be sure walkways are clear and well-lit!
- Keep Halloween décor that is lit away from curtains, pets and small children.
- Encourage drivers to slow down as they pass by.
- Hand out "well-known" treats so parents don't become suspicious.



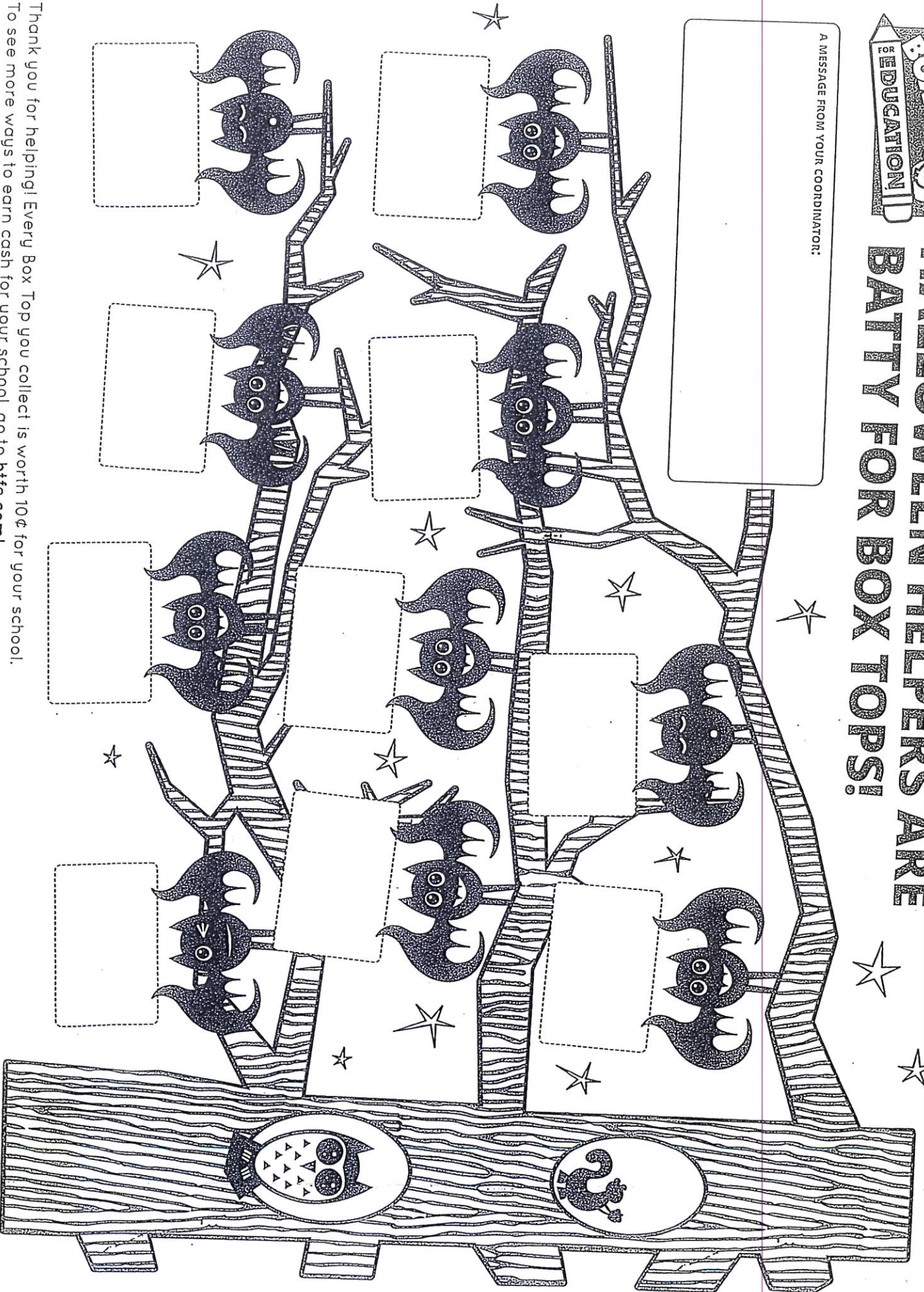
### Keep your pets safe at Halloween night:

- Watch animals around lit pumpkins. A pet can easily knock over a lit decoration and start a fire. Especially cats are at a high risk for this.
- Keep pets in a separate room. The front door is a high traffic area. Doorbells and knocks can upset even friendly pets.
- Limit pet costumes. This can cause stress to your animal.
- Keep your pets away from candy, avoid placing bowls on the ground.



# HALLOWEEN HELPERS ARE BATTY FOR BOX TOPS!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COORDINATOR:



Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school. To see more ways to earn cash for your school, go to [bte.com](http://bte.com)!



**PIN OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## **PIN OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

IS HOSTING AN **OPEN HOUSE** FOR 5<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADERS (AND THEIR FAMILIES) WHO ARE ZONED TO  
PERSHING, MEYERLAND, AND JANE LONG MIDDLE  
SCHOOLS.

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016 6:30-8PM**

**WHERE: PIN OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

**4601 GLENMONT, BELLAIRE TX, 77401.**

**MEET TEACHERS AND STAFF, LEARN ABOUT SPORTS,  
CLUBS, FINE ARTS, ELECTIVES!!**

**COME AND SEE THE SCHOOL!!!!**