

Dear HISD supporter,

As you may know, HISD is subject to Recapture and must send local property tax dollars to the state of Texas. **On May 6, voters will be asked HOW the district should pay its Recapture obligation.** Recapture is one of the most important issues facing HISD, and the results of this upcoming ballot measure will affect our schools financially for years to come.

Here's the language that will appear on the ballot May 6, as required by the state:

Authorizing the board of trustees of Houston Independent School District to purchase attendance credits from the state with local tax revenues.

You might be asking yourself, "Didn't we already vote on this?" The answer is yes, but since that vote in November, significant progress has been made. **Action by the Texas Education Agency reduced HISD's Recapture obligation from about \$162 million to about \$77.5 million. Future payments have been reduced, as well. This helps HISD.** The previous vote also started a conversation among legislators in Austin about improving the state's school finance system. However, no additional funding has been approved. In response, HISD's Board of Education called a new election on May 6, giving voters another opportunity to decide how HISD will pay its Recapture obligation now that the payments have been reduced.

A vote FOR purchasing attendance credits means HISD will pay its Recapture obligation by writing a check to the state comprised of local property taxes. It also means the district will continue to make annual recapture payments for the foreseeable future, but if our total tax collections continue to grow, then increased tax collections will help offset these payments. Taxes could increase under this scenario, as well. If tax collections cease to grow, the offset will be less.

A vote AGAINST purchasing attendance credits will result in detachment of the most valuable non-residential, commercial properties from the district's tax roll. The properties will be reassigned to other school districts for taxing purposes. Under current law, these properties will be permanently detached, and the district will permanently lose those tax collections for daily operations and schools. Importantly, the district will also lose debt service tax collections used to pay back bonds, which is debt used to build schools, most likely requiring a tax increase on residents and remaining businesses to pay the debt obligation. **If detachment of property occurs, the district will have less capacity to fund schools.**

Neither option is ideal for our school district. Ultimately, the Texas Legislature needs to reform school finance. However, we hope you educate yourself on the option you think is best for your household and your community. You can visit HoustonISD.org/Recapture to find more information about this issue, including an informational video. Please share this information with your community, and **please vote on May 6. Early voting is April 24-May 2.**

Thank you for your continued support of the students of HISD.

Wear your poker face and bring your good luck charm, it's time to roll the dice at an evening of fun and games.



P A R K E R P T O

Fabulous
CASINO
NIGHT

Friday, May 5th
7-10pm

The Meridian
5200 Bissonnet
Bellaire, TX 77401

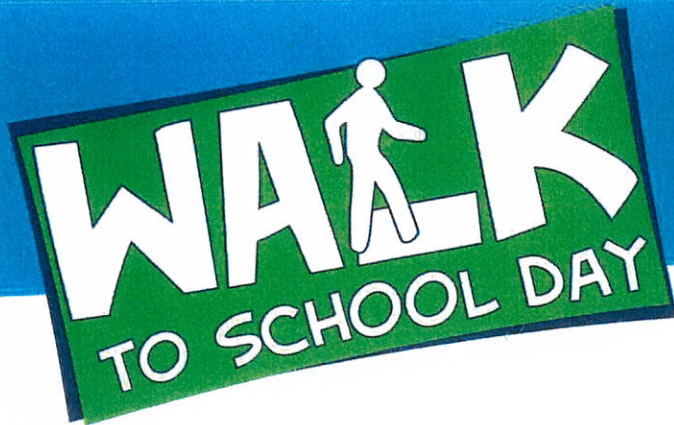
visit www.CynthiaAnnParkerPTO.org
for more details and to purchase tickets online

Tickets are \$35 each and include

- \$1,000 in casino chips upon arrival
- food & drink + cash bar
- fabulous raffle prizes
- free babysitting at Westbury Baptist Church (6mo - 5th grade) registration required...online or by phone

FREE Tickets with Table Sponsorship

- \$250 for half table sponsorship (includes 1 event ticket)
- \$500 for full table sponsorship (includes 2 event tickets)
- great opportunity to showcase your business information



or Bike to School

**Parker Elementary School
is participating in Walk to School Day on
Friday, April 21, 2017**

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate
the benefits of walking and bicycling.

About our event:

Join us to walk or bike to school. If biking, don't forget your helmet!

Parents, we are asking you to walk/bike with your child(ren), stopping by
the main entrance to sign the participation log.

Children who walk/bike to school with parent will get a certificate for
participating.

If you live far, plan to park near the school but far enough that you may
enjoy the walk.

Classes will start at the usual time, 7:45am, so plan accordingly.

Learn more at

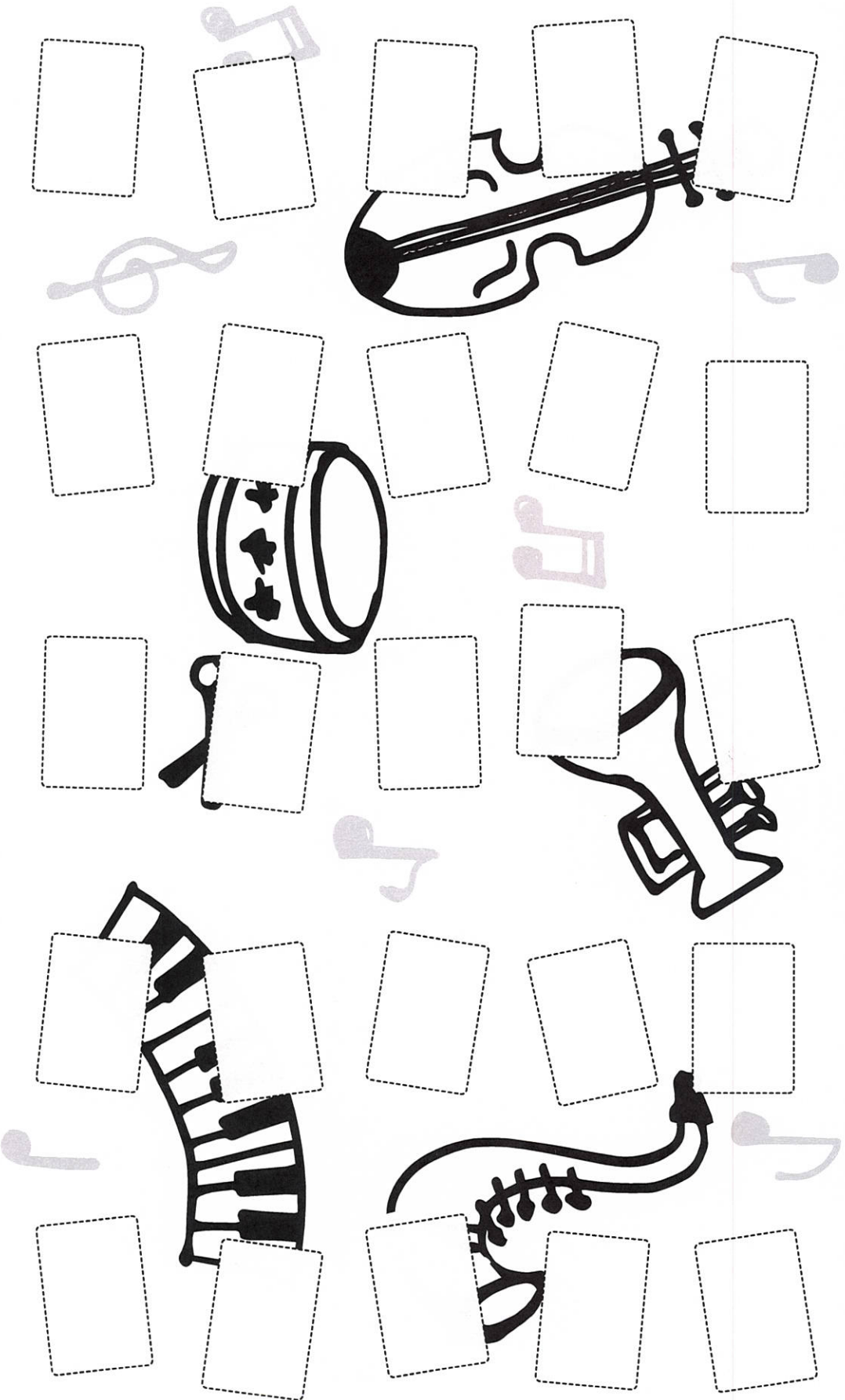
walkbiketoschool.org

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by
the National Center for Safe Routes to School.





TURN BOX TOPS INTO MUSIC FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com.

Summer Reading Skills Programs

OFFERED IN HOUSTON & ON CAMPUS

PHONICS | FLUENCY | COMPREHENSION
LOVE OF READING | TEXTBOOK SKILLS | SPEED READING

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Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and will be excited about books and reading.

Program for Entering 1st Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn phonics and sight words, build fluency and comprehension, and develop a love of books and reading. Your child will be excited about reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

Program for Entering 2nd Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will become a fluent, confident reader. Children build solid phonics and word-attack skills and develop reading fluency and strong comprehension. Your child will be excited about books and reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

Program for Entering 3rd Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will become a fluent, confident reader. Children develop long-word decoding skills, reading fluency, and excellent comprehension. Your child will develop a lifelong love of books and reading and get off to a great start in third grade.

Program for Entering 4th Graders

Program for Entering 5th Graders

In these fun and effective summer programs, your child will become a skilled, enthusiastic reader. Students develop strong comprehension skills in both fiction and non-fiction and learn how to read and study textbooks. Your child will gain confidence and develop a lifelong love of books and reading.

Program for Entering 6th-8th Graders

Program for Entering 9th-11th Graders

In these effective and enjoyable summer programs, your child will improve comprehension in both fiction and non-fiction and learn to read twice as fast. Students learn the best way to read and study textbooks and take notes. Your student will complete homework more quickly and easily and enjoy reading more.

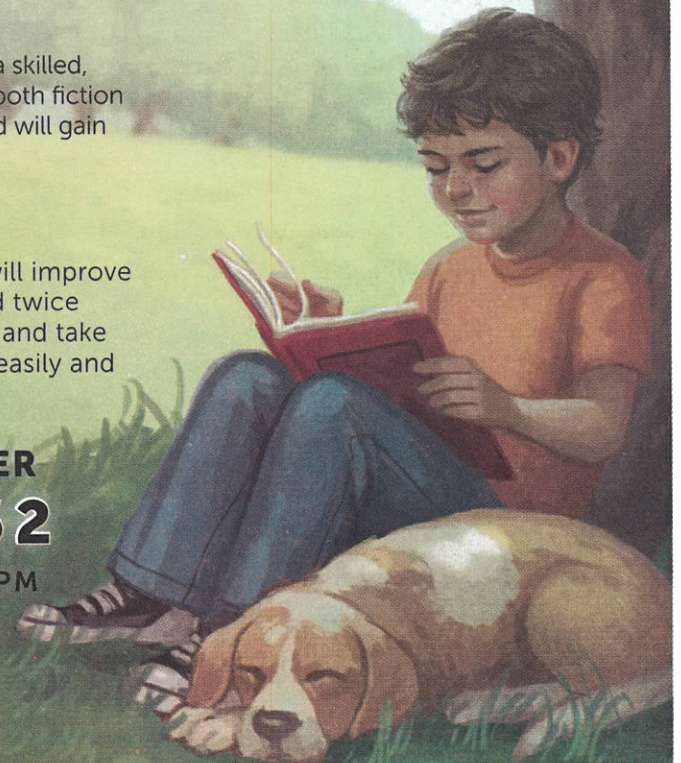
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

CALL 1-800-903-0162

MON-FRI 7AM-9PM | SAT 7AM-6PM | SUN 9AM-5PM

Please See Reverse Side For Class Schedule

Source Code: 323-17-15167



TEACHERS

The programs are made available by Houston Baptist University, Office of University Events and Conferences, through a partnership with the Institute of Reading Development. Classes are designed and taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development.

"I would like to thank you for such a positive outcome with my son James. He learned skills that have translated into wonderful grades, and more importantly, have given him more confidence in his reading abilities. He has actually asked to go to the library to pick out a book!"

— Parent of 4th grader

CLASS SCHEDULE

All programs meet once each week. Tuition varies by program grade.

Please ask about our family discount.

Choose the grade your child will enter in Fall 2017.

ON CAMPUS: Houston Baptist University.

4-year-old & K: Sat., June 17-July 15, 8:30am-9:45am

1st Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 10:15am-12:15pm

2nd Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 10:15am-12:15pm

3rd Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 3:45pm-5:45pm

4th Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 1pm-3:15pm

5th Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 1pm-3:15pm

6th-8th Grades: Mon., June 12-July 10, 12pm-2:30pm

9th-11th Grades: Mon., June 12-July 10, 3pm-5:30pm

HOUSTON (MEMORIAL AREA): First Methodist

Houston - Westchase, 10570 Westpark Drive.

4-year-old & K: Sat., June 17-July 15, 8:30am-9:45am

1st Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 10:15am-12:15pm

2nd Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 1pm-3pm

3rd Grade: Fri., June 16-July 14, 9am-11am

4th Grade: Fri., June 16-July 14, 11:30am-1:45pm

5th Grade: Fri., June 16-July 14, 2:15pm-4:30pm

6th-8th Grades: Thu., June 15-July 13, 12:30pm-3pm

9th-11th Grades: Thu., June 15-July 13, 3:30pm-6pm

12th Grade & Adults: Thu., June 15-July 13, 6:30pm-9pm

HOUSTON: On campus at the University of St. Thomas.

4-year-old & K: Sat., June 17-July 15, 8:30am-9:45am

4-year-old & K: Sun., June 18-July 16, 10am-11:15am

1st Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 10:15am-12:15pm

1st Grade: Sun., June 18-July 16, 11:45am-1:45pm

2nd Grade: Sat., June 17-July 15, 1pm-3pm

3rd Grade: Sun., June 18-July 16, 2:15pm-4:15pm

4th Grade: Wed., June 14-July 12, 2:45pm-5pm

5th Grade: Wed., June 14-July 12, 12pm-2:15pm

6th-8th Grades: Wed., June 14-July 12, 9am-11:30am

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ON CAMPUS: Houston Baptist University.

4-year-old & K: Sat., July 22-Aug. 19, 8:30am-9:45am

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2nd Grade: Sat., July 22-Aug. 19, 1pm-3pm

3rd Grade: Sat., July 22-Aug. 19, 3:30pm-5:30pm

4th Grade: Sun., July 23-Aug. 20, 1:30pm-3:45pm

5th Grade: Sun., July 23-Aug. 20, 4:15pm-6:30pm

6th-8th Grades: Tue., July 18-Aug. 15, 12:30pm-3pm

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More reading classes are scheduled
at nearby locations.

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Inquire early! Class size is limited.

Spanish, French, English & Mandarin Chinese

IMMERSION SUMMER CAMPS



LOCATIONS

Houston ■ Bellaire ■ Katy ■ Kingwood
Memorial / Spring Branch ■ Sugar Land
Pearland ■ Spring ■ Champions

* See website for location details

Spaces are limited. Don't miss out, enroll today!



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camp highlights



- Innovative & fun, music & play based
- Multiple locations in the Houston area
- June - August
- Choose one or several weeks
- Theme-based (different theme each week)
- Full-time schedule: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Early and extended immersion available at some locations (7:00-9:00 AM & 3:00-6:00 PM)
- Age groups: 3-5 & 6-11
- Low teacher/student ratio
- Experienced college-educated native-speaker teachers
- Teachers trained in the most advanced language acquisition methodologies



* We are not a licensed day care facility

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PARKER PARENTS & STUDENTS

Plans are under way for the BEST WEEK OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

PARKER APPRECIATION WEEK

APRIL 24-28TH Below is the daily schedule. *Please note, Tuesday & Thursday are the only days we're asking for your extra support. All other treats are provided and planned by the PTO. There are many opportunities for parents to show their appreciation; visit: CynthiaAnnParkerPTO.org and click on the THANK YOU icon to sign up.

MISSION: POSSIBLE

MONDAY 24th:

- FROM PTO** Door decorations revealed & Coffee Bar with Grab-n-Go Breakfast
FROM STUDENT Secret Service Random Acts of Kindness cards due (see 2nd flyer)
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TUESDAY* 25th:

- FROM PTO** Sweets Bar
FROM STUDENT Wear spy gear (hats & sunglasses allowed at the start of the day)
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WEDNESDAY 26th:

- FROM PTO** Snack Cart with Top Secret cards delivered
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THURSDAY* 27th:

- FROM PTO** Evidence that Parker Teachers help students succeed
FROM STUDENT Gear Up for Next Year (students bring teacher/class supplies)
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FRIDAY 28th:

- FROM PTO** Special Agent Luncheon
FROM STUDENT Secret Service Random Acts of Kindness cards delivered
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TOP SECRET

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