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Energy and Sustainability Newsletter

Winter 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS



12/10/2016

[Saturdays in Nature Family Program](#)

12/14/2016

[Nature Program for Preschoolers](#)

12/15/2016

[After-School Nature Explorers Club](#)

Free Field Trips offered for 4th Graders through EKIP - Every Kid in a Park!

Over 15 Houston-based organizations have come together to provide FREE field trip opportunities to over 16,000 fourth grade students during the 2016-2017 school year. Educators will have access to comprehensive online resources for nature based field trip experiences in the region. Title 1 Schools in designated districts will be provided funding for bus transportation to the field trip sites. One of the great benefits for students is that this initiative provides **free federal land annual passes to 4th graders and their families after they complete a field trip!** For more information about field trip locations and guidelines, visit www.esc4.net/EKIP.

Welcome to our new Project Manager and *part time* woodworker, Adrian Carter!



12/21/2016
[Nature Story Time](#)



Coming Early Jan 2017!



SAVE THE DATE!

Earth Month
 April 2017

HISD Earth Day
 Saturday April 22nd

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HISD welcomes Adrian Carter as the newest member to Energy and Sustainability's Leadership and brings 15 years of experience in Supply Chain & Project Management to HISD.

Welcome to HISD, Adrian! Tell us about yourself and what you like to do outside of work?

Well, my name is Adrian Carter, I am a 2000 graduate from Prairie View A&M University where I got my undergraduate degree in Engineering Technology in education. I also received an executive MBA from Prairie View A&M in August of 2015. I enjoy golf, riding motorcycles, and woodworking.

Woodworking!What have you done in woodworking?

I've been doing it for years, but I was able to fine-tune my interests in woodworking. I can make pens, clocks, I can do cabinets... I have a full shop in my garage. I have a three car garage, and on the very end I've converted it into a woodshop.

That's awesome. So, what interested you in working for HISD?

I loved working in Cy Fair. I loved working with kids. I was a tech teacher at Cy Fair for wood shop. So, coming back to the district and working on the public side is a totally different experience from corporate America.

So, you worked at Cy Fair then went private, then came back?

No, I was private first. I actually got caught up in Enron. So, after the falling of Enron I went to Cy Fair, because a teaching

opportunity became available, so I was able to go into teaching and then go back into the industry. And at that time I went back into oil and gas. Prior to that I was with the railroad, went to work for Enron--I was there not even two weeks before everything fell apart.

So, you've been with us for a few weeks...how has your experience been settling in?

Actually, it's pretty cool. I'm able to apply my past experience and knowledge in project management, but at the same time I had almost zero knowledge on HVAC systems and saving energy, so I have been able to learn a lot in these last few weeks. Being able to marry my past experience with this new knowledge has been pretty cool.

So, of those--being able to bring your past skills here, what skills are you most excited to bring to our department, specifically, now that you've spent some time here?

Organization. I mean, because, I don't want to re-invent the wheel, and there's already a process that's in place. I've always felt like everything has a place. And there's a few things I feel that can be tweaked. And so, just tweaking those few things and making things--streamlining some processes and procedures, and organizing flow.

So, with that in mind, my last question is what do you hope to accomplish here at HISD?

I think everybody comes to work and wants to have a destination. That destination could be I want to complete A, B, and C, you know. So we just recently did our goal-setting conferences, right? And out of that goal setting conference you birth these new ideas and structure your path. Well, there has to be structure in your day-to-day work, right? And those five days you come to work, you work to obtain those goals. So I would like to implement some thoughts and strategies in order to help people get through their day-to-day, in order to help get them to achieve their goals.

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