

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!

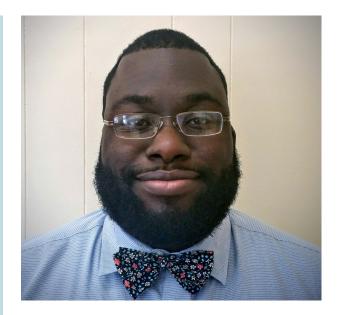


SAVE THE DATE!

Earth Month April 2017

HISD Earth Day Saturday April 22nd

Call for Vounteers
Click here to register!



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.

Did you know?

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