

January 29, 2021

Yes Prep Gulfton
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Houston, TX 77074

Front Office Number:
713-967-9800

School Hours:
8am-4pm

Website:
<https://gulfton.yesprep.org>

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FORCE PARENT NOTES

CALENDAR

Mon 4/19	Tues 4/20	Wed 4/21	Thurs 4/22	Fri 4/23
Secondary Q3 Report Card Distribution				
Meal Distribution 11-2pm				
Mon 4/26	Tues 4/27	Wed 4/28	Thurs 4/29	Friday 4/30
Meal Distribution 11-2pm				

LOOKING AHEAD:
Month of May – STAAR TESTING
Memorial Day May 31, 2021
Last Day of School June 10, 2021

FORCE INFORMATION

Spring Credit Recovery

For parents who have children in our Spring Credit Recovery program:

For **Spring** Credit Recovery ONLY, we have been able to find sponsors to cover Credit Recovery fees for anyone who **passes** *(and show up to campus Mon and Wed if failing)* their course!

You read correctly! If you pass your credit recovery class **by May 5th** *(and show up to campus Mon and Wed if failing)* you will qualify for a Credit Recovery Scholarship!

1) If you already paid and you pass, you can still qualify for a full refund if you get the Scholarship!

2) If you don't pass, you will not receive a refund if you already paid or the debt will remain on your student balance and will still need to pay by the end of the school year.

We have limited scholarships available right now, but if more students pass, we will work hard to request more.

You have **27 days** left!

8th Grade Spotlight

The end of the school year is approaching so you know what that means... it is time to recognize students for their hard work and dedication!

The 8th grade team would like to spotlight Basiru A. Basiru has consistently shown focus and desire for better understanding in all his classes even when things get hard. Basiru has shown great collaboration with his peers and will often help other students with schoolwork. On his down time Basiru has also dedicated himself to learning Spanish via duolingo. Keep up the gr8 work Basiru & congrats on making the Honor Roll List this Quarter!

We honor him for his ability to work hard during these hectic times. Keep it up Basiru!

Re-Enrollment for 21-22 School Year

If you have not completed re-enrollment for your current student at YES Prep please be sure to log into skyward, if you scan the QR from your phone it should take you directly to skyward.

If you need assistance, please contact our front office 713-967-9800.

Annual Family School Relationship Survey

To ensure we continue to provide high quality, rigorous learning experiences that meet the needs of our learners and prepare them for college and career, we need feedback from our families. We have partnered with Panorama Education to conduct an annual Family-School Relationships Survey.

On **Monday, April 12th**, families will receive an email with a unique link with parent information to take the Family Survey to gain insight into their perception of our school and district effectiveness. The survey window will close on **Friday, April 30th**.

Message from the Counselor

HOW TO KEEP CALM AND MANAGE YOUR STRESS

These are tough times. You need to take care of yourself, so you can support your children.

Remember, you are not alone. Millions of people have the same fears as us. Find someone who you can talk to about how you are feeling. Listen to them. Avoid social media that makes you feel panicked

Take a break. We all need a break sometimes. When your children are asleep, do something fun or relaxing for yourself. Make a list of healthy activities that YOU like to do. You deserve it!

Listen to your kids. Be open and listen to your children. Your children will look to you for support and reassurance. Listen to your children when they share how they are feeling. Accept how they feel and give them comfort.

Take a pause. Do this 1-minute relaxation activity that you can do whenever you are feeling stressed or worried:

Step 1: Set up

- Find a comfortable sitting position, your feet flat on the floor, your hands resting in your lap.
- Close your eyes if you feel comfortable.

Step 2: Think, feel, body

- Ask yourself, "What am I thinking now?"
- Notice your thoughts. Notice if they are negative or positive.
- Notice how you feel emotionally. Notice if your feelings are happy or not.
- Notice how your body feels. Notice anything that hurts or is tense.

Step 3: Focus on your breath

- Listen to your breath as it goes in and out.
- You can put a hand on your stomach and feel it rise and fall with each breath.
- You may want to say to yourself "It's okay. Whatever it is, I am okay."
- Then just listen to your breath for a while.

Step 4: Coming back

- Notice how your whole body feels.
- Listen to the sounds in the room.

Step 5: Reflecting

- Think 'do I feel different at all?'
- When you are ready, open your eyes.

****Taking a Pause** can also be helpful when you find your child is irritating you or has done something wrong. It gives you a chance to be calmer. Even a few deep breaths or connecting with the feeling of the floor beneath can make a difference. You can also Take a Pause with your children! Info provided by unicef.org.

Katrice R. Smith, LMSW (6th-9th Student Support Counselor)

FORCE UPDATES

Key Reminders for In-person Learning

Parent Pick Up <Action Required>

Reminder that it is **mandatory for you to show your ID when picking up your children**. **ONLY** the people listed in your emergency contact list in the Skyward portal will be allowed to check out your students from campus. If you have not updated that information or have not presented proof of residence documentation, please do that as soon as possible. We must abide by these rules in order to keep our students safe. If you have any questions, please call the front office.

Dismissal Pick Up <Action Required>

Reminder that after 3:30pm you will need to wait in the car line for your child. We will not call them out of class after that time in order to give our campus enough time to get ready for dismissal procedures. **Parents who pick up their children after 4pm will need to pick up students on DeMoss St. near the walking crosswalk gate. Our campus gates will officially close starting at 4pm every single day.** If you have any questions, please call the front office.

Academic Calendar



Please visit <https://www.yesprep.org/families/district-calendar> for this year's academic calendar.

Dress Code for In Person Students

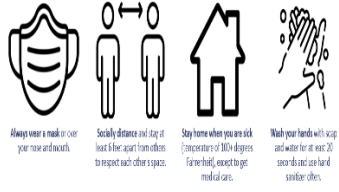
- Masks are ALWAYS REQUIRED.
- All masks must have appropriate language, symbols etc.
- All YES Prep uniform expectations are waived until further notice. Students will follow the campus free dress policy.
- T-shirts are acceptable but must be school-appropriate and cannot have pictures, emblems, or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene, or that advertise/depict drugs, alcohol or gang affiliation or depict violence.
- No tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, net/sheer tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, strapless tops, and finally, no bare midriffs (half-shirts) may be worn.
- No open-toed shoes or shoes without backs; must have a rubber sole.
- All pants, shorts and skirts must meet normal M-F uniform expectations: any color is permitted for jeans, khakis, or uniform joggers; shorts/skirts must be no shorter than fingertip length above the knee; no leggings, rips in jeans, sweatpants or athletic joggers.

Safety Drills

Parents, in order to be prepared for emergency situations this month we will be practicing two safety drills. **Fire Drill will be Wednesday, April 21st** and our Lockdown Drill will be Friday, April 30th. Parents cannot check out their students from school during these times. You must wait until the safety drill is over. Thank you!



Safety Precautions

ARRIVAL	DURING SCHOOL	DISMISSAL
<p>All vehicles should enter through our main entrance gate starting at 8AM.</p> <p>Students will have their temperature checked by a staff member before they exit the vehicle. STUDENTS SHOULD NOT LEAVE THE VEHICLE UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A TEMPERATURE CHECK AND GIVEN PERMISSION TO LEAVE.</p> <p>LAPTOP ASSISTANCE & CHARGING</p> <p>Laptops should be charged EVERY NIGHT to ensure proper use throughout the day. If student(s) are having trouble with their laptop, please contact the Front Office at (713) 967-9800.</p>	<p>Students should practice safety precautions for themselves as well as others at all times. Teachers and school personnel are ALWAYS available to assist students when concerns arise.</p> <p>Please encourage your students to speak with their teachers, Dean of Students, and/or their Student Support Counselor when they are in need of assistance.</p> <p>COVID-19 PARAMETERS</p>  <p>Always wear a mask over your nose and mouth.</p> <p>Socially distance and stay at least 6 feet apart from others to respect each other's space.</p> <p>Stay home when you are sick (symptoms of 10+ degrees Fahrenheit), expect to get medical care.</p> <p>Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer often.</p> <p>Keep Gulfport Safe and Well by following the Covid-19 Protocols.</p>	<p>Students will dismiss classrooms to exit the building through the main entrance doors. Students should always practice social distance to prevent congregating in confined spaces.</p> <p>Please remind students who charge their laptops as soon as they arrive home to be prepared for the following day.</p>

Family Resources

Emergency Rental Assistance

Catholic Charities and BakerRipley are helping community members apply for emergency rental assistance through the Houston-Harris Rental Assistance Program. For more information, visit www.houstonharrishelp.org or call 832-402-7568.

Houston Coalition Against Hate Bystander Trainings - learn how to safely stand up against discrimination and bigotry in person and online. See the full training schedule at www.houstonagainsthate.org/bit



EGGSTRAVAGANZA

By Appointment only

Call or visit our Welcome Center to Register

Each child will receive an Easter gift bag and there will be fun activities!

April 23, 2021
3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

BakerRipley Gulfport Sharpstown
6500 Rookin St. Houston, TX 77074
713-272-3700



WINTER STORM Financial Assistance

Were you impacted by the winter storm?
Help is available.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Impacted by the 2021 winter storm (damaged home, lost income/wages, closed business, lost food & water, lost medications, increased expenses/debt, lost household items, or needed to relocate)
- Reside in the City of Houston and/or Harris County
- Household income at or below 80% AMI
- Vulnerable household

Call us today for more information!

Zip codes served:

Acres Homes: 77018, 77037, 77038, 77086, 77088, 77091
Magnolia Park: 77011, 77012, 77020, 77023, 77029
Fort Bend Houston: 77085

Contact us:
Maria Franco Cortes
mfranco@thealliancetx.org
713-554-1884

Financial assistance made possible through a partnership with the Greater Houston Community Foundation, United Way of Greater Houston, and the Houston Harris County Winter Storm Relief Fund

the Alliance
TheAllianceTX.org



Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Training Course

Have a passion for helping others?
Apply for The Alliance CNA course!

FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Steps to enroll:

- Attend an orientation on April 12, April 14, or April 19 at 10am
- Become a client of the Financial Opportunity Center
- Must sign up for the Basic English Skills Test (BEST)
- Cooperatively work with FOC coaches in financial, employment & income support coaching
- Complete the support class
- Provide proof of High School Diploma, its equivalency, or proof of college transcript

Contact:
Noemi Hernandez, 713-776-4700 x162
DistanceEd@TheAllianceTX.org

Course begins May 3rd, 2021

Schedule
Skills Training - Monday through Thursday, 8am-1pm
Support Class - Mondays and Tuesdays, 1:30pm-4:30pm

Location:
Online and in-person

Adult education and literacy services are provided with support from the Gulf Coast Workforce Board to help individuals find a job, keep a job, or get a better job. The Alliance supports, and the Board is committed to, providing a learning and working environment that promotes personal strength, dignity, and mutual respect free of discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity and gender expression, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The Alliance is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. (Please request reasonable accommodations a minimum of two business days in advance.) Relay Texas Numbers: 1-800-735-2689 (TDD) 1-800-735-2688 (voice) or 711