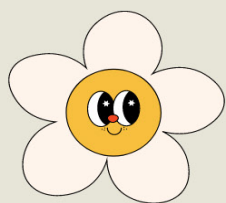
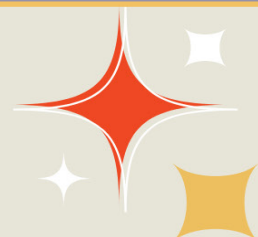




STUDENT SERVICES REPORT



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Student Services is Leading the Way

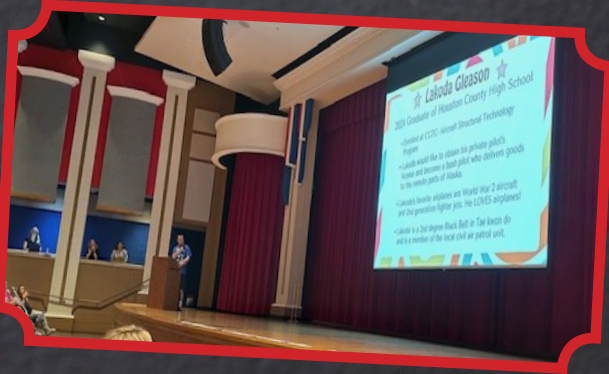
The Student Services Staff held their annual “Kick-Off” on Tuesday, July 30th. The newest members of the family were introduced. Dr. Dana Wiggins and Dr. Kristi-Lee Arrington led the welcome and elaborated on our district’s new theme for the school year, “Leading the Way”. Mrs. Jennifer Jones from Community Relations shared insight into customer service. Mrs. Alissa Green, Mrs. Bonnie Brown, and Mrs. Monica Smith followed next with procedural reminders for the upcoming year. The team continued the morning by participating in a break-out session with group collaboration to continue the excitement. The event concluded with our Student Services Project Aware Coordinator, Tangela Brice, sharing valuable information on self-care. This team is ready to Lead The Way in removing barriers by supporting students and teachers this school year!



Welcome



BACK TO SCHOOL



The Student Services Department hosted a district-wide professional learning event for special education teachers on July 29th at Veteran's High School, attracting over 300 participants. The event kicked off with a "Who's Who in Student Services" segment, featuring introductions of the student services administrative team, itinerant staff, and clerical staff, each accompanied by personalized walk-up music. Dr. Dana Wiggins and Dr. Kristi-Lee Arrington welcomed the attendees, emphasizing the importance and joy of working in special education. Program specialists and itinerant teachers led sessions on creating legally defensible IEPs, covering required components and best practices. Mrs. Jennifer Jones from Community Relations provided insights on the significance of strong customer service skills in interactions with community members. Ms. Wendy Walker from CB Watson Primary and Ms. Patricia Woodward from Huntington Middle School shared their experiences using Goalbook to craft legally sound IEPs and alleviate the stress associated with IEP development. The event concluded with a moving speech from Lakoda Gleason, a 2024 graduate of Houston County High School, who has been receiving IEP services since he was three years old. Koda's heartfelt story of overcoming challenges with the support of his special education teachers and his mother, Carrie—a member of the itinerant behavior support staff—resonated with the audience, earning him a standing ovation and numerous photo requests. The event left everyone inspired and eager to positively impact the lives of their students.

Regional Trauma Sytem Presents the Save Award



Three Health Techs were honored with the “Save Award” by the Regional Trauma System for their heroic actions, which contributed to the positive outcomes of critically ill or injured students and staff members this past school year. The recipients were Kristin Logan from WIN Academy, Kaitlin Reed from Langston Road Elementary, and Shay Massey from Mossy Creek Middle School.

Ms. Shay Massey performed CPR and used an AED to save a teacher who went into cardiac arrest in her office. Ms. Kaitlin Reed and Ms. Kristin Logan used a Stop the Bleed Kit and a tourniquet to control severe bleeding in a School Resource Officer and a student. We commend each of them for their bravery and dedication!



Kristin Logan, Kaitlin Reed, and Shay Massey

To all of our heroes, we thank you!



EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) 2024

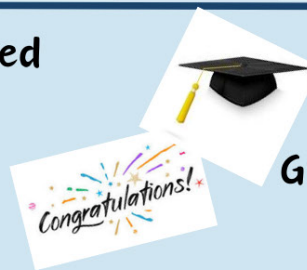
ESY Credit Recovey
Students at NHS.

63

NHS
WRHS
HOCO
WIN
Houston Virtual
GNETS-SW

Courses Completed

210



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Graduates

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Students at PHS.

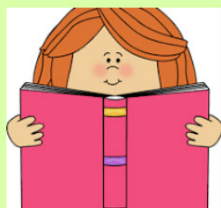
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PHS
HOCO
VHS
Houston Virtual

1
Graduate

Courses Completed

141



Elementary ESY
Hilltop
Elementary

Students
Participating
104



127

Students
Participating



Middle / High School ESY
Thomson Middle



Total ESY Teachers

56

Total ESY Paraprofessionals

71

Students
Transported

278

Total ESY
Students

427

Other
Support Staff

15

Total CRX Classes
Completed

350

Leading the way LSSC

The Lindsey Student Support Center and the H3O Group hosted a Financial Literacy Lunch & Learn event for the community. Participants learned strategies for diversifying their finances and managing the risks of financial fraud. The H3O Group and Larry's Giant Subs generously provided lunch for the attendees.



SunMark Community Bank sponsored a Back to School Supply Drive benefiting the Lindsey Student Support Center. Items collected included notebooks, colored pencils, crayons, and glue. These items, in conjunction with the United Way school supply drive, will be sorted into kits and made available to Houston County students at each school location. SunMark Community Bank also held a volunteer day for the LSSC this summer. The time, effort, energy, and enthusiasm displayed by the volunteers was incredible. They spread one ton of river rock creating beautiful paths through the garden. They also prepared food bags for the Food Pantry and organized the Literacy Center. The support of SunMark Community Bank and their volunteers are greatly appreciated, Thank You!





LINDSEY STUDENT SUPPORT CENTER SUMMER FUN CAMPS



Sponsors



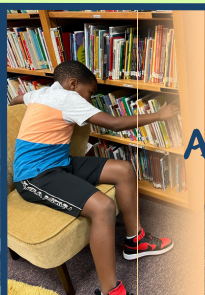
Healthy Cooking Camp **29**
June 3-7
Grades 4-12
Attendees
Houston Healthcare
Houston County School Nutrition



28 **STEM Camp**
Attendees June 10-14
Grades 4-8
UGA Extension / 4-H



Horticulture Camp **29**
June 17-21
Grades 4-12
Attendees
CTAE Agriculture
Yosef's Coat Ministries



26 **Enrichment Camp**
Attendees June 24-28
Grades 4-12
Lindsey Student Support Center



10 High School
Volunteers
282 Total Hours
Donated



I give it 5 stars because I learned to
cook and stay healthy - Aubrey
Wonderful summer camp for my daughter to
attend and to make life-long friendships - Mom



**Summer Fun
Playground & Gym**
30 Per Day

Grow Camp

30

Apex

15

ESOL Summer
Enrichment

3

Summer Feeding
Program

850

Beginning Wednesday, July 31, students at 31 school sites in Houston County have the opportunity to enjoy breakfast and lunch at no cost, thanks to the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture! Houston County School Nutrition has been part of this initiative for over a decade, starting with just 10 sites and growing to support over 20,000 students. This year, twelve additional schools have been added to the CEP list, further extending this valuable benefit. Schools qualify based on the number of directly certified students, including those in households participating in SNAP and TANF, as well as foster, homeless, runaway, or migrant children.

Seeing children run into the breakfast line with smiles on their faces, excited to choose their favorite breakfast items, is the most rewarding part of participating in the program. Hunger can easily disguise itself, but when you hear a little boy whisper to his sister that he is excited they can have breakfast again, it makes all the effort to implement CEP worthwhile. While food purchased with federal funds is highly regulated, this program allows excess food to be distributed to kids. Some schools use the extra food to create "Backpack Buddies," which are sent home over the weekend. Other schools send food home with kids each night, serving as their supper. Some schools have found that students are more responsive to learning while eating, so the food is kept in the classroom for snacks. Because of CEP, students now have greater access to high-quality, safe food.

We encourage all students at CEP schools to participate in the breakfast and lunch programs. Creating a welcoming environment where everyone feels comfortable eating school meals helps ensure no child feels singled out for "needing" to eat at school. CEP benefits thousands of families across our county, and with increased student participation, we hope to sustain and expand this benefit to all families in the district in the future!

For more information, visit <https://www.hcbe.net/snpcommunityeligibility>

