

THE HORIZON

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear East End Parents and Guardians,

"The students of today are the leaders of tomorrow."

This is a quote that has been a part of YES Prep since I started 11 years ago, and it resonates with me now more than it did when I started teaching. Through my journey as an educator I have been able to see that quote come to life a few times over, specifically at East End.

There are currently 5 staff members who I had the pleasure of teaching when I was at YES Prep Southeast. Some of them were in my class in my first year as a teacher and probably taught me more than I taught them. Two of them I taught twice, in 8th grade and again in 11th grade. One used to regularly beat me on the basketball court, and one did the same with a volleyball. These people were my students and are now the leaders in their classrooms with their own students.



All these former students and I have developed relationships that have been mutually impactful. I believe that education is about relationships, collaboration, and high expectations. It is through this lens that I saw all my students and worked to establish a relationship with them so that I could motivate, build trust, and encourage them to take risks in my classroom. Much like the quote that I started with, connections matter and there are relationships being formed and strengthened every day at East End. We are working hard to create the leaders of tomorrow.

The 5 staff members mentioned and I have a special connection and I am so proud of each of them and honored to be in this work with them and all the tremendous and hard-working staff members that make East End so special.

In this month's Horizon, our theme is connections. We will be sharing ways that we build connections on campus and ways that you can connect to us. We will talk about how we're creating connections through student organizations, how we collaborate with the community in various ways, ways to connect to the Explorer Family Association, and how you can stay informed with your students and their teachers through the Parent Portal.

Thank you for your commitment and connection to East End.

All my best,

Aaron

EAST END

YES Prep Parent Portal

Our goal at YES Prep is to make sure every single one of our students is college-ready once they graduate. Each one of our students is unique and the area and level of support they may need can vary. Currently, families are able to see how their student is doing in school through different online applications: Hero for behavior updates, Home Access Center to check grades.

In order to facilitate access to student information, YES Prep is happy to announce the launch of the Family Portal. This portal is a first stop to accessing information that would otherwise require you to log in to multiple sites.

The new Family Portal is a user-friendly way for families to view important information -attendance, behavior, grades, etc.- and understand their student's progress. Color-coded flags and optional notifications will highlight areas of concern or accomplishments, and brief explanations are included to help families interpret their student's data.

Beginning Friday, October 4, families will also be able to communicate with teachers and school staff through in-app chat and email. Plus, the portal will feature live translation for more than 60 languages.

Introduction to Family Portal Video



How to Log in:

If you haven't done so already, families, visit <https://familyportal.yesprep.org/#/login> to log on. All you will need the email address your campus has on file. If you have forgotten or need to update the email on file, please contact your campus registrar.



Questions or Need Help?

Click the link below for more information and support:

[Family Portal Help](#)

Explorer Family Association (EFA)

By Monica Sandoval

The Explorer Family Association (EFA) is our parent teacher association at YES Prep East End. Our mission is to get parents involved in their child's education and create a link between a student's home and their school. The EFA allows parents to connect with their student's teachers, staff, and other students. The EFA also allows parents to have a say in school-wide events and are the first ones to hear about important school news. As EFA parents, we have created a community on campus by volunteering at events both on and off campus. We have also been able to help support our East End students through fundraising events that we have held throughout the years.

EFA's connection with teachers and students in the past has allowed us to support our teachers by helping sell school dance tickets, donating items for the events, thanking our teachers during Thanksgiving with a lunch, and volunteering at events so that our students can have fun in a safe environment. Events that we have helped out in the past are Winter Wonderland and the Halloween dance.

EFA has also participated in various events, such as pep rallies in both Houston and Austin to advocate for charter schools in Texas to receive more money. Currently, charter schools do not receive as much funds as public schools. As EFA parents, we need to be our children's voice so that they can receive as much resources as they need. Even though YES Prep doesn't receive as much money as a public school does, the level of education that our students receive in YES Prep East End is amazing.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in joining EFA, please contact Ms. Reyes at 713-967-8991 or by email at norma.reyes@yesprep.org

You can also get involved by:

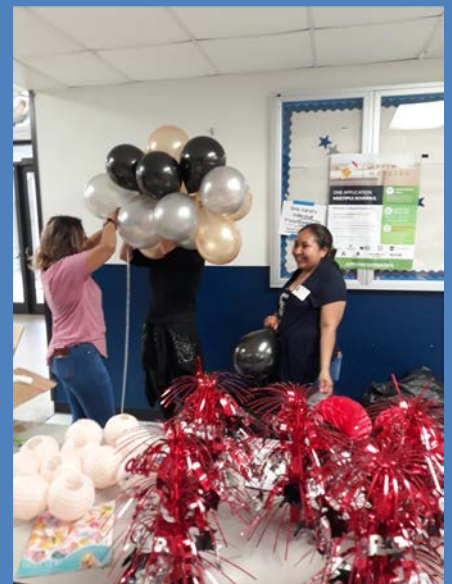
Attending our EFA meetings

Following YES Prep East End on Facebook to receive important information and updates on what the EFA is participating in

Or filling out a volunteer form on our East End website

NEXT MEETING:

October 24th, 2019 at 4:30pm in the Great Hall.





Connecting Through Art

by Michael Healey

I strongly believe one of the most important functions of art and art education is building connections with each other and our community. At East End our students do this by learning how to analyze art, critique art and of course make art. It is crucial that our students can show their art to fulfill their mission as student artists.

Over the past decade I have had the privilege of making art with your students. We have showcased our art many times, whether it is in a gallery, university, community center or a local coffee shop your kids have done it all. We have also created numerous pieces of public art, murals on campus for our school community but also murals throughout the Houston area. You may have seen the 28 x 48' mural on the corner of Quitman and Fulton (commissioned by Avenue CDC), the 8'x 100' fence mural at Ipadel (a sports complex on 18th st), Barrio Dog Mural on Lawndale behind Martini Hardware and most recently the traffic control box on 75th and Canal (commissioned by the East End District).



This year we will be kicking off the year with a public art piece at Via Colori, a street chalk art festival downtown Houston to benefit the Houston Center for Hearing and Speech. I am also currently planning our first off campus show to come in early 2020. And we are continuing to build our online gallery which can be found at www.Artsonia.com. Please check us out, just search us at Yes Prep East End, browse the student art and support us by leaving a comment or purchase an item from the gift shop and we will receive 20% of the purchase price.

East End Art



YES Prep East End
Painters Present

MINI ART

A Group Show

Weds Dec 6th

6th and 7th period

Room Y216



East End Students create painted
canvas to weave community
Basket Sculpture



Mayor Turner checking
out our show at Winter St
Gallery. Students raised
over \$3000 for low income
housing



East End Art Car

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Jessica Trejo

Junior Seminar Teacher and leader of SOL (Student Organization of Latinx)



The Student Organization of Latinx (SOL) was created to bring students together at East End to celebrate the LatinX culture while bringing the community together. We value the importance of sharing our experiences with other students, teachers and families at our campus through several events. SOL's is in its 3rd year running and through this time, students have organized events such as Latinx Hispanic Heritage Month, Día De Los Muertos Altar, Futbolito, Tengo Talento Mucho Talento Talent Show, Lotería Nights, Posada, Salsa Nights, and much more. Our students connect with others around them by putting their traditions from home in practice at our campus. Students feel like they belong and can express where they come from in a setting where Academia takes place.

The Día De Los Muertos Altar serves as a space for Families and students to share their pictures to celebrate their loved ones. During Lotería Night families, students, and teachers gathered in the Great Hall to play Lotería and won prizes!

During the Tengo Talento Mucho Talento Talent Show we saw students from 6th-12th grade show case their talents from dancing, singing, and playing instruments.

During Posada Night, students, families, and teachers gathered in Y116 to sing La Posada Song, eat Mexican Food, and talk about the different Christmas Traditions. During Salsa Night we had students from all grade levels learn or teach Salsa and Bachata.

SOL's has become a safe place to connect for many of our students, families, and teachers. Students build their confidence and form strong supportive relationships with each other that guide them through their time at YES Prep.



UPDATES

Halloween Dance/Haunted House

The time has come for our Annual Halloween Dance and Haunted House. The theme for this year for the dance is "Day of the Dead" and for the Haunted House, our lovely Y-building will be turned into the East End Asylum. The events will take place on November 1st from 7:30pm-10:30pm.

For tickets for the dance, the pre-sale price is \$5 and the day of it will be \$7.

Ticket prices for the Haunted House is \$3 for the first floor and \$5 for the second floor.

If you would like to bundle the prices for the dance and the haunted house, you can purchase the tickets during lunch for the following: Dance and Haunted House (first floor): \$8 and Dance and Haunted House (second floor): \$10.

We are desperately looking for parent volunteers to help work the Haunted House. If you are able to volunteer your time, please email Ms. Sandoval at monicasandoval8778@gmail.com or call the front office and ask to speak with Ms. Reyes.

We are also in need of donations!

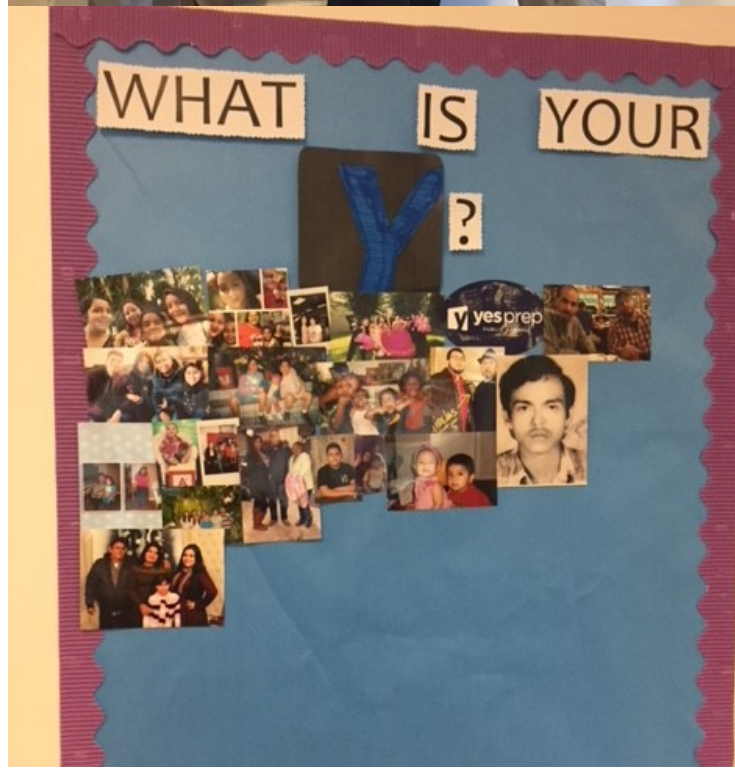
Items we are looking for:

Halloween decorations, Skeletons, Coffin, La llorona dress, Strobe light, Halloween lights, Spiders, Halloween Animatronics, DIY Halloween decorations, Tombstones, Spider webs, Black cloth (should already have), Pumpkins (with scary cut outs, Fake ghosts, Witches, Bats, Black cats, Caution tape, 1 pack of orange balloons, 1 pack of black balloons, Big black plastic bags, Fake blood, Red lights, White table cloths, Small cardboard boxes, Paint, Dolls

Thank you for your support!

Common Assessments

We have some very important testing dates coming up here at East End. We have our district wide Common Assessment tests November 4th - 6th. During this week we will not permit early student pick up to provide a non-disruptive testing environment for all students. Please ensure that students are on time and in attendance on these important testing days. We appreciate your cooperation!



November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Halloween Dance 7:30 – 10:30 PM Great Hall/Y-Building SSC + ACE resource fair	2 HCAL VB Championship @ Rice University
4  Daylight Savings Ends	5 Common Assessment Window #1 MS Soccer Parent Meeting 5:30pm-6:30pm Great Hall	6	7 Early Dismissal At 12:00 PM	8  No School for Students	9
11  Veteran's Day HS Basketball @ Emery Girls 6:15pm Boys	12  Eddysembly #2	13  World Kindness Day	14 HS Basketball @ FCA Girls 6pm Boys 7:30pm	15  Report Card Distributed	16
18  National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week	19  University of Houston: Victoria HS Basketball @ Faith West Girls 6pm Boys 7:30pm	20  Whole School Service Day (on campus)	21	22  Honor Roll Award for 2nd 6 Weeks  Attendance Award for 2nd 6 Weeks  All College Apps Due	23
25  No School Thanksgiving Break Emery Weiner JAG Shootout – Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball	26 Emery Weiner JAG Shootout – Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball	27	28  Thanksgiving Day	29	30