

## PISD TACE NEWS



#### Family Engagement Program

## COURSE SCHEDULE-NOVEMBER 2013

Center	Date	Parent Meeting/ Workshop	Time	
Palestine High School TACE College and Career Center	7	Adult Education	6:00-7:00 pm	
	21	Parent and Family Events &	6:00-7:00 pm	
		Activities		
	12 through 21			
Palestine Junior High School TACE STEM Center	iPad Boot Camp Please check the date and time of the wo the schedule mailed out. Dates were set and last name.			
Story TACE STEM Center	5	Chili Cook-off	5:00-7:00 pm	
	11	Math Homework Help	6:00-7:00 pm	
	20	Math Homework Help	5:00-6:00 pm	
Southside Elementary TACE Literacy Center	12	Health and Nutrition	5:30-6:30 pm	
	19	Monthly Meal Planning	5:30-6:30 pm	
Northside TACE Literacy Center	7	Technology	1:15-2:00 pm	
	15	Family Fun Festival	5:30-7:00 pm	

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### **¡NOW STARTED!**

## ON SEPTEMBER 24, PALESTINE ISD BEGAN THE TACE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ON FIVE CAMPUSES IN THE DISTRICT

The TACE after school program for parents Palestine TACE opened on September 24 with orientation workshops about the program, which is housed on five PISD campuses.

The objective of this program is to foster communication between schools, students and families and to deepen their relationships, knowledge and commitment to their student's education through offering workshops, courses, recreational and social events, with the ultimate goal of improving their children's academic success. The program also aims to benefit the families participating in the program.

Another major goal is to strengthen parent-child relationships, so that their child succeeds in school. It is very important that parents have access to information on how to assist in their child's education, receive preparation and training such as Adult English classes, computer courses, workshops that can improve job prospects and income levels.

We began in September with workshops that focused on helping parents learn more about the school their child attend and how to track their children's academic progress. The a variety of workshops have been offered on different PISD campuses: "Skyward online grading system tutorial" "Know (Story), Your School" (High School), "Digital citizenship" "Ensuring and the Success Academic of Your Child" (Junior High), "Caring For Your Child" and "Making a Family Budget" are just a few examples.

We invite to you to join the courses and workshops, and, especially, we ask you participate in our special events over the next few weeks. There will be many opportunities to get involved, participate, learn and share.

Build the future of your child and your family! Visit your TACE center and ask for the schedule of activities for the program. Welcome to your school and TACE Center!



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# ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES

As part of the Palestine TACE After School Parent program, adult English classes are offered. These classes are free to all parents who have a student in the Palestine School District, and at a very low cost to other members of the community.

The classes are being given on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The fall course began on October 1 and ends on December 10.

Currently, 80 parents are enrolled at different levels: basic, intermediate and advanced. If you were not able to register for this course this semester, we invite you register for spring semester, which begins at the end of January 2014.

Exact dates will be announced soon. Please mark your calendars!

# SKYWARD ACCESS PARENT WORKSHOP

On October 7, the workshop "Skyward Tutorial Session for Parents" was held at the Story TACE STEM Center. Counselor, Mrs. Luce, explained to the parents who attended, how to access grades on the Skyward and track a a student's progress during each six weeks grading period.

We thank the parents who attended and learned about this important tool to monitor their children's academic achievement. Keep up the fantastic participation!

# **Coming Soon**

TACE Café will open its doors with its "Coffee Talks"

Be on the lookout!

**COMMUNITY SERVICES** 

Did you study in your home country and are unsure how to re-validate your diploma in the United States? Please join us to receive more information on how to make your documents official in the US.

Are you interested in continuing your studies and finishing your high school education? Contact us for information about the GED program at 903-731-8000 ext. 1266.

Do you want to learn how to use a computer or an iPad, browse the internet, open an email account, or use social media sites like Facebook or Twitter, or understand what an app is? Ask your site coordinator at your child's school about upcoming courses.



Join our Team Parent Volunteers!

Ask and Participate!

Do you know how your child is doing at school, if they are doing homework or turning in assignments? Do you know how you can monitor your student's progress? Don't wait for their report card to come at the end of each six weeks. Contact your site coordinator and they will guide you on how to access the Skyward online grade book and stay up to date on your child's achievements.

These are just a few of the questions and concerns the TACE center can assist you with. Please let us know how we can better help your family.

We are here to serve and help all parents of Palestine ISD.

Find us on the District website under the logo of TACE: http://palestineschools.org