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#### COURSE SCHEDULE-DECEMBER 2013

Center	Day	Parent Meeting/ Workshop	Hours
Palestine High School TACE College and Career Center	5	Household budgeting/banking	6:00-7:00 pm
Palestine Junior High School TACE STEM Center	17	Multicultural Christmas and Piñata	5:30-7:00 pm
Story TACE STEM Center	9	Tamale Throwdown	5:30-7:00 pm
Southside Elementary TACE Literacy Center	5	Healthy Kids & Habits	5:30-6:30 pm
	10	Family Christmas Activity	5:30-6:30 pm
Northside TACE Literacy Center	3	A Christmas to remember	6:00-7:00 pm
	12	Christmas coffee and Surviving the holidays	8:30-9:30 am

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# NOVEMBER WAS VERY ACTIVE HAD MEETINGS WITH PARENT WORKSHOPS AND TALKS ON DIFFERENT TOPICS

During this first month of activities, we held workshops and meetings for parents of TACE program participants about different academic, social and cultural topics.

Among the events held was the Chili Cook-off at Story. We had about 20 participants. Kathy Oliver won the adult division and William Quarles, a sixth grader, won the student division.

Also, Southside held a workshop on monthly meal planning with Dr. Dean French. At the end put his advice into practice by sharing a meal together.











Northside had a workshop on technology, where parents were invited to ask their children give up 15 minutes a day of television or video games and to do educational activities on the computer instead. A list of free educational website was provided.

They also had family Thanksgiving breakfast.

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November was very important for students in Junior High because they received their iPads to use for their academic studies and after school program. These meetings provided parents with information about the policies and the proper use of the devices.

In High School the workshops centered around adult education with the participation of Regions Bank staff, and a cooking workshop with recipes for Thanksgiving Day hosted by our Chef Mrs. Robertson, the Culinary Arts teacher.





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!

#### ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES



We invite all parents to Palestine ISD to register for the spring semester, which begins in late January 2014. Registration will be from 21 to 23 January 2014. Mark your calendar!

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



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### **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!

# Coming Soon!

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

Be on the lookout!

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.