Education

Inside Friendswood

Davia Owens is the director of communications for Friendswood ISD.

Friendswood ISD is thankful

Thanksgiving is a season for recognizing the abundance of opportunities and blessings that are given to us. Because education has been such a key part of our culture, sometimes it can be taken for granted. Therefore, we should add education to our list of things we are thankful for.

Education is an opportunity to better yourself

Education is a common thread intertwined in all of our lives. As Americans, we are so fortunate to have access to a free education, and an opportunity to better ourselves. We may have our disagreements about schools, how early we start the school day, the amount of homework our children may have or the menu at lunch, but millions of people around the world just dream of educating their children.

Nelson Mandela once said, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

It is opening our eyes to what is in front of us, how we choose to use it. Education is an investment in our future but first, we must appreciate and celebrate the value of this gift.

Education is immediate and personalized

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Education is a path to discovering our best self

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By ANGELA WILSON

The Daily News

 lakh Robbins, a Central Middle School student, learn about moon rocks, Nov. 10 from Robin Tiemann, an instructor at Space Center Houston’s Exploration Academy.

“GivingTuesday is a global giving movement that has been driven by individuals, families, organizations, and communities in all 50 states and in countries around the world. Since its founding in 2012, millions of people have come together to support and champion the causes they believe in and the communities in which they live,” according to givingtuesday.org.

I think we should all give a little this holiday season, and Santa Fe

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A $100 donation will provide 2 low-income families with a trip to the Space Center Houston for Family Fun.

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School briefs
• FRIENDSWOOD
The Friendswood Independent School District Transition Center is currently seeking funding, for its second annual garage sale, which will be held in February.

Donations can be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at 266 Laurel Drive.

For information, contact Special Needs Director, adabo@fisd.net or 281-596-5500.

• GALVESTON
Community Connection will be available for current college students or people planning to attend college from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28 at 2503 Sealy St.

For information, call Arielle Downing, 281-787-7679.

Central Middle School student Rhiny Knight walks through the Skylab 1-G Trainer on Nov. 10 during a tour of the rest of the Exploration with Space Center Houston’s Exploration Academy.

The Santa Fe ISD board of trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 30 at 4133 Warpath in Santa Fe for information.

One can contact the Texas Education Agency at 409-721-8617. It is also possible to learn about the #GivingTuesday to help make the world a better place in countless ways. Much more was generated offline and through donations of time and other resources. This was what I heard at the 2015 event.

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Right in Ms. Walker’s and the rest of the Exploration Academy are great. When there, the students are continually engaged in activities where they learn to think critically and work in groups during labs and other activities that are aligned to our curriculum. They use math, reading and writing skills as well. Students reflect on their learning and journal the concepts they learned. Then they share out their experiences.

With hands-on learning experiences, Space Center Houston engages students to think about a future career in the sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics. Based on national science standards with a focus on STEM, the Houston ISD helps to adult and children think critically, so the school’s educational programs teach people of all ages about the present, future and past of space exploration.

Space Center Houston is a science and space education center and Houston’s first and only Smithsonian Affiliate museum. It draws one million annual visitors to its interactive exhibits and more than 100,000 teachers and students annually from around the world come to attend educational programs.

“Until 2021, we need funds to support curriculum and space labs to teach students about possibilities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics,” said Dan Neuman, director of education and science for Space Center Houston. “It’s important that we encourage children to be scientists and to become lifelong learners. We’ve developed Youth STEM Academies and programs like Space Academy to provide a learning experience for students coming to the university. So, we’re dedicated to providing underserved students access to immersive science learning experiences.”

Students get to participate in hands-on activities while being taught major lessons with practical applications as well as gaining a new holistic and social view of science. They also get to learn, understand and seek solutions to problems that not only affect our communities, but also those that affect the world.

The topics range from exploring the International Space Station’s water, air and electrical systems, along with Earth’s ocean water filtration, atmosphere, electricity, solar and renewable energy systems. Students collaborate in teams to work on real world problems and develop innovative solutions for clean air and land, and learn about renewable energy sources,” said Walker.

Future students at Space Center Houston, who are currently building critical-thinking skills and applying it to science concepts through hands-on learning experiences.

Central students began attending the program on Sept. 15 and will be meeting every Thursday through March 3 at Space Center Houston. In order to be a part of the program, students, like Rhiny Knight, must make a commitment to being on present at all school days and not be too ready to their classes as well. Students also must exemplify good discipline issues and/or behavior.

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much more than information.

Our students are exposed to a multitude of career paths, custom options and intern possibilities that guide them in their future success. There are also volunteer opportunities which allow students to give back and become an active and productive citizens.

We also think about all the things you are thankful for, I want to say thank you for your value of your school and see the endless possibilities they represent for students today.