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EYE OF THE TIGER

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GREETINGS PARENTS!!!

We are excited to begin this new school year with a new outlook for the future of our students and parent engagement at East Austin College Prep!! The Eye of the Tiger will provide another way to share the wonderful events and programs taking place at both the EAPrep Elementary and Secondary Campus. Along with this newsletter, parents will also receive a Parent Program List that lays out all the different programs we have available for parents from our elementary and secondary campus. You can find copies of these parent publications at the Parent Corner of your respective campus.

Along with our new administration, we will also have new and higher expectations for our students, teachers, and also our parents. Your presence at school and parent events is important for your students academic development and increases the likelihood that they will graduate from high school and go on to college.

I will happily serve both our elementary and secondary school parents this year and encourage you to set an appointment with me when you want to meet your student's teacher, when you want to discuss an idea for a parent event, when you want to know more about volunteers opportunities, or simply, when you need someone to talk to about the challenges of parenting. I am here for you and hope to meet every single one of you in the near future.

- Bernardo Diaz, MFA
District Parent Coordinator



Greetings to the Tiger Family and Welcome to a New School Year!

I am so excited to be principal at EAPrep Secondary Campus. The staff and I are eager for what the new school year will bring and have high expectations for our students. As your principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors; staff, students, and parents, are excited to be here.

To be successful, we need your help. You are a special and unique part of our learning community. Collaboration with your child's teacher is a main ingredient to a healthy and successful year.

The students of East Austin College Prep Secondary School deserve the best. I am passionate about my mission as principal, and I will make decisions that are in the best interest of your child. At the end of the day, our job is to continue to strive for excellence and make sure all of our students are Ready for College, Ready for Life.

- Dr. Ruben Peña



PRINCIPAL'S GREETINGS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Frank Ramirez and I am the new Elementary School Principal for East Austin College Prep. I have worked in different capacities over the span of my education career: Bilingual Teacher, Instructional Specialist, Assistant Principal, and Principal. I have worked in Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education. I have had the privilege and honor to have served children, parents, and school staff at Irving ISD, Fort Worth ISD, and Calallen ISD.

My philosophy, with regards to compulsory learning, is failure is not an option and teaching kids how they learn until they learn. I believe it takes all of us to ensure our students succeed with their academic and social growth. So, I will call on you for your support in regards to your child's learning and teaching here at East Austin College Prep. I look forward to working with you and your child.

- Mr. Frank Ramirez

COUNSELOR'S GREETING



Ms. K. Sans
Elementary School
Counselor

My name is Kristel Sans and I am your Elementary School Counselor here at EAPrep. This year will be the best year yet! I made the decision to spend my life working with children and families in the field of School Counseling focusing on the individual and group needs of social/emotional learning for all.

As a School Counselor, my primary responsibility is to promote the academic, personal, and social/emotional development of all students. I look forward to offering support to the students, staff, families and community. I will be meeting with students individually and in small groups during lunch, conducting classroom lessons using the Second Step curriculum, meeting with parents, collaborating with teachers and staff, and consulting with community organizations to benefit and meet the needs of all EAPrep students and families.

I encourage you to reach out if you have concerns regarding your child. If you would like for me to meet with your child please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to help students achieve their personal/social and academic goals, as well as provide support for the parents and teachers. I can be reached by email at ksans@eaprep.org or phone at 512.287.5029.

COUNSELOR'S GREETING



Ms. J. Garcia
Secondary School
Counselor

My name Jessica Garcia I am here to help your child through the wonderful, and sometimes challenging, middle school/high school years.

A little background about myself; I am originally from the Rio Grande Valley (Edinburg). Before coming to EAPrep I have had over 10 years experience in higher education where I worked closely with students in preparing them for their post-secondary education. I graduated from Texas Southern University in Houston and received my Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. I earned my Master of Education Degree in Counseling and Guidance from the University of Texas Pan American in Edinburg.

I am here to help students achieve their personal/social and academic goals, as well as provide support for the parents and teachers. Any student can request to meet with me or they can be referred by a teacher, administrator, or parent. I encourage you to reach out if you have concerns regarding your child.

If you would like for me to meet with your child please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at jegarcia@eaprep.org or 512.287.5066. I am truly delighted to have the opportunity to serve you and our EAPrep students!

PTSA

East Austin College Prep's PTSA is calling on all parents and teachers to become members of the Parent Teacher Student Association for the 2015 - 2016 Academic Year. The PTSA work as a team to plan, fund, and implement various types of programs and events for students and their families.

The key for a successful PTSA is the participation of our parents. Without you, we are unable to provide our student with opportunities that their peers at other schools have including dances, cultural events, fundraisers for special events, and a space for parents to bring their ideas to the table.

Our membership this year is only \$10.00 per family. We welcome you to join us at our next meeting on October 15, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the MLK Auditorium. For more information, please contact us at 512-287-5050. See you at our next meeting!



Ms. J. Pizano
ACE Director

EAPrep's ACE Afterschool Program sends out a warm welcome to all. We are excited to serve you and your family this school year! We like to think of our afterschool program as a place where children and adults feel at home and a place where each family's needs are recognized and addressed.

The purpose of the Texas ACE Program is to provide free and expanded academic services to students including: tutoring, homework help, enrichment activities, college preparation and family engagement activities.

Our first opportunity for parent involvement is right around the corner! We are looking for a team of parents and adult family members who want to help improve programming. We will be inviting parents to observe program and provide feedback October 26th-30th. Be on the lookout for more info or contact the ACE office at 512.287.5000 x 5016.