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UPCOMING DATES

- **October 7** Interim reports sent home
- **October 21** TJHSST applications due by 3:00pm
- **October 21** Deadline to register for World Languages Credit Exam by 3:00pm
- **November 11** Touch Base Day 7:30am to 10:00am

Student Services News

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FIRST QUARTER

Grand Opening: Hughes Parent Center

Langston Hughes Middle School is excited to announce the grand opening of our new Parent Center on Wednesday, October 19. The center is located in trailer 6 and is designed to be a place where families can obtain school and community resources, as well as attend workshops.

The center will contain computers for families to use. Parents can type resumes, search the internet for jobs, check their child's Blackboard page, email teachers, and search for other information.

Because we know that many of our families have small children, the center will include an area for children to read and play

games. This will allow parents to access the materials they need, while also being able to take care of their families.



The center will be open on Wednesdays from 9am to 1pm. If you would like to visit at another time, please contact Melinda Rivas.

Tips for Parents

Here are some suggestions for tracking your child's progress in school. Keeping up with your child's progress is an effective way to improve his or her academic performance and motivation.

- Make it part of your daily routine to talk about school with your child. Ask him or her how their day was, if they have any homework, and if they have any quizzes or tests coming up.
- Check Blackboard with your child. This will show your child that you believe school is important. Children are also more likely to be honest about their work if they know you check Blackboard and have access to their assignments.



Upcoming Events

Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology

Applications for TJHSST are now available from Mrs. Brooks. Completed applications are due by Friday, October 21 by 3:00pm. They must be submitted directly to Mrs. Brooks. For more information about TJHSST, please visit their admissions website at: www.TJAdmissions.org

World Languages Exam

The Credit Exam for World Languages will be administered on November 9, 10, and 14. If your child speaks a foreign language and is not currently enrolled in that language course, he or she is eligible to take this exam for high school credit. Please contact your child's counselor by Friday, October 21 to register.

Meet the Teachers

'Touch Base Day' will be held on Friday, November 11 from 7:30am to 10:00am. This is an opportunity for you to briefly meet with some of your child's teachers. Meeting times will be approximately 3 minutes.

Career Day Volunteers

Langston Hughes Middle is looking for speakers for our Career Day. Volunteers need to be available on Friday, April 27 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. Contact Mark Blocker if you are interested.