



## **Garland TX NAACP News Break**

### **Recruiting for Fall 2012**

#### **“Project E.D.G.E. Math Enrichment Program**

**To: Parents and/or Guardians of African-American 9th Grade Students Attending  
Lakeview Centennial (LVHS) or South Garland High School (SGHS)**

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**PLEASE ATTEND AN IMPORTANT INFORMATION MEETING ABOUT  
“PROJECT E.D.G.E.” MAT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM.**

\* Date/Time: Fall, 2012 (TBA)

\* Location: South Garland High School (Library), 600 Colonel Drive, Garland, Texas  
75043

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CAMPUS COUNSELOR’S  
OFFICE AT LVHS OR SGHS.**

**HOSTS: NAACP GARLAND BRANCH AND GARLAND CHAMBER OF COM-  
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**\*THANK YOU FOR SHARING!\***

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**“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”**

**\*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.\***

## **Project E.D.G.E. (Educating & Diversifying To Grow Exponentially) Math Enrichment Program**

**Eligible Students:** Incoming African American 9th graders attending Lakeview Centennial High School (LVHS) and South Garland High School (SGHS).

**Start Date (First Class Session):** Saturday, September 2012

**Class Schedule/Frequency:** Twice monthly - alternate Saturdays - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, SGHS

**To Enroll/Commit:** Contact counselors at LVHS or SGHS today!!

**Sponsors:** NAACP Garland Branch, GISD and Garland Chamber of Commerce.

**Project Coordinator:** Ms. Canaa Lee, GISD Math Instructor

We want to welcome you and your child to a great high school experience at Lakeview Centennial High School (LVHS) and South Garland High School (SGHS)! The next four years will buzz by so quickly. In order to provide your child with the best possible learning experience, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) - Garland Branch has partnered with Garland Independent School District (GISD) and LCHS to launch a new program: Project E.D.G.E. (Educating and Diversifying to Grow Exponentially). The purpose of this program is to address the needs of African American students, to help them succeed academically and to provide African American students with an opportunity for a promising, prosperous future quality of life in venues other than sports and entertainment.

Every child deserves the opportunity to excel in school, but the way in which go about accomplishing this goal is not a "one size fit all" method. Project E.D.G.E. is designed to:

- \* Establish a transition program for incoming students.
- \* Build stronger partnerships among students, teachers, parents and the community.
- \* Utilize the mass media to communicate the successes of African American students.
- \* Educate students about various opportunities that are available to them.
- \* Place the same value on academic achievement as that of sports.
- \* Create a school environment in which students are highly-motivated and excited to participate.

We want to improve your child's experience and even enjoyment of high school level mathematics courses. The NAACP-Garland Branch, Garland Chamber and GISD recognize that a child's education and performance in school is a responsibility shared by the school, family and community at-large. Through this partnership the school district endeavors to meet the diverse cultural needs of parents and children. So, we are offering a three-hour (3) academy that will meet twice per month on alternate Saturdays - Project E.D.G.E.

**PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL COUNSELORS TODAY!!**

**PLEASE SHARE WITH RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHOSE STUDENTS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM!!**

## Upcoming Events

College 101: A College Readiness Mini Conference and PEACE Forum

Audience: High School Students, 9-12, parents and guardians

December 3, 2011, 8:45am – 12:00pm, Sellers Middle School,

Volunteers:

We really need your help! For more information see the website([http://www.gaabse.net/college\\_readiness\\_seminars](http://www.gaabse.net/college_readiness_seminars))!

Register for the Conference: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHRsbFBXcmtqQmltdGI0MTR2Qkg3S3c6MQ>

For More Information Contact: Lauren McKinney, [cgleonar@garlandisd.net](mailto:cgleonar@garlandisd.net)

### Garland ISD Fine Arts Calendar

[http://www.garlandisd.net/departments/fine\\_arts/facalendar/calendar.cfm](http://www.garlandisd.net/departments/fine_arts/facalendar/calendar.cfm)

## Academic Resources

### Garland ISD Testing Calendar

[http://www.garlandisd.net/departments/pre/testing\\_calendar.asp](http://www.garlandisd.net/departments/pre/testing_calendar.asp)

[http://www.garlandisd.net/departments/guidance\\_counseling/plan\\_for\\_college/fa\\_scholarships.asp](http://www.garlandisd.net/departments/guidance_counseling/plan_for_college/fa_scholarships.asp)

- College Entrance Exams
- Financial Aid for College
- FAFSA & TAFSA
- Scholarships
- Grants/Awards
- Job/Work Study
- Education Loans

**Online Tutoring in Mathematics and Science, SAT Practice Tests, SAT Vocabulary words,** [www.khanAcademy.org](http://www.khanAcademy.org)

**Garland ISD's Online Gradebook** allows parents/guardians and students access to student grades via the internet. This service is provided for grades 1 through 12. The Online Gradebook is available in English and Spanish. Each individual has the option to select the language of their choice. After a parent/guardian or student logs into the system he/she will make their selection by clicking the appropriate language button at the top of the screen. <http://www.garlandisd.net/departments/technology/gradebook.asp>

### **Mathematics Tutoring**

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church

Saturday, December 3, 10, 17

8:00am

Instructor: Kelly Buford

For More Information: Joyce Miller, 972-345-5386

### **Project EDGE**

Project EDGE is the brain-child of Canaa Lee, a Mathematics teacher in the Garland ISD. The project is designed for 9th and 10th grade students who are taking Algebra I. The program consists of math sessions held on selected Saturdays throughout the school year. Project EDGE is designed to prepare students for the End of Course Exam which will be taken by students in the Spring of each year. Classes are held at South Garland High School. Students interested in enrolling in the class for the next school year should contact Ms. Lee at [CLLee@garlandisd.net](mailto:CLLee@garlandisd.net).

### **Parental Involvement**

Be A Volunteer in the Garland ISD

<http://www.garlandisd.net/about/volunteer.asp>

### **The Garland ISD African American Advisory Committee**

[http://www.garlandisd.net/departments/community\\_liaisons/documents/africanamericanadvisory.pdf](http://www.garlandisd.net/departments/community_liaisons/documents/africanamericanadvisory.pdf)

### **Advice to Parents from Gwen Clemmons**

- Talk to your child and visit colleges and talk about careers and the requirements for careers
- Volunteer at your child's school.
- Check your child's homework daily. Ask students to see their homework and ask for grading rubrics
- Communicate frequently with your child's teachers
- Make sure students read at least one book every 2 weeks. Have them write or tell parents what was learned.
- Set aside time to read as a family.
- Use SAT vocabulary lists. Make sure your child learns 10 words each week.

Check or test your child. For example, have the child use words in conversations.

- Visit classes of your child when grades are low.
- Monitor use of the internet.
- Do not allow cell phone use during study times
- Remind your child that cell phone use during school is against school policy.
- Parents should make sure they have thoroughly read school code of conduct book.
- Speak positively to your child and other children.
- Spend quality time and communicate with your child in a firm, supportive way
- Do not allow your child to turn in sloppy, illegible work.
- Arrange for your child to shadow a professional.
- Find mentors for your children.

### **BIO page**

**Mary Whitt, Garland ISD African American Community Liaison**

[http://www.garlandisd.net/departments/community\\_liaisons/index.asp](http://www.garlandisd.net/departments/community_liaisons/index.asp)

### **Bullying: Parental Response**

Video of Annie

Video of Ariana Johnson