



School Board Meetings

June 21
July 19

First Day of School 2016-17 School Year

August 22

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Houston Symphony at Alief Taylor High School

Summer is a great time for our Alief ISD families to enjoy vacations, camps and learning experiences. Alief ISD is very excited about hosting a unique opportunity for our community to enjoy a free performance by the Houston Symphony. The free family event takes place on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at Alief Taylor High School, 7555 Howell Sugar Land, at 7:30 p.m.

The performance will have something for every member of the family featuring selections from Cinderella, Romeo and Juliet, and Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl. Everyone will want to arrive early to participate in the "Instrument Petting Zoo." Led by trained education staff and volunteers, children of all ages are invited to get up close and personal with the orchestral instruments they see professionally played on stage. Brass, woodwind, strings, and percussion instruments are on hand for you to hold, touch, bow, blow, and play! Our orchestra ensemble groups will perform in entry ways prior to the main performance.

Alief ISD has enjoyed a long partnership with the Symphony. For the past several years every 4th grader in Alief ISD has attended a free concert courtesy of the Houston Symphony. For the 2015-

16 school year the Kerr High School orchestra was awarded a residency with the Symphony. As a part of this residency, members of the Houston Symphony came and worked with our students. Students observed rehearsals and received instruction from the Symphony conductor. Representatives selected Alief ISD based on our strong fine arts programs, access to a top of the line facility at Taylor High School and our well-established partnership.

There is significant evidence that participation in fine arts improves all areas of academics in reducing dropout rates, raising attendance, developing better learning habits, and inspiring student creativity. Alief ISD prides itself on providing our students with access to award winning fine arts programs at all grade levels. Our elementary choirs have performed at Houston Astros, Houston Rockets and Sugar Land Skeeters games. Our high schools' music and theatre groups/individuals have received state and national recognitions. Our visual arts continuously receive top awards in the VASE (Visual Arts Scholastic Event) and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art competition.

I hope that you will be able to join us at Taylor High School on July 12. Thank you for your interest in Alief ISD.