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Happy Holidays!

Representative Dan Huberty, his family, and his staff would like to wish everyone a very happy and family filled holiday!

Winter is finally here and with the holidays coming, the Capitol office hours will begin to vary. For the Thanksgiving Holiday the office will be closed beginning Wednesday, November 27, thru Friday, November 29. Office hours will continue on as normal the following week.

Prepare for an Extremely Cold Winter

Winter is approaching and the first Artic storm has settled in over parts of Texas. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging Texans to begin preparing for what could be a very extreme Winter. DPS offered several tips for staying safe during the cold winter months ahead.

- Monitor local weather broadcasts and follow up-to-the-minute weather conditions, at <http://www.weather.gov/>.
- On icy roads, drive slowly and increase distance required for stopping.
- Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before any trip.
- Keep your gas tank full.

For additional information regarding winter weather preparedness, visit: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/threatawareness/winterStormPlanning.htm>

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Run-off Elections for Houston's City Council

The November 5th elections have come and gone. Voters across Texas saw the need to fund water infrastructure in the state and overwhelmingly voted in favor of the constitutional amendment, which would provide for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of water resources.

Houstonians also went to the polls to vote on their City Council Members. The results of the elections can be found at the Harris County Clerk's website here, <http://www.harrisvotes.org/>. After the voting was completed, there were still five city council member races that had no clear winner. The top two candidates who received votes in each of the five races will again be put on the ballot in a run-off election. **The run-off election will be held on December 14, 2013 for City of Houston Council Member District A, District D, District I, as well as two At-Large Council Member positions.**

To find a polling place in your area, please visit www.harrisvotes.com. Here you will be able to find the nearest polling place as well as the hours that the polls will be open at each location. You can find additional information on mail in ballots and how to vote if you will be overseas or are a member of the military at the Vote Texas website, votetexas.gov.

More information on all nine of the proposed amendments can be found on the Legislative Reference Library of Texas webpage, www.lrl.stat.tx.us. Summaries and comments for all nine proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution can be found [here](#).

Eagle Springs Fieldtrip to the State Capitol

Humble ISD fourth grade teachers at Eagle Springs Elementary took their classrooms on the road to Austin with Education in Action's "Proud to be Texan," field Trip on Thursday, November 14. While in Austin the students visited the Texas State Capitol to see the offices of their legislators: State Senator John Whitmire, and State Representative Dan Huberty. Students also had the opportunity to see first-hand where Texas laws are made as they toured the State Capitol including the Senate and House of Representatives chambers. At the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum students explored exhibits about Texas's earliest inhabitants, the Texas Revolution, and events that created our Lone Star identity. The students had a fantastic day of fun and learning!



Education in Action's Travel, Explore, and Learn field trips make it easy for teachers to take their 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade classrooms on organized, fun, and meaningful site-based learning experiences. Education in Action handles all details, including round-trip charter bus transportation, reservations, and TEKS-based program curriculum, so participating teachers can focus on their students and making connections between the experience and what students are learning in the classroom.

For more information regarding Education in Action and the various fieldtrip opportunities the organization offers please visit, www.educationinaction.org.

Legislative Update

Senate Bill 1747

In accordance with SB 1747 passed during the 83rd Legislative Session, the Texas Transportation Commission adopted rules for the administration of a grant program, which will provide funding of county transportation infrastructure projects located in areas of the state affected by increased oil and gas production. This new subchapter establishes procedures for submission and review of county applications and the allocation of funds under the new grant program. Please refer to the Texas Department of Transportation's website www.roadstexasenergy.com for the latest information.

House Bill 5 Update

During the 83rd regular session Chairman Jimmie Don Aycock and many members of the House of Representatives worked to create flexible high school graduation plans, in a sweeping overhaul of the state's high school curriculum. HB 5 passed the House unanimously and the implementation process has begun. The legislative intent of HB 5 was to give students the most flexibility possible when choosing a graduation plan that fits their learning needs in the most effective possible method.

The bill directs the State Board of Education (SBOE) to develop graduation plans for each of the five endorsements outlined in the bill. The purpose of the endorsements is to prevent a "one-size-fits-all" approach to public education and to respect local control. The SBOE is currently in the process of rulemaking to determine the course requirements for each endorsement. Please view the draft rules on the TEA website here, <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=25769806149>. The SBOE is scheduled to consider these rules on first reading at the November meeting, final approval of the rules is expected in January.

You may follow the progress of this bill as well as all of Representative Huberty's legislation via the Texas Legislature Online website, <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/>. You can also track bills of interest online at www.capitol.state.tx.us.

Super Bowl Champions!

This past month, my son Dylan, and his youth football team advanced through the playoffs all the way to the Super Bowl. Dylan and his team worked very hard for this great accomplishment and I could not be more proud of my son. It was an exciting year of football!



Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 28th

Thanksgiving Day

All Day - The Capitol and District Offices will be closed Wed., November 27, through Fri. November 29

9 AM - 64th Annual Thanksgiving "Houston on Parade" Presented by H-E-B - Downtown Houston

11 AM - Humble Thanksgiving Feast - Humble Civic Center - www.humblethanksgivingfeast.com