



Press Release

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Galena Park ISD Sees Great Success in Pre-K 3-Year-Old Program

Houston, Texas: Early Childhood Development is a critical time in a child's life. Galena Park ISD (GPISD) wants to ensure these critical development periods begin at the earliest age possible and are free of cost for our students. During the 2017-2018 school year, we opened the GPISD Pre-Kindergarten 3-Year-Old program (Pre-K 3) at Jacinto City Elementary (JCE) and Tice Elementary (Tice). Each site serves 40 students; 20 English speaking students in the morning and 20 bilingual English learners in the afternoon.

We kicked off Pre-K 3 by hosting a Pre-K Round-Up event during the 2017 spring semester, which allowed early registration for students who met the State of Texas Pre-Kindergarten Eligibility Requirements and live within the GPISD community. After the Round-Up, we had 161 applicants and 156 of those students met the state requirements. The students were then entered into a lottery for the 80 available slots. Each student selected received FREE tuition for the entire school year.

After the first successful year of the Pre-K 3 program at JCE and Tice and the overwhelming response from the community, we decided to open up an additional site this school year at Woodland Acres Elementary.

As of far, the Pre-K 3 program has been a great success for our students and the community.

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