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Did You Know?

If you have a non-profit group, particularly a scout troop, you can rent a meeting room in the Eagle Springs Clubhouse at no cost? Certain stipulations apply. Log into InsideEagleSprings.com and click on the Group Reservation Form, found under the "Clubhouse Info and Reservations" fly out on the left hand side of the website, to fill out a room request.

We have several fun groups that meet in the Eagle Springs Clubhouse monthly, including a Book Club and Scrapbook Club. Their contact information and group descriptions can be found on the "Groups" tab found at the top page on InsideEagleSprings.com. We have more groups coming!

Are you interested in starting a group, but don't know where to begin? Have an interest and want to join your neighbors in pursuing a hobby? Email Activites@InsideEagleSprings.com to see how you can get a group started!

Bingo!

Eagle Springs Elementary is hosting its annual Bingo night! Try to win a basket raffle with lots of great prizes, 50/50 raffle, and of course Bingo! Come out and join us the evening of October 17th at Eagle Springs Elementary, time to be announced. You can purchase tickets and game cards at the door.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2015

- 3.....Neighborhood Night Out Block Parties
6 pm / Eagle Springs Neighborhoods
- 7.....Twin Villas HOA Meeting
7 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 8.....Neighborhood Voting
Representative Meeting
7 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 9.....Scrapbook Club
12 - 10:30 pm / Eagle Springs Clubhouse
- 13.....BBQ Team Meeting
7:30 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 13.....Book Club
8 pm / Eagle Springs Clubhouse
- 15.....Safety Advisory Committee Meeting
7 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 19.....Sports Field Committee Meeting
7 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 31.....Happy Halloween!

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Regular hours are in effect starting March 2nd.

Onsite Office hours are:

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LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB

OCTOBER MEETING

Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their membership meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, September 15, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Several Interest groups are available which include: Reader's Choice, Bridge, Bunco, Movie Group, Lunch and Look, Supper Club, Mah Jong, Tea Time Group and Girl's Night Out. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Call Linda at 832-379-3009 for more information about the club and for luncheon reservations call by Friday, September 11th before 5:00 p.m.

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Fall Selling Season In Full Bloom

There is still time to get your home on the market to attract buyers that are looking to get into a new home before the holidays.

Table 1 shows activity in Area 1 – Northeast Houston which includes, Humble/Atascocita/Huffman. Table 2 shows specific data for Eagle Springs.

Area 1 – Northeast Houston – Represents inventory of homes available on September 8, 2015 and contracts executed between January 1 – September 8, 2015

Status	Up to \$99,999	\$100,000-\$199,999	\$200,000-\$299,999	\$300,000-\$399,999	\$400,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$599,999	\$600,000+	Total
Active	34	210	210	140	68	26	31	527
Option Pending	4	34	29	11	1	1	2	101
Pending / PS	21	180	88	39	21	6	3	380
Sold	107	996	639	278	106	30	13	855
Total:	166	1420	966	468	196	63	49	3328

Eagle Springs - Represents inventory of homes available on September 8, 2015 and contracts executed between January 1 – September 8, 2015

Status	Up to \$99,999	\$100,000-\$199,999	\$200,000-\$299,999	\$300,000-\$399,999	\$400,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$599,999	\$600,000+	Total
Active	0	6	27	19	3	2	0	57
Option Pending	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
Pending / PS	0	6	15	4	4	0	0	29
Sold	0	59	119	63	26	13	0	280
Total	0	71	165	86	33	15	0	370

The time to put your home on the market and sell may be right now. For years, Eagle Spring's residents have trusted me in assisting them with selling their homes. My ranking as the #1 Individual Listing Agent in Eagle Springs; in addition to being listed as one of the Top five agents in Area 1 – Northeast Houston for the past several years; confirms my ability to assist you with a proven marketing plan providing full turn-key service to get your home sold.

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*Respectfully,
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International Ladies Club in Kingwood (ILC)

October Meeting

ILC would like to invite you to their first meeting for this year on Thursday, October 15th, from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

ILC is a social club that is all about diversity, culture, entertainment and community service. Our members are from over 25 countries including the USA, and are open for new members living in Kingwood and all surrounding areas. In addition to the monthly meetings and presentations, we organize day trips in Houston and nearby areas and other special activities.

For more information, please call Hanadi Rousan at 713-904-0055 or e-mail: h_rousan@hotmail.com

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It's BBQ Cook Off Time....

Do you have a passion for grilling, or just want to get a group of friends together to have a good time? Then we want YOU to participate in our annual BBQ Cook Off.

This year's event will be Saturday November 7th, from 1-5 at the Sports Complex and soccer fields. First place overall will receive \$250 and plaques will be awarded to the best in each category. We are excited to welcome back the band Southern Crown on the east soccer field, while a mechanical bull, shooting gallery, and other games and activities will be on the west soccer field.

Registration for your BBQ team will be coming soon via InsideEagleSprings.com. Participants from 2014 will have priority registration; after that, registration will open up to the community at large. Due to the increasing popularity of this event, we will have to cap teams to 15.

This year, we will be having a cooks' meeting on Tuesday October 13th at 7:30 pm in the Valley Springs Clubhouse to go over rules and answer any questions you may have. Suggestions to improve the event will also be discussed. All teams will need to send someone as their delegate.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Activities@InsideEagleSprings.com.

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A HUGE "Thank You" to Amanda Harris, owner of Magically Ever After Travel, for making this event possible! Your support of our events is always appreciated!

Craft Fair Being Added to WinterFest!

We are bringing back the craft fair and small business showcase to WinterFest! Be on the lookout for registration on InsideEagleSprings.com towards the end of October.

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Hosting an International Exchange Student

Submitted by Vicki Odom

Hosting an International Exchange Student is such a great experience for all of those involved. It leads to a better understanding between individuals of other cultures, hopefully branching its way out to a more peaceful global society. But don't just take my word about it, read about Nelva's experience and understanding of the exchange program.

I'm so lucky to have been placed with a great host family in Texas! The best part is when we share each other's cultures and have a lot of quality time together. I'm blessed to have chance to study in American High School.

Being an exchange student is hard. For the first couple days it was hard because I didn't know anybody, the moving class system is new for me and sometimes it's hard to understand what they say. But America is really friendly and handy so I got a lot of help from them. From the exchange program, people can really get to know each other, people start to respect each other and we can start a new chapter to have a better world.

So if you want to enrich your life, host an exchange student!

Nelva is from Indonesia and is spending the academic year here in Texas as part of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program. This program is funded by the US Department of State which provides scholarships for secondary school students from countries with significant Muslim populations. As part of her program year, Nelva is required to perform at least 60 hours of community service (however most YES students hours amount to hundreds of hours) and continue working with the program in her home country.

Our application process for the 2016 Spring Semester and 2016/2017 academic year will soon be opening. School spots in our area tend to fill up rather quickly, so get your application in early to host one of these amazing students!

Ayusa is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 to promote global learning and leadership through foreign exchange, study abroad, and leadership programs for high school students from the U.S. and around the world.

For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact your local representative Vicki Odom at 832.455.7881 or vodom@ayusa.org or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.

MAKE IT A TERRIFIC FALL SEASON

Fall is a great time of year. With a blistering summer behind us, we look forward to cooler weather and some of the most cherished holidays of the year. Fall can also represent an increased number of activities and commitments. Here are some ideas to make the most of your Fall Season.

1) Step away from the electronics - Often we worry about how much time our kids spend on their phones, iPads, etc. Adults can often use some of that advice too. Stepping away from technology can be a great way to remember that there are other meaningful things we can do each day.

2) Give Thanks – Take time each day to ponder the things you're thankful for. It's so easy to get worn down by the all the responsibilities we have. Remembering the blessings in our lives is a great way to recharge and reset our priorities. Want to take it up another level? Write these thoughts in a journal.

3) Take a walk – Who doesn't love the idea of taking a walk on the beach or a hike (at least a short one) in the mountains? Often a walk through the neighborhood, on the trails, or even a parking lot at work can help us get our energy going and allow us to get the most out of our days.

4) Do Yoga – The health benefits are countless. If you can't find the time for a class, practice the breathing at home. It's amazing the impact that several deep breaths can have on our

ability to relax more fully.

5) Write to a friend/family member – Yes, pen and paper. There are few things that can compete with the power of a handwritten note. In a day of texting, social media "likes" and emoticon gestures, recipients of hand written notes will recognize the significance of your friendship. The time it takes you to write can serve as an opportunity to reflect on how much you really care about the recipient.

6) Take your own Coffee Break – There's something powerful about coffee breaks. Whether you choose coffee, tea, or a glass of water, the key to taking a successful break is truly pausing from work and enjoying a few minutes of well nothing. Just BE.

7) Perform an Act of Kindness – Life experience has convinced me that small acts of kindness are more rewarding and fulfilling than any self-indulging activity. Just think of something nice you can do and do it. It's that simple.

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CLOTHES MOTHS

Clothes moths can cause considerable damage to materials containing wool, fur or other animal-derived products. There are two common clothes moths, case making clothes moths and webbing clothes moths. The names describe the larval (caterpillar) stage of the moth. Case-making clothes moths spin silken cases that they drag along with them while they feed. Webbing clothes moths feed within silken burrows that they spin over the surface of fabric.

Adults are small, tan moths about 3/8 an inch long. They are weak fliers and avoid light. Larvae like to feed in protected areas, such as folded clothing, and rarely leave their food source.

To reduce or avoid clothes moth problems, the following tips may be helpful:

- Locate & remove any infested items
- Look in drawers & closets; on the floor; on or under furniture; on or in walls, ceilings & attics
- Launder or dry clean clothing
- Periodically shake & air out items such as rugs & clothing
- Use heat and/ or cold to kill insects in infested items

- Thoroughly clean storage areas
- Store clothing in tightly sealed containers
- Cedar is not that effective in repelling clothes moths
- Cedar must be freshly cut or chipped for vapors to be effective & vapors lose potency quickly
- Mothballs (naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene) can be used to repel insects
- Read & follow all label instructions
- Use only in sealed areas or closed containers
- Note that the fumes from these products may soften or melt some plastics
- Insecticide sprays can be used to supplement sanitation techniques
- Remove all items from the area before treating with an insecticide
- Allow area to completely dry before returning items
- For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive family support the child or sibling group.

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is a program of Partnerships for Children. To learn more about the adoption or fostering process, please call the Heart Gallery of Central Texas at (512) 834-4756, email heartgallery@partnershipsforchildren.org or visit our website at www.partnershipsforchildren.org

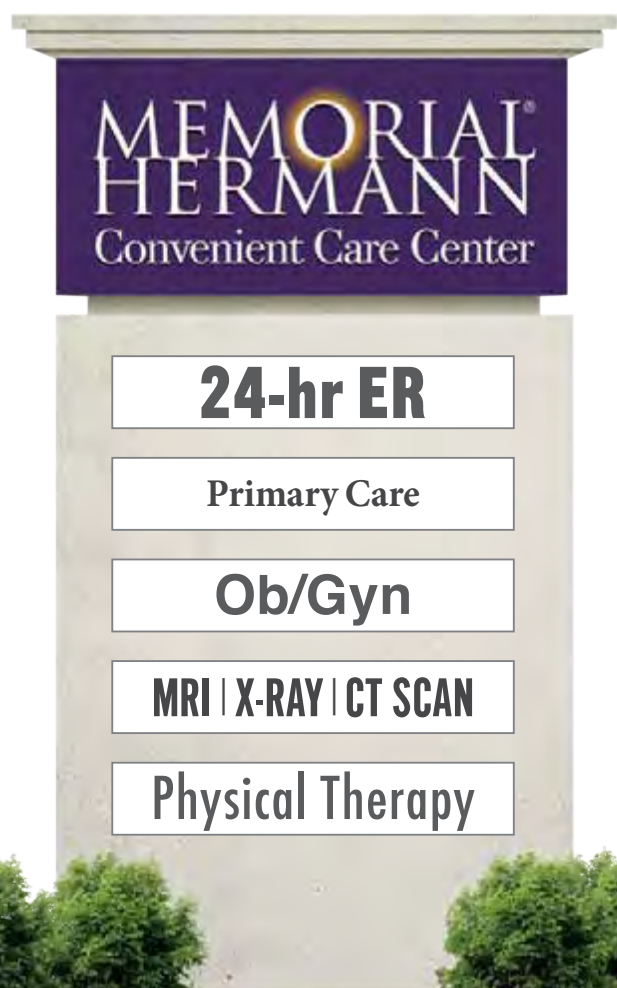
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OMG HOMEWORK

OMG – It's homework time and I need a drink!

Ah, the school year starts. Parents everywhere rejoice with visions of free time!

Free time to catch up on shows that aren't animated, to work out, to get your mani/pedi, to shop without listening to whining, to have conversations with complete sentences and big words.

But, instead that free time is:

Free time to get the oil changed! In both cars, to take the dogs to the vet for annual check ups, to call a plumber to fix the tub jets, to call an electrician because the plumber won't fix the tub jets, to call a tub dealer because the electrician won't fix the tub jets, to have an appliance guy come and tell you the tub has to be removed because the pump was installed backwards – and nope, he doesn't remove tubs, to call BOTH a plumber and the appliance back together – that may take forever to get scheduled, to take a bath IF you ever get the tub fixed!

Still it is easier than doing all of those fun chores AND playing referee to the kids.

With great joy comes great pain and agony – namely Homework!!

Seriously, even Charles Dickens agrees... "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." (A Tale of Two Cities)

O.M.G. Homework.

When. Did. Homework.

Become. Such. A. Big.

Horrible. Fricking.

NIGHTMARE???

I remember homework:

I remember homework from when I was a child. The teacher taught something in class. I listened and learned. I took the book home and did the "odd numbered problems" on page 72. This didn't take long because I actually knew the material. I had seen it recently – that same day! Homework – 15 minutes BOOM. Skill reinforced, mom not involved, and STILL time for playing outside.

Homework today?

Now kids stare blankly at the homework page which covers things they discussed months or even grades ago...and maybe, just maybe something they have actually seen before in class. Who refreshes their memory about these long forgotten skills? Mom, of course AND without the help of a textbook!

I remember homework:

I remember homework from my teaching days. (1988-2004) Each subject had a separate day for homework. For me that meant I only gave homework once a week – 20 minutes homework for language arts. The kids had to know what to do or it wasn't useful for reinforcing that day's learning AND the phone rang off the wall the next day with parents complaining. Boom! Skill reinforced, mom not involved, still time for playing outside.

Homework today?

There are no text-books. Everything is online and Lord help me, everything requires 'signing' in. We have log in and password

information for countless (no seriously, I don't even want to count them!) accounts:

*profiles *schoolology *band calendar *PTO information *lunch account *soccer schedule *Prezi *spelling town *math practice *school newsletter AND *each teacher has a website ** I just went to parent night at the school last night and there are more accounts coming soon. Wonderful.

All of the above...for EACH kid. I have trouble keeping track of my own online life and you want me to add 40 logins and passwords per kid? I need a drink.

Skills reinforced? Um...I have no idea what skill this reinforces. Mom involved? You BET! Time to play outside? HAHHAHAHA!

Sigh...remember the good old days?

Homework was easy and painless, dishes washed themselves, fairies did the laundry in the night, beautifully coifed children played happily together while you cooked gourmet meals in your heels and pearls, remember those days? Yeah, me neither. And since none of those things are a part of the world, past, present, or ...well hopefully in the future we need to get it together now!!

Tips for less painful homework time!

1) Pay attention.

Homework time always comes during the witching hour of the day when the baby is crying and the dogs are barking and dinner needs to be cooked... Homework is hard enough when you are focused on it, right? So, do what you can to give yourself the space to pay attention. Like:

*Make dinner early or use a crockpot.

*Feed dogs a little earlier so they will not be needy or freaky.

*Break out the treats for baby.

2) Foster independence.

I'll wait for you to stop laughing. I know I just said that the kids don't have any idea what have the homework is even about so how are they supposed to be independent? By trying. Yes, foster that "old college try" while they are still in elementary school. It turns out some of those problems they really CAN do or at least get close.

3) Keep it quiet.

It should go without saying that the house should be quiet. No TV. No DVD. No Internet. Just kids sitting at tables focusing on their task. I have no luck with mine together so I divide and conquer by having them at different work stations. (Fancy word for one at the kitchen table and one at the coffee table.)

4) Free time first.

I believe it a little break between working all day at school and working again on homework, but only a little one. Give them a snack, potty break, time to tell about their day...part of a video game or tv show or swing set time in the backyard. Thirty minutes of downtime gives everyone a breather before settling down for work.

5) NO breaks.

Just get it done. Whining about it and talking about it and needing

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a drink and throwing a fit, etc. all just wastes time. Tell the kids to just get it over with. We all know that if they would just buckle down, focus, and get to it, homework would take 1/2 the time!

6) Bring the phone.

OK, perhaps this is the “WTF is math all about this year” part of me, but please keep your phone nearby logged into Facebook so you can bail me out when I post a picture of tonight’s “how the hell do I figure out this math problem?” photo. I’m happy to help you out, too for more reasonable subjects than math.

7) Be ready.

Have paper, pencils, books, drink, snack, dictionary, lap top ready. Do not give kids the chance to ‘forget’ something and waste time wandering around the house looking for it. You’ll save your sanity by spending 2 minutes getting ready.

8) Have a mantra.

When the kids are whining about how hard the homework is or how stupid the homework is or how ‘mean’ their teacher is for assigning it, you need a mantra. Do NOT engage in this time wasting conversation – even if Mean Mrs. Smith really did assign the dumbest homework assignment ever. Instead, have a mantra to repeat over and over again in response. Mine is, “We are not talking about that right now. We are doing our homework. Focus.” Over

and over and over and over.

9) Pat yourself on the back.

Lastly, raise your glass in a toast (we really are drinking now aren’t we?) and give yourself a pat on the back. Homework is tough on everyone and making sure they 1) do it and 2) do it well will give them skills to last their entire life. You are doing a great job, momma. Cheers to you!

Boy, you’ll need a vacation when you get a break from homework for the holidays.

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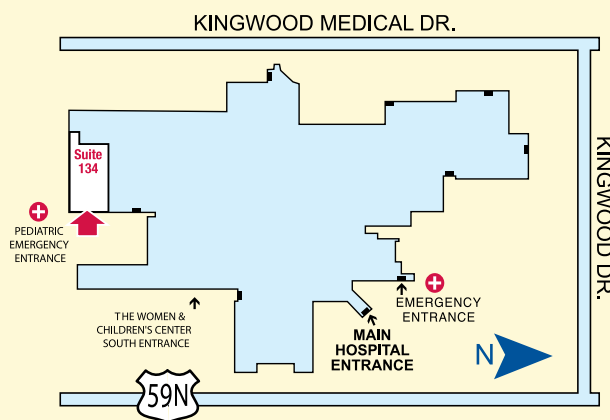
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Preparing Young Children for Emergencies Planning and Teaching Basic Life Skills Help Keep Children Safe

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On a daily basis, 69 million children in America are separated from their parents during the work day while in school or child care for an average of nine hours. As parents and educators, what can we do to ensure that our children are protected in case emergency strikes during the school day? Does your child know your home address and phone number? Does he know the name of his school or teacher? Does your family have emergency supplies and an evacuation plan at home? Does his school have an emergency safety plan in place?

The safety and well-being of students is a top priority at Primrose Schools®. Every school has a Safe School Plan in place in case of emergency, which includes extensive emergency preparedness training for staff, step-by-step guidelines for emergency response and teaching essential safety skills to children.

Primrose students also build a solid foundation of abilities and skills through the Primrose Life Skills Program, which is woven into Primrose's exclusive Balanced Learning® curriculum. Every Primrose student learns to recite her name, address and phone number, as well as the name of her school and teachers. By creating a fun and engaging atmosphere for learning and reinforcing safety lessons through songs and games, children retain necessary skills and are better prepared for potential emergencies. Primrose believes children should begin learning these skills at a very early age and appropriately tailors the curriculum for each age group.

Younger Primrose students, including toddlers and early preschoolers, learn to avoid dangerous objects, including cleaning products, hot stoves and electrical outlets. Additionally, younger learners practice the "stop, look and listen" mantra, which means stop walking or running, listen to the parent, teacher or caregiver present, and look around before taking another step. Over time, this method helps children become more aware of their surroundings, which is an important step as they continue to practice safety in a variety of settings.

Primrose early preschool through kindergarten students learn the basics of first aid and emergency preparedness through the Primrose Life Skills curriculum including how to dial 911, identifying medication versus food or candy, etc. For this age group, Primrose teachers also expand on "stop, look, and listen," teaching students traffic safety, including the meaning of traffic lights and the importance of looking both ways before crossing the street at crosswalks.

"At Primrose School of Eagle Springs, it is our duty to keep our students safe and prepare them as best we can for the unexpected," said Paula Morgan, Franchise Owner of Primrose School of Eagle Springs. "By teaching age-appropriate life skills, we feel our children are better prepared for emergency situations and real-world interactions with adults."

At Primrose Schools, while children are busy playing, learning, singing, painting and growing, parents can take comfort in our commitment to provide a safe environment and equip children with essential life skills to help keep them safe no matter what the situation.

Through October, Primrose will be sharing additional information about emergency preparedness and safety on its 360 Parenting blog. Blog posts will feature resources from national partner Save the Children and its Get Ready, Get Safe, initiative to help families become better prepared for emergencies. Each week, families can complete items on the Get Ready, Get Safe, Family Plan Checklist to help plan and prepare in the event of an emergency. To view the blog and complete the checklist, visit primroseschools.com/360parenting.

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