



**"Fostering Educated and Involved Texans"™**

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Education in Action is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to empowering young Texans to be informed and active leaders in their communities.

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**From the Founders**

"Celebrating 10 Years." It is hard to believe 2011 will mark Education in Action's tenth year of program offerings and that 10 years have passed since the organization's founding. It's fun to reflect on those very first programs in 2002. That year, 69 students participated in six Lone Star Leadership Academy – Austin programs, Education in Action's only program offering at the time. There were an average of 12 students on each program and, at that time, all participants were from the Dallas/Fort Worth area.



**Inaugural March 11-15, 2002 Lone Star Leadership Academy – Austin program participants at the Texas State Capitol. Front row (L to R): Victoria Acuay, Jordan Moore, Susan Gleiser, Jennie Leigh Smith, and Brent Elliott. Back row (L to R): Spencer Moore, Anna Covington, Sarah Newman, Rosa Conde, Nicole Okland, and Trinceton Banks.**

Ten years later we have a lot to celebrate! Since Education in Action's inception, 5,934 students have participated in Lone Star Leadership Academy – Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, and Houston/Galveston programs. Of those, 188 students have earned the "Trailblazer" designation for participating in all three Lone Star Leadership Academy programs. Participants now come from all over the state, and have represented 498 school districts, 26 private schools, 15 charter schools, and eight home schools. There are a maximum of 50 students on each program and, to accommodate demand, two Lone Star Leadership Academy - Dallas/Fort Worth programs are offered simultaneously several weeks each summer.

In addition, over 30,000 students, educators, and parent chaperones have participated in Education in Action's one-day experiential learning travel programs for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms since these programs began being offered during the 2003-2004 school year, and 385 students have created and led service projects as members in Education in Action's alumni program, the Lone Star Youth Leadership Council.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to each of the educators, parents, and students that have participated in Education in Action's programs. Your support and participation, especially in the beginning, has enabled us to provide these unique, experiential learning and leadership development experiences to more than 36,000 Texas students over the past 10 years. We also thank each of Education in Action's dedicated team members that work tirelessly, with students and behind the scenes, to ensure each student's participation in the program is educational, meaningful, fun, and safe. Thank you for enabling us to fulfill the mission we established 10 years ago, *to empower young Texans to be informed and active leaders in their communities.* Because of you, we eagerly look forward to an exciting next 10 years!

*Jennifer Pasteur*

**Jennifer Pasteur,  
Executive Director & Founder**

*Monica Hayes*

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Educational Outreach Director & Founder**

**Education in Action Timeline**

- 2001** ★ Education in Action founded.
- 2002** ★ 69 students participate in the Lone Star Leadership Academy.
- 2002** ★ Lone Star Youth Leadership Council program created to provide opportunities for alumni to exercise leadership skills throughout the school year.
- 2003-2004** ★ Experiential Learning Day Programs created to make it easy for Dallas/Fort Worth educators to take their classrooms on one-day, TEKS-based, educational, travel programs.
- 2004** ★ Lone Star Leadership Academy – Houston/Galveston program created in response to Austin participants wanting to go on the program again.
- 2006** ★ Lone Star Leadership Academy – Dallas/Fort Worth program created in response to request for programming for younger students.
- 2007** ★ Education in Action moves to Keller, Texas. The new location accommodates lodging for Lone Star Leadership Academy – Dallas/Fort Worth programs.
- 2008** ★ 38 "Trailblazers" are the first to complete all three Lone Star Leadership Academy programs.
- 2010** ★ Experiential Learning Day Program offerings expand from Dallas/Fort Worth area to entire North Central Texas area.
- 2010** ★ 10 years after Education in Action's founding, more than 5,900 students have participated in the Lone Star Leadership Academy, over 30,000 students, parent chaperones, and educators have participated in Experiential Learning Day Programs, and 385 students have completed service projects as members of Education in Action's Lone Star Youth Leadership Council.

**Educators, [CLICK HERE](#) to nominate your outstanding 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders for upcoming Lone Star Leadership Academy programs.**

## What we do...



### Lone Star Leadership Academy

Monday-Friday, residential programs offered during spring and summer break for outstanding Texas 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Participants travel to Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, or Houston/Galveston and spend a week visiting significant Texas sites related to what they are learning in school with a focus on leadership.

### Experiential Learning Day Programs

Day programs take all students in a grade level (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>), their teachers, and parent chaperones on a one-day program to significant Texas sites to provide students with opportunities to *experience* what they are learning in their classrooms.



### Lone Star Youth Leadership Council

The Lone Star Youth Leadership Council alumni program provides Lone Star Leadership Academy graduates with opportunities to continue their leadership development during the school year. Members exercise leadership skills by creating, and leading at least two others in, a service project of their choosing.

## What's new at Education in Action?

4th graders are now eligible to participate in the Lone Star Leadership Academy, updated grade levels for each program

Starting in 2011, 4<sup>th</sup> graders are now eligible to participate in Lone Star Leadership Academy – Dallas/Fort Worth programs.

Updated eligible grade levels for each program are now:

- ★ Lone Star Leadership Academy – Dallas/Fort Worth for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders
- ★ Lone Star Leadership Academy – Austin for 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders
- ★ Lone Star Leadership Academy – Houston/Galveston for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders

### Expanded Youth Facilitator program

As always, Lone Star Youth Leadership Council members may return on Lone Star Leadership Academy programs in a leadership role as mentors to the participants and assistants to the adult facilitators. As an added benefit, starting in 2011, Youth Facilitators will also spend a portion of the week visiting additional sites that the student participants do not. Additional sites include:

- ★ Dallas/Fort Worth program – University of Texas at Arlington Planetarium
- ★ Austin program – The Governor's Office at the Texas State Capitol and Austin American-Statesman facility tour
- ★ Houston/Galveston program - National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Sea Turtle Facility

### Overnight at the George Observatory added to Lone Star Leadership Academy – Houston/Galveston program

Starting in 2011, Houston/Galveston participants will enjoy an exclusive overnight program at the George Observatory. The George Observatory, located within Brazos Bend State Park, is a satellite facility of the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Students will experience an evening of stargazing with the 36" Gueymard Research telescope (weather permitting), then visit the Challenger Center to be transformed into scientists, engineers, or researchers on a simulated space mission.

### Education in Action staff updates

**Ashley Barnes** has worked in many capacities with Education in Action. Initially, Ashley facilitated Day Programs and Lone Star Leadership Academy programs. She then joined the Education in Action as a full-time staff member, working behind the scenes with both program coordination and educational outreach efforts. This fall, Ashley was named Admissions and Scholarship Director and Government Liaison. Education in Action welcomes Ashley to this new position in the organization! To contact Ashley, e-mail [abarnes@educationinaction.org](mailto:abarnes@educationinaction.org).



**Marilyn Galegher** joined the Education in Action team in March 2010. Initially, she assisted the accounting department. This fall she was named Programs Coordinator and is responsible for coordinating all aspects of Day Programs with the school's coordinating teachers before and after their programs. She also coordinates reservations for all Lone Star Leadership Academy programs. Education in Action welcomes Marilyn to this new position in the organization! To contact Marilyn, e-mail [mgalegher@educationinaction.org](mailto:mgalegher@educationinaction.org).

## Lone Star Leadership Academy scholarship opportunities

Several Lone Star Leadership Academy scholarship and sponsorship opportunities are posted at [www.educationinaction.org](http://www.educationinaction.org). Two of the posted opportunities follow.

### "Lone Star Leadership in History" essay contest



The Texas State Historical Association sponsors Texas History Day as part of the National History Day program. This yearlong education program culminates in an annual state-level history fair which includes an essay contest. For the sixth year in a row, Education in Action is sponsoring the "Lone Star Leadership in History" award. The author of the best entry that analyzes the contributions of positive leadership by a leader in Texas History will receive a full scholarship to participate in a summer 2011 Lone Star Leadership Academy program. For more information, visit <http://www.tshaonline.org/education/students/writing-awards> or [www.educationinaction.org](http://www.educationinaction.org).

### Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented

The Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented offers scholarships of up to \$400 for gifted and talented students to participate in summer programs including the Lone Star Leadership Academy. Applications become available in January and are due by March 1, 2011. For more information visit [www.educationinaction.org](http://www.educationinaction.org) and click on Financial Aid.



## Lone Star Youth Leadership Council, Alumni Program



### Purpose

Lone Star Leadership Academy alumni are invited to participate in Education in Action's alumni organization, the Lone Star Youth Leadership Council, to continue their leadership development throughout the school year. The alumni program provides members with continued leadership training and opportunities to exercise their leadership skills including creating and leading service projects in their schools and returning on Education in Action's programs as Youth Facilitators.

### Lone Star Youth Leadership Council update

158 outstanding young Texans from across the state are participating in Education in Action's 2010-2011 Lone Star Youth Leadership Council (LSYLC). Members complete on-line leadership activities during the school year to help them effectively create and lead a service project in their school or community.

Members have selected, and are currently working on, projects ranging from collection drives for soldiers and a wide variety of non-profit organizations to 5K fundraiser walks, visits to nursing homes, and teacher thank you events. Members will submit project portfolios which will be displayed at 2011 Lone Star Leadership Academy program registrations to inspire incoming Lone Star Leadership Academy participants. Lone Star Leaders, keep up the great work! You are all off to a great start and we look forward to seeing the positive efforts you lead in your schools and communities! A special thank you goes out to each of these student's sponsoring educators for supporting the efforts of these outstanding young leaders. [A list of 2010-2011 Lone Star Youth Leadership Council members is available by clicking on this link.](#)

**May 7, 2011  
is the application  
deadline for summer  
2011 Lone Star  
Leadership Academy  
Youth Facilitators.**

### Inaugural Lone Star Youth Leadership Council Retreat

Education in Action will hold its inaugural Lone Star Youth Leadership Council overnight retreat April 16-17, 2011. The retreat is replacing the service project ceremony held annually in the past and will provide a forum for Youth Council members to share ideas for growth and improvement of the Lone Star Youth Leadership Council. Members will also present the service projects they led in their communities to their peers and complete a group service project. The weekend will also include an in-depth discussion of the value of service learning. In addition, Youth Facilitator training will be held for members serving as Youth Facilitators on summer 2011 Lone Star Leadership Academy programs. Updates to the Youth Facilitator program will also be presented.

Education in Action looks forward to participation in the retreat by council members from all parts of the state. Members that fly in for the retreat (at their own expense) have the option to have Education in Action pick them up from, and return them to, the airport (at no charge). Attendees wishing to take the Education in Action shuttle must fly on Southwest Airlines into Love Field, must arrive Saturday, April 16 between 9:00am and 11:00am, and must depart Sunday, April 17 between 5:00pm and 7:00pm. Contact **Carolyn Markle**, Alumni Coordinator, at [cmarkle@educationinaction.org](mailto:cmarkle@educationinaction.org) for additional information.

## Lone Star Youth Leadership Council Members - Mark Your Calendars!



## Lone Star Youth Leadership Council Retreat & Youth Facilitator Training

**WHEN: Saturday, April 16, 2011, 12:00pm - Sunday, April 17, 2011, 3:00pm**

**WHERE: Education in Action, 10200 Alta Vista Road, Keller, TX 76244**

**COST: \$30 per person for lodging and food**

### **PURPOSE:**

- ✓ Share service projects with peers.
- ✓ Discuss the value of service learning.
- ✓ Complete a group service project.
- ✓ Brainstorm improvement and growth of the Lone Star Youth Leadership Council program.
- ✓ Youth Facilitator training.

**Must have a minimum of 25 participants to hold retreat.**

**Registration Deadline: March 1, 2011**

**Contact Carolyn Markle, Alumni Coordinator, [cmarkle@educationinaction.org](mailto:cmarkle@educationinaction.org) for more information.**

## ***Student Spotlight: Kirby Lorig***

**Kirby Lorig** received a Certificate of Achievement from **City of Flower Mound Mayor Melissa Northern** during the August 2, 2010 Town Council meeting for serving as a Youth Facilitator on the July 19-23, 2010 Lone Star Leadership Academy – Austin program. Kirby also received a letter of congratulations from her **United States Congressman, The Honorable Michael C. Burgess, M.D., 26<sup>th</sup> District of Texas.**



***Kirby Lorig, 2010 Lone Star Leadership Academy Youth Facilitator, receives Certificate of Achievement from City of Flower Mound Mayor Melissa Northern August 2, 2010.***

Kirby is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Flower Mound High School in Lewisville ISD. She participated in a 2009 Lone Star Leadership Academy – Austin program and has been a member of Education in Action's Lone Star Youth Leadership Council for the past two years. For her 2009-2010 alumni program service project, Kirby performed a short play for residents at a nursing home in her community. For her 2010-2011 service project, she is making fleece blankets to sell to raise money for Project Linus. As a Lone Star Youth Leadership Council Member in good standing, Kirby was eligible to return on a 2010 Lone Star Leadership Academy program in a leadership role as a Youth Facilitator. Kirby's mother, **Sue Ann Lorig, stated, "Kirby enjoyed serving as a Youth Facilitator tremendously and wants to do it again next year."** Keep up the great work, Kirby!

## ***Summer employment opportunity for Texas educators and nurses***

Education in Action is accepting applications for Facilitators and Assistant Directors for 2011 programs. All Facilitators are Texas educators. Assistant Directors may be educators or nurses (desired). For job descriptions or to download an application, visit [www.educationinaction.org/educators/employment\\_opps.php](http://www.educationinaction.org/educators/employment_opps.php). **The employment application deadline for summer 2011 programs is March 11, 2011.**

## ***2010 Lone Star Leadership Academy program participants***

983 outstanding 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders representing every region of Texas and 37 Youth Facilitators participated in spring break and summer 2010 Lone Star Leadership Academy programs. A complete list of districts and schools represented is available at: **Districts and Schools Represented on 2010 LSLA Programs**. The Education in Action staff appreciates the opportunity to work with so many talented young leaders.

## ***Lone Star Leaders recognized***

Because so many Lone Star Leaders are recognized in the news, Education in Action has added a new feature on its website. Visit [www.educationinaction.org](http://www.educationinaction.org) > News and Events > Press Releases to read about these outstanding students! Parents, Education in Action invites you to submit your student's article for inclusion via email to [information@educationinaction.org](mailto:information@educationinaction.org).

## ***Sixty-seven Lone Star Leaders earn 'Trailblazer' designation***

Students that participate in all three Lone Star Leadership Academy programs (Dallas, Austin, and Houston) over the course of three years earn the 'Trailblazer' designation. In addition to developing their leadership skills, these students have supplemented their education by exploring significant Texas sites for a week in each of three major Texas cities, all before entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Congratulations to the following 2010 Lone Star Leadership Academy Trailblazers!

***Keyon Ahmadi, Humble ISD ★ Mikayla Ballew, Ector County ISD ★ Cody Barber, Sonora ISD ★ Dylan Barrett, Nocona ISD  
Jack Baumann, Clear Creek ISD ★ Jantzen Bell, San Saba ISD ★ A.J. Bornaschella, Spring Branch ISD ★ Cora Bray, San Angelo ISD ★ MaKenzie Breeze, Nocona ISD ★ Ray Brown, Round Rock ISD ★ Abbie Burnett, Cotton Center ISD ★ Micah Cotton, Cedar Hill ISD ★ Michelle Fischer, Edinburg CISD ★ Braxton Fitzgerald, Pine Tree ISD ★ Brent Fleischer, Pearland ISD ★ Bonner Garrison, Eanes ISD ★ Lulu Gazawie, Royse City ISD ★ Max Gerber, Plainview ISD ★ Lauren Glenn, Beaumont ISD ★ Trace Greer, Melissa ISD ★ Lauren Guzaldo, Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School ★ Christopher Hazlett, Greenville ISD ★ Maya Henry, Humble ISD ★ Darius Hill, Prince of Peace Catholic School ★ Sydnee Hodge, Boerne ISD  
Ashlynn Hurley, Deer Park ISD ★ Truett Ide, Denton ISD ★ Abby Jacks, Carroll ISD ★ Griffin Judge, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD  
Lina Kim, Rockwall ISD ★ Shelby Kolek, Navasota ISD ★ Eric Kroon, Conroe ISD ★ Kaitlin Lawson, Hale Center ISD ★ Wade Ledbetter, Homeschooled ★ Morgan Lee, Killeen ISD ★ Cāsi Lide, Canton ISD ★ Elizabeth Loyal, Lewisville ISD  
David Mahoney, Weslaco ISD ★ Donovan Martinez, San Benito Consolidated ISD ★ Adam May, Conroe ISD ★ Harrison McClain, Lewisville ISD ★ Keaton McDonald, Round Rock ISD ★ Rachel McKinnon, Frisco ISD ★ W. Andres Mills Marin, IDEA Frontier College Preparatory ★ Katie Minor, Houston ISD ★ Brandon Mitchell, Conroe ISD ★ Sydney Morales, Humble ISD ★ Conor Murphy, Leander ISD ★ Kayla Ortego, Harmony Science Academy ★ Whitney Ortiz, Los Fresnos Consolidated ISD ★ Anthony Pascullo, Denton ISD ★ Sydney Pechal, Ennis ISD ★ Meredith Pollock, Rockwall ISD ★ Jacob Ramon, Sharyland ISD ★ Alex Ray, Bishop Dunn Catholic School ★ Andrew Repetski, Killeen ISD ★ Hiram Rodriguez, Lewisville ISD ★ Julia Snook, Carroll ISD ★ Michael Sorter, Richardson ISD ★ Jayna Spilman, Westwood ISD ★ Jason Stanley, Aldine ISD ★ Tori Stephens, Frisco ISD ★ Jamie Treviño, Sharyland ISD ★ Brooke Viegut, Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD ★ Kiana Ware, Killeen ISD ★ Nick Winfield, Clear Creek ISD ★ Kristin Wright, Fort Davis ISD***

## ***Educators, recognize your outstanding students***

Do you work with outstanding 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders that would benefit from the following experiences?

- ✓ *Developing leadership skills through activities and simulations*
- ✓ *Learning about famous Texans and their leadership styles*
- ✓ *Experiencing significant Texas sites related to what they're learning in school*
- ✓ *Building friendships with other academically motivated young leaders from across the state*

Educators are invited to nominate their outstanding students for Lone Star Leadership Academy programs online at <http://www.educationinaction.org/educators/nominations.php>. A nomination fulfills the student's required educator recommendation. **The deadline to submit nominations for 2011 programs is March 11, 2011.** The earlier students are nominated, the more time they have to prepare their applications. Nominate today! We look forward to your students' participation in the Lone Star Leadership Academy.

## ***New Board of Educators members***

Education in Action's Board of Educators members believe in Education in Action's mission, to empower young Texans to be informed and active leaders in their communities. Members make information about the Lone Star Leadership Academy available to the other educators and administrators at their schools and nominate their outstanding students for participation in the Lone Star Leadership Academy. Their support for Education in Action's programs is invaluable in making programs available to outstanding Texas students. Contact Education in Action to become the representative for your school. Members receive Education in Action's newsletters via email and a Certificate of Participation once they have nominated a minimum of ten students. For a complete listing of all Board of Educators and Advisory Council members, visit [www.educationinaction.org](http://www.educationinaction.org). Education in Action welcomes the following new Board of Educators members:

**Timmy Betts**, Corsicana ISD

**Jim Briggs**, Birdville, ISD

**Tiffany Brummett**, China Spring ISD

**Eric Carpenter**, Big Sandy ISD

**Keith Earley**, Fort Worth ISD

**Alexis Ferdinandsen**, Lake Dallas ISD

**Linda Fischer**, Mineral Wells ISD

**Sandra Ford**, Boerne ISD

**Tracie Gaytan**, A+ Academy Charter School

**Beth Gensheimer**, Coppell ISD

**Ashley Harmonson**, Arlington ISD

**Kristi Key**, Coppell ISD

**Amy Jo Martinez**, Brownsville ISD

**Christopher Perkins**, Alief ISD

**Gregory Rowe**, Quinlan ISD

**Stephanie Ryon**, Coppell ISD

**Raff Saeed**, Galena Park ISD

**Sheryl Saeed**, Sheldon ISD

**Elizabeth Soslow**, Richardson ISD

**Jeremiah Tarbutton**, Houston ISD

**Shane Whiteley**, Spearman ISD

## ***YMCA Youth and Government program***

The YMCA Youth & Government program is a perfect complement to the Lone Star Leadership Academy experience. The program provides middle and high school leaders with opportunities to debate issues important to them via a mock legislature. The program's goal is to create an environment in which students can increase their political awareness and understanding, while learning the meaning of social action through an actual hands-on experience in government. For more information on the YMCA Youth and Government program, visit [www.ymcatexas.org](http://www.ymcatexas.org) or click on the following link: [\*\*YMCA Youth and Government Information\*\*](#).

## ***Follow Education in Action on Facebook and Twitter***

Educators, parents, and students are invited to follow Education in Action on Facebook and Twitter at [www.facebook.com/educationinaction](http://www.facebook.com/educationinaction) and [www.twitter.com/EIATexas](http://www.twitter.com/EIATexas) to receive organization updates including application deadline reminders, scholarship opportunities, and many other useful notifications.

## ***Thank you, Metroplex Advanced Academics Coordinators***

Education in Action appreciated the opportunity to join the Metroplex Advanced Academics Coordinators group for their monthly meetings during fall 2010. In conjunction with September's meeting topic, leadership as a part of gifted and talented education programs, Education in Action presented information on the Lone Star Leadership Academy experience and how the coordinators could make the program available to their district's outstanding students. The fall meetings provided Education in Action with wonderful opportunities to meet the group's highly motivated Advanced Academics Coordinators, to learn about how they are incorporating leadership in their districts, their challenges, and many successes.

## ***Education in Action sponsors 2010 TCSS Annual Conference***

Education in Action appreciated the opportunity to sponsor the 2010 Texas Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference in Houston October 15-16, 2010 by providing conference registration bags and looks forward to sponsoring the annual conference again next year!



**Are you interested in the Lone Star Leadership Academy and would like to know more?  
Click on [Lone Star Leadership Academy Information](#) for answers to Frequently Asked Questions.  
An informational video is also available at [www.educationinaction.org](http://www.educationinaction.org).**

## 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade North Central Texas area educators:

### ***There is still time to take your classroom on the road for a day this spring!***

Educators, take your classrooms on the road and let Education in Action do all the work. During Education in Action's TEKS-based Experiential Learning Day Programs, students experience what they are learning in the classroom during visits to significant Texas sites in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, or Waco/Georgetown. Education in Action handles all details including round-trip charter bus transportation from your school, program curriculum, and much more. Day programs are available for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classes across North Central Texas. **An informational brochure is available at [Day Program Brochure](#).** Education in Action is now scheduling programs for spring 2011. For more information or to request a program date for your school, visit [www.educationinaction.org](http://www.educationinaction.org) or contact **Stacy Rountree**, School Programs Director, at 817-562-4957, extension 103 or [sroutree@educationinaction.org](mailto:sroutree@educationinaction.org).

## Experiential Learning Day Programs



### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies or 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade E/LA/R**

***“Trails, Rails and Cowtown Tales”*** participants travel to the Fort Worth Cultural District and the Fort Worth Stockyards to discover first-hand how Fort Worth developed its “Cowtown” identity. Participants then enjoy a ride on a vintage steam train along the famous Chisholm Trail.



### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies**

***“Proud to be Texan”*** participants travel to Austin to explore the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum and the Texas State Capitol. Students learn about Texas history and government with a focus on early explorers, the Texas Revolution, and the legislative process.



### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science**

Education in Action's ***“Water Rocks”*** program takes student scientists to the Cameron Park Zoo's Brazos River Country exhibit in Waco and Inner Space Cavern in Georgetown. Participants investigate the water cycle and wetland ecosystems, as well as the physical properties of minerals, rocks, and soils.



### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies**

***“A Little Washington in Big D”*** participants explore the three branches of government, Dallas style! Students participate in a mock trial, write a bill, visit the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and explore the life and legacy of John F. Kennedy at the Sixth Floor Museum.

## ***What the participants have to say...***

***“The kids learned about Texas History in an ‘interactive classroom’. They will remember this forever.”***  
– Rachel Renfro, Coordinating Teacher, Walker Creek Elementary, Birdville ISD

***“Extremely informative... if history had been taught to me like this, that would have been awesome.”***  
– Parent Chaperone, Armstrong Elementary, Garland ISD

***“Loved the journal and the games on the bus! Our students stayed so engaged and excited! Students learned so much and had a lot of fun!! A great day!!!”***  
– Teacher, Walker Creek Elementary, Birdville ISD

***“I learned a great deal today. I know my daughter learned a bunch and will be talking about this trip for weeks!”***  
– Parent Chaperone, Delaney Elementary, Kennedale ISD

***“Great information that pertains to our curriculum. I love how the trip is so organized and focused on learning.”***  
– Jennifer Wilson, Coordinating Teacher, Smith Elementary, Wylie ISD

***“The most exciting part of my day was the movie about the Texas Revolution. It made me feel proud to be Texan.”***  
– Student, Lynn Hale Elementary, Arlington ISD

***“The most exciting part of my day was seeing the state capitol for the first time. It is so cool. It is tall and it is an important part of the history of Texas.”***  
– Student, Annette Perry Elementary, Mansfield ISD

**Click here to see a list of 2010-2011 participating day program schools.**