



North East Independent School District

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MEDIA ADVISORY

- What:** Ed White Middle School is holding a Black History Month Celebration to honor African Americans from Civil War to Civil Rights.
- Who:** The event, run by the students, will feature two guest speakers: Eliot Paulk of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and Dr. Raymond J. Lockett, Southern University Professor and Chairman of the Department of History. Ed White students and parents will also attend.
- When:** Feb. 15, 2011 at 8:45 a.m.
- Where:** Cafeteria, Ed White Middle School, 7800 Midcrown
Media will need to ask accompanying parents for permission to film, photograph or interview students.
- Why:** Honoring African Americans from Civil War to Civil Rights is the theme for the Black History Month Celebration at Ed White Middle School. The event will feature a dance performance by the Ed White Innovation Dancers, as well as two special guest presentations. Eliot Paulk represents the local chapter of the NAACP. Dr. Raymond J. Lockett is a professor who has authored eight publications concerning African- and Black-American issues. He did research for and was featured in the documentary film "The Untold Story of Emmett Till."
- Visuals:** Dance performances by the Ed White Innovation Dancers, guest speakers Eliot Paulk of the NAACP, and Dr. Raymond J. Lockett of Southern University at Baton Rouge.

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North East ISD has more than 70 schools and magnet programs with a fall 2010 enrollment of more than 66,000 students. NEISD employs more than 8,000 people. It is the second largest public school district in the San Antonio area and the eighth largest in the state. Under the Texas accountability system, 87 percent of NEISD schools are rated Exemplary or Recognized. The district earned Recognized for the third year in a row.

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