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Green Valley Elementary fourth graders travel to Austin with Education in Action's "Proud to be Texan" field trip

Birdville ISD fourth grade teachers at **Green Valley Elementary** took their classrooms on the road to Austin with Education in Action's Travel, Explore, and Learn "Proud to be Texan" field trip, **12/5/2013**. Students visited the **Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum** and the **Texas State Capitol** to *experience* what they are learning in fourth grade Texas History.

On the charter bus ride to Austin students discussed why Texans are so proud of their unique heritage and participated in activities and games in preparation for their visit. In Austin the students visited the Texas State Capitol where their legislators, **The Honorable Kelly Hancock, State Senator, District 9** and **The Honorable Stephanie Klick, State Representative, District 91**, office. Students saw 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' visit to the museum concluded at the multi-sensory Texas Spirit Theater with the *Star of Destiny* where they saw and experienced the history of our great state including a gusher exploding from an East Texas oil derrick and the takeoff of Saturn V as seen from Mission Control at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"Education in Action's field trips are based on the understanding that the most effective way for students to learn is through experience," stated **Lori Duncan**, Education in Action's School Programs Director. *"Student activities during Education in Action's 'Proud to be Texan' field trip reinforce and supplement fourth grade Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills learning objectives with a focus on why Texans are so proud of their unique heritage."*

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.

In addition to Travel, Explore, and Learn field trips to Waco/Georgetown, Austin, Dallas, and Fort Worth, Education in Action also offers spring break and summer Lone Star Leadership Academy camps for outstanding 4th-8th graders. During the weeklong, overnight camps, participants experience significant Texas sites in Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin/San Antonio, or Houston/Galveston with Texas educators and a focus on leadership.

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