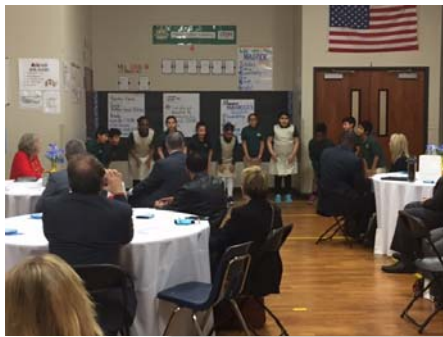




# Superintendent's Newsletter

- Dr. Frederick Clarke



## Culture Fair/Cook-Off Fundraiser

On March 4th, 2017, Manara Academy will host the first annual Culture Fair/Cook-Off. Students will have their grade level Culture Projects on display. In addition, you will have the opportunity to sample many fine foods. At the conclusion of the Cook-Off, we will tally your votes and award 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for “Best Entree”, “Best Dessert”, and “Best Student Dish (Dessert or Entree)”.

### WE NEED COOKS!

If you would like to bring a dish you are proud of, please sign up to be one of our cooks at <http://tinyurl.com/manaraculturefair>. We need adult and student cooks. Thanks!!

### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We are also asking for adult and student volunteers to help out. We need rovers, greeters, set up, clean up, amateur photographers, etc.

Please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/manaraculturefair> if you want to volunteer during the event.

## Other News

### New Applicants....

If you know any families who might be interested in joining the Manara Family, please tell them about your experiences, ask them to contact one of our fantastic principals, and sign up at [www.manaraacademy.org](http://www.manaraacademy.org) and clicking on “Apply Now”. The lottery for seats for the 2017-18 school year will be held on February 17th, 2017. Please help us spread the word!

### Exemplary Educators....

At this month’s Board meeting, Manara Academy recognized Zohra Charaniya, Interventionist at the Leadership Academy, for her outstanding work helping our children succeed. Ms. Charaniya assists staff with meeting the diverse needs of our students. She is a wonderful asset to the Manara Family!

The Board also recognized Foreign Language Teachers Gamal Kahla, Sohier Mohsen and Amal Alazeh who were recently honored by the Al-Masdar website [arabical-masdar.org](http://arabical-masdar.org), presented by Qatar Foundation, They were recognized for their multi-themed unit and lesson plans for elementary, middle, and high school. Way to go!

### Area Superintendent Meeting at Manara....

Last week the North Texas Charter School Superintendents Group held their January meeting at Arlington STEM Academy (See picture to the left). The students gave great performances and several superintendents and Region 10 and 11 representatives were VERY impressed with Manara Academy. I am very proud of the Manara Family!

## Upcoming Events

- February 17th—Lottery for New 2017-18 Students
- March 4th—Culture Fair/ Cook-Off, Leadership Academy, 10:00—2:00
- March 28th—30th STAAR Testing
- April 8th—Irving Elem and Leadership Academy Garage Sale
- April 22nd—Arlington STEM Garage Sale
- May 13th—Manara 5K Run

## Pre-K at Manara

We are investigating offering Pre-Kindergarten at Irving Elementary and Arlington STEM Academy next year. Research tells us that effective early childhood programs can help accelerate a child’s learning in elementary school.

We are gathering information to see how many families are

interested. If you, or someone you know, is interested in Pre-Kindergarten, please have them go to [www.manaraacademy.org](http://www.manaraacademy.org) and click the “Apply Now” button, enter their child’s information, school choice, and select “PreK” for the grade level.

We will announce whether we can offer classes after the

February 17th Lottery.

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Please spread the word to families who might be interested in Manara Academy. Let them know they can call any of our wonderful principals who would be happy to answer any of their questions or give a tour.