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**APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2012-2013 KINDERGARTEN CLASS
AT MORRISS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEING ACCEPTED NOVEMBER 1 - 18**

Texarkana, TX – Applications for students entering the 2012-2013 Kindergarten Class at Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering School will be accepted beginning Tuesday, November 1 thru Friday, November 18.

Applications are available for download at www.txkisd.net or at the TISD Central Office, 4241 Summerhill Road. Completed applications must be submitted no later than November 18 in person or via postal mail to 4241 Summerhill Road, Texarkana, Texas 75503. An acknowledgement receipt will be given at the time of submission. Proof of residency (current photo id or driver's license along with a utility statement, lease agreement or tax appraisal statement) will be required with all applications.

Students must be five years old by September 1, 2012 to apply. All applicants will be required to take a Reading and Math Readiness Assessment in February/March 2012. This assessment is based upon the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade students. They can be found on the Texas Education Agency website at www.tea.state.tx.us. From there, select the "A-Z Index" and then click on TEKS.

The selection process for students will be based on a scoring rubric that awards points based on performance on the required assessments, sibling status and TISD district residency. Additional scoring points will be given to children of staff employed full time at Morriss Elementary School. Applicants with the highest composite score will be selected for admittance.

The Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering Elementary School offers students a state-of-the-art elementary campus. The school has instructional opportunities specifically in the areas of math, engineering and technology with direct ties to Texas A&M University Texarkana College of Arts & Science and Education and College of Engineering.

For more information, contact 903.794.3651 ext. 1030 or visit www.txkisd.net.

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