

**April 1, 2015**



## **Save the Dates**

1. **Apr. 3-** Spring Holiday
2. **Apr. 10-** Magnet Parent Response Deadline
3. **Apr. 18-** Carnival
4. **Apr. 20 -** 5th grade Math STAAR
5. **Apr. 21 -** 3rd and 4th grade Math STAAR
6. **Apr. 22 -** 3rd and 4th grade Reading STAAR, 5th grade Science STAAR
7. **Apr. 24-** Spring Fling & Auction, 6:30 p.m.
8. **Apr. 25-** Earth Day Celebration
9. **Apr. 25-** HISD School Choice Fair
10. **Apr. 26 -** 1st Playdate, 1-3 p.m.

## **From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue**

Please don't forget that there is NO SCHOOL on FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd. Enjoy your Spring Holiday and we'll see you back at school on Monday, April 6th!



Will you be part of the village?!

We have all heard the adage that says that it takes a village to raise a child. Well, at River Oaks Elementary we know that it takes a village to graduate intelligent, creative and knowledgeable students. We know that when we work as a team, we develop the many skills, attitudes and attributes that make our students productive members of the community and the world. Do you want a special and unique opportunity to be part of the ROE village?

Every 5th grader, as a culmination of learning in the Primary Years Program of IB, participates in The Exhibition. The Exhibition is a student-driven inquiry centered around real-world issues. Each student group has access to an adult mentor - parents ,teachers and friends of ROE - who make a commitment to them for one hour a week during the project time frame. While no special expertise is needed to be a mentor, some of our ROE community has knowledge and skills that would make working with a student group interesting and engaging for the mentor!

Topics for The Exhibition this year are as diverse as our students. Some topics include: obesity and

11. **Apr. 27- May 1-**  
Teacher Appreciation  
Week
12. **May 2** - Kinder  
Playdate, 10a-12p,  
ROE Playground
13. **May 2** - 2nd grade  
Playdate, 1-2 p.m.,  
ROE Playground
14. **May 3** - 3rd grade  
Playdate, McGovern  
Centennial Gardens
15. **May 4-May 8** -  
IOWA Test (Grades  
1-5)
16. **May 6**- SDMC
17. **May 9** - 4th grade  
Playdate
18. **May 25**- Memorial  
Day
19. **May 28**- Last day of  
school
- 20.


healthy living, autism, genetically modified organisms, sports-related injuries such as concussions and AstroTurf related health concerns, texting and driving, amputees, social media, hacking and many more. Mentors are asked to serve as a sounding board for student groups, challenging them to think deeper and looking for ways to support their research by connecting students with primary sources and possible action project ideas when possible. The role of the mentor is vital! Would you consider being an Exhibition mentor this year?

You do not have to have a 5th grader in order to be a mentor. In fact, parents that help when their students are younger gain great insight into what their own children have to look forward to down the road. All we ask is that mentors be VIPS approved, be willing to make a one-hour a week commitment to visit with their student group and have a love of learning alongside eager and motivated students! Meeting days and times are completely flexible within the school day, so it can work with most schedules! Mentoring begins the week of April 6th and runs through the week of May 11th.

If you would be interested in participating as a mentor this year, or have questions, please let Liz Goodman know as soon as possible. ([agoodman@houstonisd.org](mailto:agoodman@houstonisd.org)) There will be a mentor meeting on Thursday April 2nd at 8am in the ROE cafeteria. If you would like to learn more about the Exhibition and about the role of mentoring, please feel free to join us that morning. Thanks in advance for your consideration and for the role you already play as part of the ROE village!

**One out of every 68 children is**

**diagnosed as being on the Autism  
Spectrum.  
Please stand with us as we highlight  
this reality.  
On Thursday, April 2, lets show our  
solidarity and support, by wearing  
blue for  
"Light it Up Blue" for Autism  
Awareness Day.**



It's that time of the year again! Girls Inc. is gearing up for another round of Camp SMART - complete with interactive science projects, fun and unique physical activities, and sessions on useful life skills. As always, we'll also focus on personal development each afternoon to allow the girls a chance to grow and learn outside of school, while still having fun.

Camp is for girls ages 12 -15 and will take place at Houston Baptist University from June 22 - July 10 (Monday through Friday only) from 8 am - 6 pm. We are accepting 30 applicants on a first come, first serve basis. The fee is \$150 per week (for a total of \$450), but financial assistance is available for those who qualify.


We have a lot of fun and interesting things lined up this year, and special events include:

- STEM-ulating science experiments with various science and math experts
- A visit and mini-clinic with players from the all-women's soccer team, the Houston Dash
  - Art classes
  - Creative writing classes
- Sessions on life skills - girls will learn how to budget, change a flat tire, cook, remain safe in emergency situations, and more
- DIY projects, such as learning how to make your own shampoo and deodorant
- Lemonade Day- girls will learn how to run their own businesses and become entrepreneurs

This is just the tip of the iceberg! For more information, please contact me via email, [sarah@girlsinc-houston.org](mailto:sarah@girlsinc-houston.org), or by calling 713-802-2260. Have a great week and I look forward to hearing from you!

P.S. We do have a camp for younger girls, ages 7-11, from July 20 - July 31 (Monday - Friday only). Once we have more details hammered out, we will pass that information along to you, if interested.  
Thanks!

Sarah Essaied  
Assistant Program Director  
Girls Inc. of Greater Houston



## Lamar Sports Summer and Enrichment Camp



For ages 6-12

Camp Hours: 8:30-4:00

Early Care: 7:30-8:30

Late Care: 4:00-5:00

### Typical Day at Camp

8:30 DAILY PREVIEW

9:00 CAPTURE THE FLAG

10:00 ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Trivia/WORD GAMES

1:30 VOLLEYBALL/PAC-MAN

2:15 SWIMMING

3:45 CAMP HUDDLE

4:00 CAMP ENDS

Some of the camp's feature includes:

Arts & Crafts, Bowling, Computer Exploration, movie Camp, Soccer, Basketball. In the huddle (Dialogue with Lamar athletes) Softball, Swimming, Free drinks at lunch and snack time, meeting new friends, indoor/outdoor activities, free t-shirt, summer fun, great facilities and a counselor to camper ratio of 10-1

1st Session 6/1-6/12	Cost \$300
2nd Session 6/15-6/26	Cost \$300
3rd Session 6/29-7/10	Cost \$300
4th Session 7/13-7/24	Cost \$300
5th Session 7/27-7/31	Cost \$150

For an application or more information, please contact Lee Malowitz, 281-744-7848 or [lmalowit@houstonisd.org](mailto:lmalowit@houstonisd.org).

This is a reminder that AVALON PLACE is not a drop off. Please use the carpool line. Parents, we need to make sure we are adhering to this system. Being in a hurry is not worth hitting a student!

*Also, Circle Drive is for Buses and Bus Rider drop-off in the mornings. Carpool, off San Felipe, is for student car rider drop-off.*

ROE Safety Team

## The IB/GT Connection



Did you know? River Oaks Elementary is an International Baccalaureate World School and GT Vanguard Magnet in HISD. All teachers, instructional coordinators, and administrators are GT Certified and trained in IB.

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