

April 9, 2014



Save the Dates

1. **Apr. 8-11** - 5th Science Camp
2. **Apr. TBA** - OM State Competition
3. **Apr. 22-** STAAR 3rd, 4th Math
4. **Apr. 23** - STAAR 3rd, 4th Reading; 5th Science
5. **Apr. 26** - Earth Day Celebration in the Nature Center
6. **Late Spring-** PTO Parent Social
7. **Apr. 28- May 2** - Teacher Appreciation Week
8. **Apr. 29- May 2** - IB PYP Art Exhibition, Twain Elementary
9. **May 5-13** - Stanford Testing 1-5
10. **May 14** - SDMC
11. **May 15** - 5th Musical

From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue

Dear ROE Families,

For the first time in several years, ROE is on track to meet our yearly attendance goal of 98%. These last 7 weeks are critical to stay on track. Remember, Good Friday is excused as a Religious Holiday, and it does not count against us. A form was sent home prior to Spring Break, so that we can document these excused absences accordingly. Thank you so much for your assistance and support! ROE has recently been recognized at the district level for two attendance awards this semester. Way to go ROE!

Please plan to send your child to school on Memorial Day! We will have a lot of fun activities on this day for students, and we will celebrate the day together. This is a scheduled inclement weather day. I know many of us were looking forward to the day off; however, summer is just around the corner! Thank you for your continued support. Remember, attendance equates to dollars for our students and teachers!

Sincerely,

Keri Fovargue, Ph.D.

This year's Carnival was a great success by all measures. As everyone knows, it takes great weather (check), a lot of enthusiastic parent volunteers (check) and some excited children (check) to bring it all together. While a fundraising event, the Carnival is first and foremost an opportunity to have fun with our community of families, teachers and neighbors. To all of you who volunteered this weekend, your help is invaluable to the success of this event and we thank

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12. **May 19 and 20** - 2nd grade Living Museum
 13. **May 22** - 5th Exhibition
 14. **May 23** - Spring Parent Social
 15. **May 27** - 5th Field Trip
 16. **May 28** - 5th Field Day
 17. **May 29** - Last Day of School / 5th Grade Graduation/5th Walk the Halls

you for your part. We hope you'll encourage others to join in the fun for next year. Not everyone knows the hours and months of preparation and hard work that goes on behind the scenes. Special thanks go to Carnival veteran, Ms. Simon, who works at the school. Her experience and leadership helps make the Carnival go off without a hitch. Special thanks also to Kara Richardson, incoming PTO President, and Liz Palmer, outgoing PTO President, who wielded their organizational powers to bring all the resources together to make this event a success. Additional thanks goes to Travis Crabtree, Kathryn Hensey, Tina Salem, Max Shilstone, Georgi Silverman, the Dad's Club, and the many others who get involved throughout the planning and execution stages. Finally, none of the events we put together could be as successful without the financial support of all our corporate and family sponsors. Specific thanks this year to our headline sponsors: Frost Bank and John Daugherty.

Sincerely,
2014 Carnival Chairs
Shawn Patterson and Randall Richardson

Please join us at the Spring PTO General Meeting!
Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Cafeteria
Guest Speakers Diana Bidulescu and Shelbi
Blackmon with HISD will speak about internet
safety, proactive online habits and digital
citizenship.

The 4th and 5th grades Name That Book Team won 1st place in the first round of competition on March 27. They moved on to the Finals competition held on April 4 and placed 4th overall.

ROE has been a Name That Book participant for 20 years and it is a great accomplishment to have been able to participate in the Finals. We would like to congratulate the following people for their dedication

and hard work!

Team Members: Sarah Chen, Delaney Costa,
Dora Hadler, Mackenzie Wilson, Emily Yu, Evan
Zhao, and Bethany Pyle

Student Coaches: Alan Crabb, Amanda Planck,
Emma Kim, Eric Lee, George Hagle, Khari Evans,
Kenny Huynh, Nia Evans, Sage Shirley, Sarah
Escobar, Tushar Ooman

Teacher Sponsors: Mrs. de Leon, Ms. Gutierrez,
and Ms. Nazaro

Way to go Team Members, Student Coaches, and
Teacher Sponsors!



**Parents,
Please peruse the back of the cafeteria to claim lost
items. All items not claimed by dismissal on Friday,
April 18th will be donated.**

From: Ms. Lieber

ROE is GROWING GREAT ARTISTS!!

Congratulations to: Nicole Moore-Jones, Ambar Caldwell, Somkar Dey, and Helen Young who all received recognition for their "Power of Positive" themed mandala drawings in the Society for Performing Arts/Wells Fargo Art Competition. All four 5th graders will be honored at an award ceremony and reception on Saturday, April 5, at Jones Hall. Their artworks will be displayed at the Glassell Jr. School of Art (MFAH) from April 7-28, 2014.

PASTA FOR PENNIES



For the past few years the ROE students and teachers participated in the Pasta for Pennies campaign to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. After a two week campaign we are thrilled to announce that we collected \$9,044.95 for the organization! This CRUSHED our school goal of \$5,600. We had 100% of classes participate, too! It is amazing what we can do when we work together! Because of the hard work of our students, funding for research and treatments for blood cancers will continue to move forward. We had a little competition to encourage participating and the following classes came out on top:

K-2 - Ms. McHale's 1st Grade Class - \$503.32

3-5 - Ms. De Leon's 4th Grade Class - \$1,481.97

The winning classes earned a pasta party catered by Olive Garden later in the year. All classes are winners though, so everyone should be on the lookout for a fun surprise from the Student Leadership Team as a way of saying thank you!!

Great Job ROE!

Calling All ROE Art Lovers and Landscape Artists (Parents and Students):

On April 26th, we will join hands with the Nature Center as we celebrate Earth Day 2014. Please join Ms. Lieber in such activities as: mounting and grouting the tile trees (this year's 5th grade tree will have ceramic tile leaves to adhere to their tree), wall painting to continue a landscape, and helping to create a small border of gravel near the base of the wall to protect the artwork from "mud splash" and flying debris. Hours will be announced through this ROE-news. If you are interested in participating and/or would like to contribute in some way, please email Ms. Lieber: rlieber@houstonisd.org.

Lawyers Needed!

Dear Parents, as you may already know, ROE's recent Young Inventors Showcase (YIS), held March 5th, produced 3 Division Winners (*Conner Fovargue, Olivia-Kate Stephens, and Charlotte Sterner* from 5th through 3rd Grade, respectively) along with 21 other teams who qualified to compete at the Citywide Showcase, to be held May 24th at the University of Houston's C.T Bauer College of Business. Greg Micek, attorney, Houston businessman and founder of the *Houston Inventor's Association* and it's offshoot the *Young Inventors Showcase*, has been greatly impressed over the years with ROE's kids and their creative ideas, and asked to speak to our PTO about a new business proposal for ROE's Young Inventors. He was invited to present to our PTO his "Idea to Market" proposal and ROE's position as the first Pilot School for this business model. Our PTO agreed to look into this very interesting opportunity for our kids and is currently forming an ROE YIS exploratory committee of parent volunteers, with special emphasis on attorneys. The committee's goal would be to look into how our kids inventions could be quickly and efficiently commercialized in an 'Idea to Market' model, per Mr. Micek's proposal, and decide on becoming the first **Pilot School** for this new YIS business model. (ROE already has two inventions patented and ready for prototype manufacture from former students, but it has taken several years to get there, as the current system tends to be a multi-year process) Mr. Micek has funding and organizational resources lined up should the committee make a decision to proceed as a Pilot School. Luckily for us, our first parent attorney has already stepped up! Special thanks to Mr. Travis Crabtree for for this! Our committee currently is now composed of our HOS Dr. Keri Fovargue, Science Specialist Paul Rainn, and our first attorney, Mr.

Crabtree.

If you would like to be on the steering/exploratory committee please contact pharry@houstonisd.org

An additional 4-6 volunteers would be ideal.

Thanks in advance, and looking forward to many great things from our ROE students!

Mr. Rainn

Science Specialist

"Light It Up Blue"

The Month of April is Autism Awareness Month.

It is estimated that 1 child out of every 88 children is autistic. HISD has a current student population of approximately 1,375 or 1%. A child with autism experiences educational as well as social challenges. New directions in educational research, theory and practice are utilized to create the most appropriate, child centered programs throughout our school district.

Attention 5th grade girls attending Lanier MS next year:

Lacrosse is the hottest game on 2 feet and Lanier is looking for girls interested in playing next year. Please stop by at the Lanier Lacrosse table at the Lanier Meet and Greet on May 10. The table will be located in the cafeteria. Meet some current players and sign up for the emails. Any questions email me, Laura Fertak at murphtak@comcast.net or lanierlax@gmail.com.

Visit us on our [Lanier Girls Lacrosse](#) webpage!

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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