



**August 31, 2016**

## Save the Dates

### SEPTEMBER

3- Ms. McNeil's BD  
4- Ms. Rensberger's  
BD  
5- No School/Labor  
Day  
6- K-2 Open House  
7- Ms. Ovalle's BD  
8- 3rd-5th Open  
House  
9- Back to School  
PTO Parent Social  
14- SDMC, PTO  
Meetings  
15- Ms. Paris, Ms.  
Burton's BD  
15- Grandparents' Day  
(K-2 Only) Luncheon  
18- Ms. McQueen's  
BD  
21- Early Dismissal  
22- Fall Picture Day  
26- Ms. Munoz's BD  
30- Movie Night

### OCTOBER

## From the desk of Dr. Fovargue

Dear ROE Community,

This is a friendly reminder that there is no school on Monday, September 5, 2016. Enjoy the Labor Day Holiday!

Don't forget that Open House is next week! The correct time frame is 5:30-7:00 PM Tuesday (K-2) and Thursday (3-5).

During 5:30-6:00 PM, there will be a general meeting led by our Dean of Instruction, Ms. Goodman, on ROE culture.

Childcare is not provided.

Serving you,  
Keri Fovargue, Ph.D.

HISD Advanced Academics will host a Gifted and Talented Parent Informational Session to inform parents about the services offered within the district. Students do not need to attend this meeting. This is an informational meeting for parents.

Session dates include Wednesday, September 21, 2016; or Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

5- Ms. Ralph's BD  
8- Ms. Thomas' BD  
11- Early Dismissal  
12- No School  
13.- Ms.  
Bomersbach's BD  
16- Ms. Clark's BD  
21- **End of Grading  
Cycle**  
22- Fun Run  
21-23- ROE Alumni  
Weekend Classes of  
the 1960s  
26- Ms. Avila's BD  
28- Nurse Petner,  
Ms. Vasquez's BD  
30- Ms. Tibbetts-  
Scholin's BD

#### **NOVEMBER**

1- Ms. Patterson's  
BD  
3- Ms. Argue, Ms.  
Lieber's BD  
3 - Retakes/Group  
Pictures  
4- Coach  
Bomersbach's BD  
5- Mr. Johnson's BD  
6- Daylight Savings  
Time Ends  
7- Ms. Robertson's  
BD  
8- Election Day  
9- SDMC, PTO  
Meetings  
4-10- PTO Online  
Auction  
10- Ms. Hertz's BD  
11- Veteran's Day  
Ceremony 8 AM  
15- Thanksgiving  
Day Lunch

Parents are not required to attend the meeting to apply for the Vanguard Programs. The session will review frequently asked questions surrounding the Vanguard Program.

If you have any questions, please contact Cecily Hale at [chale1@houstonisd.org](mailto:chale1@houstonisd.org).

#### **Event Details: Gifted and Talented Parent Informational Session**

Hattie Mae White ESC  
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16- Early Dismissal Day

18-19- Barnes & Noble Book Fair

18- 2nd Grade Musical

23-27- Thanksgiving Break

24- Ms. William's BD

## DECEMBER

1- 1st Grade Music Program

3- Ms. Heitke's BD

9- Ms. Chavez's BD

15- Choir Program

16- Polar Express (Winter Parties)

18- Ms. Like's BD

19-Jan 3- Winter Break

21- Ms. Stecher's BD

24- Ms. Cho's BD

## JANUARY

3- Teacher Workday

11- PTO Board Meeting

16- No School/MLK Day

23- Mr. Mohammad & Ms. Sheehan's BD

25- Early Dismissal

27- Ms. Lemoine's BD

## FEBRUARY

7- Ms. Martin's BD

8- SDMC/PTO

Meetings

10- 5th Grade

Valentine's Dance

14-17- Onsite Book Fair

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## ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Does your child enjoy creative problem solving and collaborating with a team? If so, Odyssey of the Mind is a great opportunity for them to flex their creative muscles in a fun way! Information sheets will be sent home with 2nd-5th grade students in the Tuesday folders next week.

Parent Awareness Meeting - Friday, September 2, 2016 in the ROE Library

If you have more questions, please email Jimmy Halastaras, our parent coordinator at [jimmy@halastaras.com](mailto:jimmy@halastaras.com).

22- Early Dismissal  
23- Optional Spring  
Pictures

### **MARCH**

4- Ms. Carlisle BD  
8- Ms. Ojore's BD  
8- PTO Meeting  
9- 3rd & 4th Grade  
Musical  
10- End of Grading  
Cycle  
13-17- Spring Break  
19- Ms. Macomber's  
BD  
25- Ms. Myer's BD  
28- Ms. Marshall's  
BD

### **APRIL**

3- Ms. Hulse' BD  
4- Ms. Simon's BD  
6- Mr. Copeland's  
BD  
8- Ms. Williamson's  
BD  
9- Ms. Liner's BD  
12- SDMC/PTO  
Board Meetings  
14- No School/  
Good Friday  
22- Carnival  
29- Ms. Torres' BD

### **MAY**

10- PTO Meeting  
10- Ms. Elmer's BD  
15- Ms. Nelson, Ms.  
Perez's BD  
18- Community 5th  
Grade Exhibition  
24- Kinder  
Promotion/5th

Houston ISD needs a meal application from every household to allocate Federal and State Funding for our school. Please support ROE by filling out an application!

<https://mealapps.houstonisd.org/Register.aspx>

Questions? Contact HISD Nutrition Services Department:  
[EligibilityInfo@houstonisd.org](mailto:EligibilityInfo@houstonisd.org) or 713-491-5944



Andrew Meyer will return to teach Suzuki violin at ROE for the 8th year this Fall and has openings for new students, especially K-3rd. Students will receive one 30 minute private lesson per week, during the school day, either during recess or specialist time. Mr. Meyer's students have performed in the Houston area youth symphonies, received music scholarships and performed with the Houston Region Orchestra. Contact Mr. Meyer for information: 713-591-5399; [theviolinman@hotmail.com](mailto:theviolinman@hotmail.com)

Yearbook & Individual Picture Day is Thursday,  
September 22th

Mark your calendar! Yearbook & Individual Picture Day is Thursday, September 22th. Look for order forms to be sent home soon in your child's backpack. Additional forms will be available at the front office. If you plan to purchase your child's photo, please return your order form and payment prior to September 22th so we can assure that all orders are submitted. If you pay online, you must include the confirmation code on the order form and

**Grade End of Year  
Parties**

25- Last Day of  
School/5th Grade  
Promotion 8AM  
26- Teacher  
Workday  
28- Ms. Stow's BD

**Summer Employee  
Birthdays**

**Jun 10-** Dr. Fovargue  
**Jun 22-** Mr. Sanchez  
**Jun 28-** Ms. Calderon  
**Jul 1-** Mr. Meyer  
**Jul 15-** Ms. Turner  
**Jul 18-** Ms. Skrabanek  
**Jul 20-** Ms. McHale  
**Jul 30-** Ms. Goodman

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return to school prior to picture day. As a reminder, all children will have their picture taken on the 22th for the yearbook. Contact Leslie Russell at [picture-day@riveroakspto.org](mailto:picture-day@riveroakspto.org) with any questions. You can also visit <http://schoolportraits.lifetouch.com> for clothing suggestions and more details.

**Volunteers Needed!!!**

We need volunteers to assist with picture day, Thursday, September 22th. We will assign you to work with a photographer to bring classes down for the specified photo times, collect paperwork and assist with other needs. Click here to sign up: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044EA9AC2CA5FC1-roepicture](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C044EA9AC2CA5FC1-roepicture) Don't forget that you have to register with HISD's VIPS at [www.houstonisd.org/vips](http://www.houstonisd.org/vips).

**SOCCER ANYONE?**



Come play soccer with the Meyerland Soccer Club, and teams are forming now for the Fall season. This club donated the soccer goals to ROE, and we will have at least three teams practice at ROE this Fall. ROE will have at least one u6 team (for Kindergarteners), u8 team (for first and second grade) and u10 team (for 3rd and 4th graders). There is also a Fifth grade all girls team. Practices will start in the next week or two and preseason games start in mid-September, and games end around Thanksgiving. The whole goal is to have kids have a good time playing soccer. The league stresses sportsmanship, and stresses positive competitive games and the kids really seem to enjoy it. We bend over backwards to accommodate friend requests, practice day requests, sibling scheduling issues and we want friends to be able to play with friends. The earlier

you register, you are more likely to have your playing requests granted. The club offers soccer in five age brackets (U4, U6, U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16) made up of Pre-K through Tenth Graders - i.e. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 year olds. Please contact In-house Director of Soccer, Michael Brookner at 281-686-7380 or email to [michael@brookner.net](mailto:michael@brookner.net) or Matt First, ERJCC Director of Sports and Recreation at [mfirst@erjcchouston.org](mailto:mfirst@erjcchouston.org) or 713-729-3200 ex. 3230 or 713-542-3864. Here is the link to allow people to register on-line:

[www.erjcchouston.org/soccer](http://www.erjcchouston.org/soccer)

Parents can also register by going to [www.erjcchouston.org/soccer](http://www.erjcchouston.org/soccer) club web page and click on the "Fall 2016 Online Registration Form." The last Fall season, we had over 50 teams with approximately 650 players. Volunteer coaches wanted. Come join us for a great soccer season. Teams are forming now!

#### ROE Bus News



#### GPS Tracking

Because HISD school buses are GPS enabled, you can now track the bus at [www.herecomesthebus.com](http://www.herecomesthebus.com) for up-to-the-minute movement. When you create your account, you will need the school code (76647), your child's last name and their student ID. Please call the school, if you need the student ID number.

#### Route Updates

Routes are subject to change on a frequent basis as new students are added or as transportation needs change.

Please visit HISD's route update page at <http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/109587> to see if any

changes have been made to your child's route. If no results are found once you enter the route number, then stay with the route information you already have.

## **4th and 5th Grade Electives**

**The Specialists and Support Staff are looking forward to a rewarding and enriching year! A highlight every school year is sponsoring the Wednesday Electives! The purpose of the program is to give 4th and 5th grade students the opportunity to explore an area of interest or talent.**

**Classes are from 8:00am-8:55am on Wednesday mornings.**

We met with all 4th and 5th grade students on Wednesday, August 24th, highlighting the eleven enrichment classes being offered this year. On August 31st, students will complete a form circling three (3) choices of classes they find interesting. The forms will then be processed and students will be notified on Tuesday, September 6th of their class assignment. Electives will officially begin on Wednesday, September 7th.

Here is a description of the classes being offered:

**The Agora at ROE - Mr. Mohammad:** In ancient Greece, the "Agora" was a central gathering place where people came together to hear civic announcements or just talk about daily matters. In this elective, we'll practice different forms of speech and public speaking - from news delivery, to commercials, to persuasive speeches, to dramatic & comedic monologues! Focus will be on delivery techniques, mannerisms, memorization, and more. Come,



step out of your comfort zone and cure your "agora"phobia! Perfect for Exhibition and beyond!

**Altered Books** - Ms. Lieber: This year, students will recreate a book that was destined for a landfill into a work of art. As in past years, we will explore various media such as: pencils, markers, pen and ink, watercolor, and collage. Students should bring a "discarded" book that has no less than 100 pages and only with approval from parents. Hardback books make stronger altered books because of the bindings. This highly personalized book will be transformed over the course of this school year. Another project we will work on will be paintings on small cardboard canvases for sale or auction to raise money for Art at ROE.

**Character Crew** - Ms. Scholin: Are you a real character? Do you display character every day by living the IB Learner Profile? Students in this new elective will collaborate to build resources that will assist other students in understanding and developing strong character.

**Exploring Poetry** - Ms. Maillet: Are you a poet? Would you like to learn about writing poetry? This year in Exploring Poetry you will create your own working book of poems, submit poems to be published and most of all, have fun! Please join me on Wednesdays for this adventure!

**Express Yourself** - Ms. Ojore: Explore self-expression through various craft medium. Assignments will include hand-sewn quilt squares, weaving, t-shirt art, and small woodworking projects, utilizing recycled materials.

**ROE Quavers** - Ms. Stow: Do you sing in the shower or in front of the mirror with a hair brush? The ROE Quavers are looking for all those who love to sing and want to



develop their singing voices. The students will be enriched through a diverse repertoire from Disney to World Music, developing artistic interpretation. The choir students will improve skills of intonation, harmony and musical expression. The ROE Quavers will have several performance opportunities throughout the 2015-16 year, both on and off campus. Each student will be responsible for: learning lyrics, being enthusiastic and maintaining focus, listening well, having a good sense of pitch. Required choir uniform: Choir t-shirt (details to follow), black pants, and black shoes.

**Serve Our School (SOS)** - Dr. Fovargue: Service to ROE is what this elective is all about. Students on the SOS Team will partner with a classroom teacher or office staff member to lend a helping hand in whatever way is needed. Have you ever dreamed of being a teacher or working in a school? This will give you the opportunity to be an apprentice to some of the best teachers in Houston. SOS Team members need to be service oriented, dependable, flexible and willing to jump in and provide service to their school community. If these qualities describe you, then the SOS Team is your elective!

**The Spanish Tales** - Ms. Myers: Do you like to act out fairy tales and folk stories, or to create your own? The Spanish Tales is looking for Spanish language enthusiasts who love to act or create puppet shows using their acting voices and who want to develop their Spanish oral language skills. The students will be enriched through reading stories that can then be transformed into short plays, developing their Spanish communication skills and using their imagination to make simple presentations throughout the year.

**Student Leadership Team** - Ms. Goodman: When you think of the word leadership, what comes to mind? WHO comes to mind? What are the qualities that make a great

leader? That is what we will explore in this exciting elective class. Through discussions, presentations, videos and debates, we will explore leadership in our world and the role it plays within our student body. The Student Leadership Team will work to address concerns of the student body and participate in various leadership opportunities. This group will be the role model for the other students on campus and will seek to solve problems that face ROE students throughout the year. The Student Leadership Team will also be challenged to look for ways to take action outside of the school walls, to impact the community. If you are interested in making a difference in our school community and have a passion for helping others, then Student Leadership is for you!

**Tame Your Brain** - Ms. Lawrence: Students in the Mindfulness elective will embark on an exploration of themselves through a variety of practices and activities. Together, we will explore our brains and discover ways to strengthen and flex our mental muscles. By learning and practicing mindfulness, we will gain strategies to help us deal with anxiety, improve concentration, and handle difficult emotions. Practicing mindfulness will also increase our empathy for ourselves and others. Keep calm and be Mindful!!

**Team Sports and Sports-Specific Training** - Coach Bomersbach: Team Sports and Sports-Specific Training is designed to teach and instruct students on leadership skills, character building, and on the variety of roles team sports play in our society. The students will be learning and developing many aspects of team sports as well as learning sports-specific training methods to enhance their skills for a particular sport. Team Sports is a great platform for students to learn leadership skills and values that are associated with sports and life. We will be focusing on various sports such as Volleyball, Football,

Track Relays, Basketball, and different forms of Baseball/Softball.

**How students will be placed in their elective class:**

On Wednesday, August 31st, students will be given a ballot with all of the elective classes listed in alphabetical order. They will then be asked to circle their three (3) choices for an elective class. These choices WILL NOT be ranked as 1, 2, or 3; any classes circled should be classes that the student will enjoy. Students will receive their class assignments on Tuesday, September 6th, and they will participate in that elective for the entire school year.

**Student Showcase**

Reese Animashaun competed on the Houston Jets' 10U 4x100m relay team in the AAU Junior Olympics in early August. Her team finished 5th in the country and earned a medal along with the other Top 8 finishers. We are so proud of Reese and her team for their accomplishment! Gaby Canfield and her family came to cheer for Reese!

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Gabrielle Choi (5th/Ms. Rensberger), won a bicycle from HPL for being the top reader. She read about 327 hours. Way to go, Gabrielle!



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Meet our BIG KAHUNA!

We are so excited to celebrate with ROE's own Swayambhu Panigrahi who was in Ms. Ralph's 4th class last year and is in Ms. Beery's 5th grade class this year. Swayambhu was named one of Think Through Math's Texas Big Kahuna's for passing at least 3 math lessons each week this summer on Think Through Math. Sway showed commitment to building his knowledge in math. His name was drawn as one of the 10 grand prize winners and he will be awarded his prizes in the coming weeks! Keep crunching those numbers Sway! ROE is so proud of you!

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Our very own ROE 5th grader Jenniya Lane shares her Junior Olympic High Jump medal with her Church member, 2016 Rio Olympian Swimmer and Gold medalist Simone Manuals.

Jenniya also shares her Junior Olympic medal with her Church member and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner.



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Congratulations to Remy Brejon for being named a DECATS scholar! This summer he took courses in Morals & Manners, Perspectives, Pixel Power, Lego Robotics and Mission to Mars. For more information about DECATS, visit [www.decats.org](http://www.decats.org)



## 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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mailer?

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