

August 25, 2015



Save the Dates

1. **Sept 4-** 2nd payment for ASP due
2. **Sept 8-K-2** Open House (6:00-7 p.m.)
3. **Sept 10-** 3rd-5th Open House (6:00-7 p.m.)
4. **Sept 11-** PTO Back to School Social (Rain date Sept 18)
5. **Sept 16-** SDMC, Grandparent's Day Luncheon
6. **Sept 23-** Fall Holiday/No School
7. **Sept 24-** School Pictures
8. **Oct 2-** 3rd payment for ASP due
9. **Oct 2-** Movie Night
10. **Oct 24-** Fun Run

From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue

Dear ROE Community,

First of all, let me welcome everyone back to school for the 2015-2016 school year! Those hot, summer days are almost behind us, and we are excited for a fabulous fall at ROE!

Thank you for your patience as we work to make sure every student is in the right location in the morning as well as during pick up. The first week is always unique, and soon you will see everything fall into place smoothly. Be sure to read all of the procedural reminders outlined in the family handbook in order to assist with the flow of traffic, etc.

This newsletter serves as our primary form of communication each week. Please make sure you are receiving this information. Additional emails can be added by emailing kfovargu@houstonisd.org, and a hardcopy can be requested at the front office. If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, you can SafeUnsubscribe, and follow us on twitter @ROEworld or on our website at <http://www.houstonisd.org/RiverOaksES>

For all school related information, please check out the Family Handbook at <http://www.houstonisd.org/Domain/12253> (Scroll down to the bottom of the homepage).

Our renovations will continue over the next few months, and we hope to have all projects completed by November. I will continue to update you as we make progress. Currently, the courtyard is off limits due to the installation of a new shade structure that will provide more UV protection and provide water resistance. Usually, parents use this space to eat outside with their child during the lunches due to space in the cafeteria. The new round tables that arrived yesterday are a wonderful addition and much needed! There are the same amount of seats as the old rectangular tables. Please make sure each child has a seat first. You are welcome to stand next to your child or stop by and check in on them during lunch. The courtyard is on

11. **Nov 3-**
Retakes/Group
Pictures
12. **Nov 6-** Final
payment for ASP
due
13. **Nov 9-11-** PTO
Online Auction
14. **Nov 11-** Veteran's
Day Ceremony
15. **Nov. 19-**
Thanksgiving Day
Lunch
16. **Nov 20-22-** Barnes &
Noble Book Fair
17. **Nov 25-27-**
Thanksgiving Break
18. **Dec 10-** SDMC
19. **Dec 18-** Class Parties
20. **Dec 21-Jan 1-** Winter
Break
21. **Jan 18-** MLK Day
22. **Feb 11-** SDMC
23. **Feb 23-** Optional
Spring Pictures
24. **Feb 9-12-** ROE
Onsite Book Fair
25. **Mar 14-18-** Spring
Break
26. **Mar 25-** Spring
Holiday
27. **Apr 23-** Carnival
28. **May 25-** Last Day of
School
- 29.

schedule to reopen next week, but stay tuned until further notice.

Coming soon! A GT testing window #1 announcement will arrive in a separate email from Ms. Williams. If you missed GT testing for any reason, you don't want to miss this important announcement!

After five years of first days at ROE, Monday was by far the very best! Hats off to our teachers, staff, students and parents. You all make this a great place to be, and I am honored to be your Head of School.

Serving you,

Keri Fovargue, Ph.D.

A huge THANK YOU to our PTO and donors for the following playground improvements: removal of the existing sun shade in the courtyard and addition of 2 new sun shades (1 over courtyard and 1 over area right next to it), the replacement of warrantied kinder playground equipment (6 areas) and addition of a 18' x 18' sun shade 'topper' over kinder equipment, and the replacement of the balance beam (otherwise known as the 'see-saw- snake') on the big kid playground closest to San Felipe.

Because of these improvements, our students will receive protection from the sun as well as have a safer place to play. We appreciate all you do for our ROE students!

With gratitude,
ROE Faculty & Staff



Come one come all and join Neartown Little League baseball and softball for fall ball.

Fall is a great time to focus on skills and learning in preparation for the spring season.

We will have professional instructors to teach fundamentals and good sportsmanship.

Go to neartownll.org to sign up today. If you have questions, feel free to contact Robie Stenoien at robiesten@gmail.com

Morning Arrival Procedures



School starts at 7:35 a.m.

Tardy bell is at 7:45 a.m.

- Carpool opens at 7:10 a.m.
 - Carpool line enters only heading East on San Felipe.
 - Carpoolers are encouraged to arrive prior to 7:20 a.m.
 - Parents may park on the area streets to escort children into the front of the building. (*Parents must exit the building by 7:45 a.m.*)
 - Parents with walkers enter and exit at the front entrance only.
- All parents should stop by the front office, and pick up a visitor's badge. Visitors should wear a badge at all times.

Afternoon Dismissal Procedures

3:15 p.m. Dismissal- M, T, Th, F

12:45 p.m. Dismissal- W

- ROE Carpool signs MUST be displayed in vehicle windows.
- The carpool line enters only heading East on San Felipe.

- Parents may park on the area streets and walk to designated area for student pickup.
- Meet your child at the designated exit location.

Safety Precautions

- AVOID cutting across Bellmeade or enter West on San Felipe into the carpool line.
- AVOID blocking driveways/traffic, using residential driveways or making u-turns.
- AVOID stopping in the street and calling children to your vehicle.
- Front Circle Drive is for Buses Only**
- AVOID being towed. Adhere to all City of Houston Parking Signage.

SDMC 2015-2016 Meeting Dates

For the 2015-2016 school year, SDMC meetings will occur quarterly from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays:

September 16, 2015
December 9, 2015
February 10, 2016
May 18, 2016

Please visit ROE's SDMC webpage at
<http://riveroakselementaryschool.org/sdmc-minutes/>
to learn about ROE's Shared Decision Making Committee.

News from Nurse Petner

Dear Parents,

Here is a friendly reminder to provide a change of clothes for children at school. These can be kept in a plastic bag in the locker or in the backpack but should include shirt, underwear, pants and socks. Don't forget to change them when the weather changes. We do have accidents at school which can include spills and puddles and your child will feel his or her best if he/she has a change of clothes.

Also, in order to give any medication during school hours, whether it is over the counter or prescription, a medication form must be signed by the doctor. These medication forms are available from the nurse.

Thanks,
Jan Petner, RN

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.

Do you know someone who did not receive the summer mailer?

Email kfovargu@houstonisd.org

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