



River Oaks Elementary

IB World School



**December 14, 2016**

## Save the Dates

## From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue and Mr. Blossman, HOS for a Day

### DECEMBER

14- K-2nd  
Spelling Bee,  
1pm

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

Mr. Blake Blossman, 1st grader in Ms. McHale's Classroom, is our Head of School for the Day. Here is a special message from Mr. Blossman:

Dear Parents,

Today I am the principal. I like to eat all of the desserts around the school. I ate fudge and a chocolate donut. Thank you to the parents who bring the sweets for the principal. I wish tonight could be movie night, because there was a big screen with a bigger TV. It was a lot of fun. We had a business meeting, and I got to make the announcements. I have to go now because there is work to do! *Mr. Blossman*

## Important VIPS Announcement

Winter parties are next week! If you plan to attend, you must be cleared through VIPS each year. Contact the front

23- Mr.  
Mohammad  
& Ms.  
Sheehan's BD  
25- Early  
Dismissal  
27- Ms.  
Lemoine's BD

**office, 713-942-1460, to verify that you are VIPS approved. Additionally, we can only accommodate parents or guardians for the party. Due to space and check in limitations, we cannot accommodate out of town relatives for this event. Winter parties should only last one hour, and parents are able to check students out after the event.**

## FEBRUARY

7- Ms.  
Martin's BD  
8- SDMC/PTO  
Meetings  
10- 5th Grade  
Valentine's  
Dance  
14-17-  
Onsite Book  
Fair  
22- Early  
Dismissal  
23- Optional  
Spring  
Pictures

### Student Showcase

Kayla Law will be performing in the production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the Main Street Theatre in Rice Village. She will be Mike Teevee. The Performance dates will be January 20 -22. Tickets are on sale now by phone at 713-524-6706 or online at

<http://www.mainstreettheater.com/info/buytickets.html>.

We would love for ROE families to enjoy the performance and support Kayla in her first theatre production.

CONGRATS, KAYLA!

DON'T MISS THE 2017 ROE PARENT TEACHER PARTY!

Click <https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/2017-roe-parent-teacher-party/> to buy your tickets now!

Tickets will be on sale through January 23, 2017. Please note that NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.  
Questions? Email [springsocial@riveroakspto.org](mailto:springsocial@riveroakspto.org).

## 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

### **We saw you taking pictures!**

Please share them with the Yearbook Committee! The yearbook staff invites students, parents, teachers, and staff to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school events, we'd like to see them. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

NOW LOOKING FOR PICTURES FROM BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS (grade level play dates, Roadrunner Rally, Meet & Greet, and first day of school), GRANDPARENTS' DAY LUNCHEON, MOVIE NIGHT, FUN

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/5t  
h Grade End  
of Year  
Parties

**RUN, VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY, BOOK  
FAIR, THANKSGIVING LUNCH, and 1st & 2nd GRADE  
MUSIC PROGRAMS.**

Deadline to submit Back to School, Grandparent's Day,  
Movie Night, and Fun Run pictures is December 17, 2016.

Please GO

TO: <https://images.jostens.com/406053617>. Browse to  
select the photo(s) you wish to upload, click on "Select My  
Images". 1) Enter information about the photo and  
provide contact information in case the staff needs  
additional information. 2) Please include the names of  
the students in the picture as well as grade level and the  
event where the photo was taken. 3) Click "Upload  
Chosen Images." It's that easy! Submit your photos  
today!

You may also email photos  
to [yearbook@riveroakspto.org](mailto:yearbook@riveroakspto.org). Whichever method you use  
to submit them, please be sure to provide the following  
information for the kids appearing in the photo - name(s),  
teacher, event/activity. That information will help us make  
sure we are including as many students as possible. The  
yearbook staff will review all photos and determine final  
yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that  
all submissions will be used in the book. Thank you!!

For more information regarding the yearbook, go  
to <http://roepto.org/activities/yearbook>. Questions? Email  
I us at [yearbook@riveroakspto.org](mailto:yearbook@riveroakspto.org).

**BOOK FAIR FAMILY NIGHT**

February 17, 2017 - 5:00-7:00 pm

Mark your calendar for this year's ROE Book Fair Family Night,  
celebrating reading around the world! We will also be celebrating  
the many cultures represented at our school. Pick up your passport  
and get ready to explore! The event will include:

- A Parade of Nations: We would love for all the kids to participate in the parade. You can carry a flag or dress in something that represents your culture. Students will line up at 6:00 pm.
- Learning Opportunities: We invite you to represent your countries and cultures by teaching a simple craft or skill,

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

setting up an educational display, and/or offering a small dessert or finger food sample. Can you demonstrate Origami, Tai Chi, teach a fun dance or game? Do you have some interesting items or instruments to show? Get creative! Please go to <https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/2017-roe-book-fair-family-night-activities/> to let us know what you'd like to do! If you aren't quite sure yet, please fill out the form and indicate what country you'd like to represent. We can put you in touch with others representing the same country, and you can brainstorm together!

- Food: We will serve dinner during Family Night. Tickets may be purchased in advance and will go on sale in January.

For more information, please contact Allison Rudin at [book-fair@riveroakspto.org](mailto:book-fair@riveroakspto.org).

**Chain of Kindness Begins at ROE!**



The Tame Your Brain elective students were inspired by a book called, "Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed" to spread gratitude and kindness in our school. So, we teamed up with Student Leadership to start a chain of kindness at ROE.

Doesn't it feel good when you are appreciated? We want to make sure everyone at ROE feels loved and appreciated.

Here's how it works: Each class received a bag of colored paper strips. Every time anyone in the school sees someone doing something kind, they can write the person's name and a description of their kind deed on a strip of paper.

The strips of paper get connected to other strips of paper to form a chain in the halls. Each class and office was assigned one color

from the rainbow, and when the classroom chains get long enough to connect, it will make a rainbow chain in the halls. Our goal is to connect the chains throughout the entire school! We started today, and we will finish on Valentine's Day in February.

Each grade level also received a copy of the book that inspired us so each classrooms can read it and be inspired too! Help us spread gratitude and kindness through our school and our community. Parents, you can participate too!

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lawrence at [dlawren1@houstonisd.org](mailto:dlawren1@houstonisd.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.

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

Email [kfovargu@houstonisd.org](mailto:kfovargu@houstonisd.org)

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