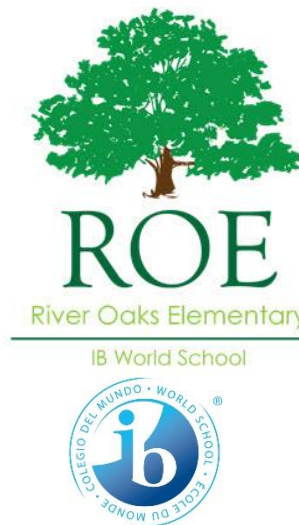


February 20, 2015



FROM THE DESK OF DR. FOVARGUE

Dear Parents:

HISD is sharing this information about the district and your child's campus with you as part of its obligations under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB).

Federal Report Cards for the state, the district, and each of the district's campuses are now available on the district's website at this link:

<http://www.houstonisd.org/Domain/8026> or are also available on the Texas Education Agency's website at:

http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Laws_and_Rules/NCLB_and_ES_EA/NCLB-ESEA_Resources/Federal_Report_Card/.

Information on these report cards includes:

Save the Dates

1. **Feb. 20-** Book Fair Family Night
2. **Feb. 25-** Optional Spring Pictures
3. **Mar. 16-Mar. 20-** Spring Break
4. **Mar. 27-** Magnet Parent Notifications
5. **Mar. 30 -** 4th grade Writing STAAR Day One
6. **Mar. 31 -** 4th grade Writing STAAR Day Two/5th grade Reading STAAR
7. **Apr. 3-** Spring Holiday
8. **Apr. 10-** Magnet Parent Response Deadline
9. **Apr. 18-** Carnival

Part I: Percent Tested and Student Achievement by Proficiency Level

- Provides the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) performance results and participation for each subject area and grade level tested. Participation reports also include reports of the participation of Children with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) by assessment type.

Part II: Student Achievement and State Academic Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs)

- Provides the AMO outcomes and data table of STAAR performance results for each subject area tested in the accountability subset. This section also includes participation rates on STAAR for reading/English and mathematics, use of alternative assessments, plus four-year and five-year graduation rates.

Part III: Priority and Focus Schools

- Priority schools are the lowest 5% of Title I served campuses based on performance in reading and mathematics and graduation rates. Focus schools are 10% of Title I served campuses, not already identified as priority schools, that have the widest gaps between student group performance and safeguard targets.

10. **Apr. 20** - 5th grade Math STAAR
11. **Apr. 21** - 3rd and 4th grade Math STAAR
12. **Apr. 22** - 3rd and 4th grade Reading STAAR, 5th grade Science STAAR
13. **Apr. 24**- Spring Fling & Auction, 6:30 p.m.
14. **Apr. 25**- Earth Day Celebration
15. **Apr. 25**- HISD School Choice Fair
16. **Apr. 27- May 1**- Teacher Appreciation Week
17. **May 4-May 8** - IOWA Test (Grades 1-5)
18. **May 6**- SDMC
19. **May 25**- Memorial Day
20. **May 28**- Last day of school
- 21.

Part IV: Teacher Quality Data - Provides information on teacher quality in three parts.

Part A - Percent of Teachers by Highest Degree Held - Professional qualifications of all public elementary and secondary teachers in the Texas.

Part B and C - Teachers with Emergency/Provisional Credentials, Highly Qualified (HQ) Teachers Low Poverty/Low Poverty Summary Reports - Percentage of all public elementary and secondary school teachers teaching with emergency or provisional credentials, and the percentage of classes in the state not taught by highly qualified teachers disaggregated by high-poverty compared to low-poverty schools.

Part V: Graduates Enrolled in Texas Institution of Higher Education (IHE) - Provides the percentage of students who enroll and begin instruction at an institution of higher education in Texas during the school year (fall or spring semester) following high school graduation.

Part VI: Statewide National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Results - Provides most recent NAEP results for Texas showing reading and mathematics performance results and participation rates, disaggregated by student group.

If you have difficulty accessing the information from the website, hard copies of the reports are available at the district or campus office. If you have questions about the information, please contact me at kfovargu@houstonisd.org.

Sincerely,

Keri Fovargue, Ph.D.

Spring Picture Day is Wednesday, February 25th

Mark your calendar! Optional Spring pictures are Wednesday, February 25th.

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 picture, please return your order form and payment *prior* to February 25th so we can assure that all orders are submitted.

Contact Leslie Russell at

picture-day@riveroakspto.org with any questions. You can also visit <http://schoolportraits.lifetouch.com> for clothing suggestions and more details.

GO TEXAN DAY!

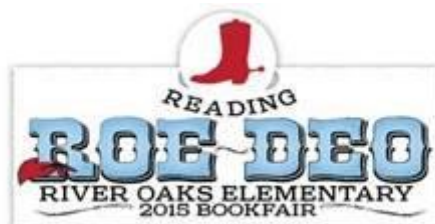
Employees and students are encouraged to show support for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo by dressing in western outfits on "Go Texan Day," Friday, Feb. 27, 2015, in recognition of the Show's significant contributions to public education and to kick off this year's rodeo.

The Show, which is celebrating its 84th anniversary, has been a valuable educational partner. In 2014, the Show awarded scholarships worth \$1,602,000 to 89 HISD graduates.

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



SADDLE UP FOR THE 2015 READING ROE~DEO!

It's not too late! Join us NOW...

Friday, February 20th for FAMILY NIGHT featuring:

- ◆GOODE CO. BBQ* ◆MECHANICAL BULL
RIDING ◆SQUARE DANCING
- ◆CHICKEN POOP CHANCE ◆PHOTO BOOTH
FUN ◆SNO CONES
- ◆READINGS FROM LOCAL AUTHORS: MIKE
FREEDMAN, CHRIS CANDER & GEOFF
WINNINGHAM

Dinner Tickets are \$5 per person and include one Goode Co. BBQ sandwich, chips and a drink. Activity Tickets are \$1 each for the following activities:

- ◆Children's mechanical bull ride - all the fun of a real bull ride with a soft landing!
- ◆ROE-DEO themed photo booth - take home a memento featuring your favorite cowpoke!
- ◆Sno cones - the perfect finish to your BBQ dinner!

Also, come test your luck at **Chicken Poop Chance!** Buy a ticket and draw a number...if the Chicken chooses your number, you win a prize! Adult tickets are \$5 per play and child tickets are \$2 per play.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF OUR PARENTS and
GOODE CO. BBQ FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION
FOR FAMILY NIGHT

School lunches will probably never be the hot bar at Whole Foods however, in HISD we are making changes all the time to improve the quality and variety in the food we serve our kids.

As a parent of 2 children in HISD schools, I am very familiar with the school lunch program, or so I thought. My kids have eaten lunch at school exactly one time each - they didn't like it. As we all know, children have food preferences, and luckily mine don't mind packing lunch. Because I'm sensitive to

food ingredients, that works for my family. While that is what works for us, we live in a world where that does not work for everyone. Being on the PAC, or the Parent Advisory Council to the Houston ISD food service has taught me that HISD offers so much to so many every day. Did you know:

1. HISD is the 7th largest school district in the country and we serve almost 300,000 meals per day.
2. Most meals are made fresh in our facility which is the nation's largest K-12 food production facility.
3. We service a community that is nearly 80% economically disadvantaged and without the meals HISD provides many children would go hungry. It is easy to look at school lunch and say "I don't want my child to eat that!" Realize that many parents would look at the tray and say, "Thank goodness the school provides these nutritious meals so that my child not only eats, but eats healthy food."
4. At ROE we have a grab and go fruit and veggie bar where kids can add a healthy fresh snack to their hot lunch or purchase ala cart. This is a pilot program being tested by the District and ROE was one of 30 elementary schools to try it out!
5. HISD has increased whole grains, increased fiber, reduced sodium and sugar. In addition, based on age there are calorie minimum and maximums.
6. Schools are using education materials provided by the HISD food service to expose kids to new fresh foods - fruits and veggies, and many schools are using outside space to grow a garden and sample the fresh produce for all the students.
7. We have an APP! - HISD has an app called Nutrislice which can look up, not only the menus, but ingredient lists and nutritional

information. I dare you not to compare what HISD serves and compare it to fast foods such as happy meals and pre-packaged grocery store grab and go lunches like Lunchables.

While it is not a perfect system, HISD has and continues to make huge strides in the effort to please everyone, and to feed everyone in a healthy balanced way. Part of that effort is introducing healthy choices for children to make that will stay with them after they have left school, as they develop their own eating habits as adults.

For more information on HISD Food Service you can visit the HISD website at <http://www.houstonisd.org/nutritionservices>

Michelle Frankfort - HISD Food Service PAC member (ROE & Twain parent)

Art News!



Competition deadlines are rapidly approaching:

Treasures of the Texas Coast: (sponsored by the Texas Land Office and Adopt-a-Beach programs. 3rd grade students. In connection with the IB unit: Sharing the Planet, students are creating colored drawings or watercolor paintings to express their visions of preserving the Texas coastal areas. Drawings with parent consent forms attached are due to Ms. Lieber by March 1, 2015. The drawings

will be mailed to Austin on March 3, 2015. No artworks will be returned to students, so copying drawings prior to submission is recommended.

Thank you for supporting the ARTS at ROE!

CALLING ALL MENTORS - EXHIBITION 2015

As part of the Standards and Practices of the International Baccalaureate Programme, in the final year of the program, all students complete a program-specific project that allows them to demonstrate a consolidation of their learning. In the Primary Years Programme, that project is called Exhibition, and the work will begin after spring break.

At this time we will begin recruiting parents and community members to mentor a small group of students during this process. Mentors help students with gathering resources, note-taking, planning for and implementing action projects, etc. We invite and encourage all parents to mentor, even if your child is not a current 5th grader. Also, if you know of any community members who would like to volunteer in this capacity, please pass this information on to them as well. All mentors must be cleared through HISD VIPS prior to the first mentor meeting!

Mentors will meet with a small group of students for at least one hour a week beginning the first week of April through May 21st. You need no expert abilities to be a mentor; just a friendly smile and willingness to support students in their work! If you are interested in being a mentor for exhibition, or have questions, please feel free to email me. A mentor meeting will take place in March to select your group and prepare you for the work you will do with the students. Thank you in advance for all of the support you will give to our 5th graders!

Liz Goodman, IB Coordinator,
agoodman@houstonisd.org

SOCCER ANYONE?



The Meyerland Soccer Club is pleased to announce that it has donated another set of soccer goals to another HISD Elementary School - River Oaks Elementary School. The club also very much appreciates that George Durham donated his time, truck and labor to deliver the soccer goals. The club appreciates its many volunteers and could not be the club it is without so many people volunteering their time and resources.

Come play soccer with the Meyerland Soccer Club, and teams are forming now for the Spring season. Practices are starting now, and preseason games start on February 15, 2015 (regular season games start a few weeks later), and games end around Memorial Day. 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 and U13) made up of Pre-K through Seventh Graders - i.e. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 year olds. Please contact In-house Director of Soccer, Michael Brookner at 281-686-7380 or email to michael@brookner.net or Matt First, ERJCC Director of Sports and Recreation at 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

Parents can also register by going to www.erjcchouston.org/soccer club web page and click on the "Spring 2015 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!

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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