

January 18, 2015



### Save the Dates

1. **Jan. 19-** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
2. **Feb. 11-** SDMC
3. **Feb. 17-20-** Onsite Book fair
4. **Feb. 20-** Book Fair Family Night
5. **Feb. 25-** Optional Spring Pictures
6. **Mar. 16-Mar. 20-** Spring Break
7. **Mar. 27-** Magnet Parent Notifications
8. **Mar. 30 -** 4th grade Writing STAAR Day One
9. **Mar. 31 -** 4th grade Writing STAAR Day Two/5th grade Reading STAAR

From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue

## District campuses, offices closed for MLK Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 19

HISD schools and offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Schools and offices will be open the following day.

Are you ready for some FOOTBALL?!?!?



As you may know, Super Bowl XLIX is coming our way February 1st. While the teams have not yet been decided, one thing is for sure, yummy football watching food will not be in short supply!

But did you know that for over 66,000 Houstonians (5,000 of them children), a daily supply of food is considered a luxury? That is because this staggering number represents the number of people in Houston alone that are food insecure each and every day. That means they do not know where their next meal will come from.







10. **Apr. 3-** Spring Holiday
11. **Apr. 10-** Magnet Parent Response Deadline
12. **Apr. 18-** Carnival
13. **Apr. 20 -** 5th grade Math STAAR
14. **Apr. 21 -** 3rd and 4th grade Math STAAR
15. **Apr. 22 -** 3rd and 4th grade Reading STAAR, 5th grade Science STAAR
16. **Apr. 25-** Earth Day Celebration
17. **Apr. 25-** HISD School Choice Fair
18. **Apr. 27- May 1-** Teacher Appreciation Week
19. **May 4-May 8 -** IOWA Test (Grades 1-5)
20. **May 6-** SDMC
21. **May 25-** Memorial Day
22. **May 28-** Last day of school
- 23.

**The Student Leadership Team says THIS IS NOT OKAY! Beginning Monday January 26th and ending Friday February 6th we are asking you to share some of your football food, or other non-perishable food items, with The Houston Food Bank! A list of the critically needed items will be sent home with students soon and boxes will be placed in each classroom for collecting. Last year we collected almost 9,000 pounds of food! Open those pantries and let's see what we can do for the hungry folks in Houston this year!**

**LAST CHANCE TO BUY A YEARBOOK!**

Yearbooks can be ordered for \$30\* at

[www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com)

   Yearbooks    Find Your School or Group --> Enter River Oaks Elementary (Houston, TX). Alternatively, you can place a check in the yearbook locker in the Kindergarten hallway. Make the check payable to ROE PTO and include your child's name and teacher on the check with "yearbook" in the memo line. Email us to confirm that you are submitting your order by check so that we can confirm receipt. Reduced price and free yearbooks are available for qualifying families. Email us at [yearbook@riveroakspto.org](mailto:yearbook@riveroakspto.org) to request a reduced price or free yearbook.

*\*Please note that beginning on January 16th, the price will increase to \$35. In order to guarantee that your child will get a yearbook, school orders must be received by January 30<sup>th</sup> and on-line orders must be placed by January 31st. Orders received after that date will be "wait list" only.*

**SUBMIT PHOTOS! We want your pictures! You may submit photos directly to the Jostens website [www.images.jostens.com](http://www.images.jostens.com) enter Login: 401853555. You may also email them 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.**

**PURCHASE AN AD! Your purchase of one of our ads supports the PTO and allows us to provide free yearbooks to qualified students as well as classroom teachers. Please contact us at [yearbook@riveroakspto.org](mailto:yearbook@riveroakspto.org) for more information on buying any of the following: All Grade Level Spirit Ads ~ Only \$10 for up to 25 words! Spirit Ads can follow any format, but they are text only (no photos). The dedication could be for a student from their family, from a student to the whole school, to a teacher from a student, etc. This is a great opportunity to say thank you to ROE faculty or staff or to cheer on your Roadrunner.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spirit Ads ~ The Yearbook Committee is pleased to offer this opportunity to honor our 5<sup>th</sup> graders as they prepare to graduate and move on to middle school. The cost for a 1/8 page color ad with text and picture (for 5<sup>th</sup> graders only) is \$30.**

**Business Ads~ We are looking to sell a limited number of business advertisements that will appear at the back of the yearbook. This is a special opportunity to show the ROE community your local business supports our school. Please contact us at [yearbook@riveroakspto.org](mailto:yearbook@riveroakspto.org) for further information and pricing.**

## Coding Camps for

School Students @ Houston!

Mon-Fri, March 16-20 (9-12&1-4)

ExploreCoding, Scratch, Alice, GameMaker, MIT App Inventor, JavaScript, Java, C++, Android App Dev, Contest Problems Fee: \$100 (5 half-days), \$200 (5 full-days)

*Financial assistance available for low income families*

Details @ [utd.edu/k12/spring](http://utd.edu/k12/spring)

Register @ [bit.ly/sb-houston](http://bit.ly/sb-houston) by Jan 15

Center for Computer Science Education & Outreach  
Department of Computer Science, UT Dallas

Roshan Thomas Day for Children  
River Oaks Elementary will join IB schools around the state of Texas to honor Roshan Thomas, a fellow educator and peacemaker.

Roshan Thomas believed that education was key to breaking the cycle of poverty. She lost her life at the hands of the Taliban while in Afghanistan working to secure scholarships for students to come to Canada to receive their IB diploma. These students make a commitment to return to Afghanistan to teach at Sparks Academy - an early childhood center in Kabul started by Thomas. IB schools in Texas will be working together to raise money to fund one of

these \$15,000 scholarships. The Student Leadership Team will be selling rubber bracelets featuring attributes of the Learner Profile on them for \$1 each morning and each day at lunch beginning Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday January 30<sup>th</sup>. Donations will also be accepted. Our money, along with IB schools throughout Texas, will be combined and presented to Roshan's daughter at a special ceremony at Rice University on Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>. We know the ROE community will join us in honoring her work and her memory in this way.

#### Private School Recommendations Deadline

For anyone applying to private schools for the 2015-2016 school year, recommendations are due soon. Please watch your deadlines, and allow River Oaks Elementary 48 hours to process records requests and recommendations.

Due to the sheer volume of records and recommendations to process, we cannot guarantee last minute requests can be processed on time.

Additionally, we do not keep copies of recommendations at ROE. All envelopes should have correct postage, the correct mailing address, and the return address should be ROE.

Requests that are incomplete with signatures and information are subject to delayed processing.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

## 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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