



January 3, 2017

Happy New Year!

**Save the
Dates**

From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue

New Year's Resolutions for Elementary Students

JANUARY

3- Teacher

Workday

4- Students

return to

school

11- SDMC;

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

Who doesn't like a fresh start?

January is a brand-new year, the perfect time for you and your children to reflect on the highlights of 2016 and set new goals for 2017.

The idea of resolving to improve oneself or doing something kind for someone dates back thousands of years. The ancient Babylonians promised their gods that they would pay back their debts the coming year. During the Middle Ages, knights vowed to be more virtuous in the new year. Jews celebrate Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, by seeking and offering forgiveness to others. Christians attend a watch-night service on New Year's Eve, where they prepare for the new year by praying together and making resolutions.

10- 5th Grade
Valentine's
Dance
14-17-
Onsite Book
Fair
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

We have put together a dozen resolutions as suggestions for children. The younger they are, the fewer resolutions they should make. After all, only 60% of people keep their resolutions! Help your child succeed by creating a chart of their resolutions, along with a timeline. Hang it in their room, so they can track their progress on a daily or weekly basis.

1. I will read at least one book outside of school every week.

2. I will become more organized, which includes my locker, my backpack and my room.

3. I will participate in a new activity.

4. I will make healthier eating choices, and choose less junk food and candy.

5. I will drink more water and less juice and soda, because it is healthier.

6. I will be nicer to my siblings.

7. I will think positively instead of complaining.

8. I will remind my parents to recycle.

9. I will help take care of any family pets.

10. I will make a new friend this year.

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
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

11. I will find opportunities to help people who are less fortunate than me.

12. I will tell my parents, grandparents or special friends how much I care about them.

Enjoy your last day together, and we will welcome you back to ROE tomorrow!

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.

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.

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

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 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. 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://roepito.org/activities/yearbook>. Questions? Email us at 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, 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.

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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