

March 12,
2014

From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue

Dear ROE Families,



As you know ROE is a YIS Showcase Campus, and once again our wonderful and creative 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Young Inventors have spent months putting in the time, effort, and discipline to make it to ROE's 5th Annual Showcase! Congratulations to them all and a big thank you to parents for shepherding your kids through this challenging process! Here are our Judges results for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Division Winners:

3rd Grade

1st Place: Light Me Up by Charlotte Sterner
2nd Place: The Soap Cycler by Charlie Truitt and Mark Morris
3rd Place: Apple Funnel by Edlyn Escotto
Honorable Mention: Soda Can Opener by Jack Larson, Gram Coffman, and Brandon Sun

4th Grade

1st Place: Orange Peeler by Olivia Kate
2nd Place: The Outfit Maker by Lili Miller
3rd Place: Silly Shoes by Emily Zhou and Clodie Amodar
Honorable Mention: Light Map by Srikar Siripuram

5th Grade

1st Place: The Cycle Side Car by Connor Fovargue
2nd Place: Digital Alert System by Swetha Saravanan
3rd Place: Personalizable School Boxes by Eric Lee
Honorable Mention: The Swasher by Elizabeth Johns-Krull, Avalene Tan, and Kendall Cooper

Save the Dates

1. March 12 - K-1st Field Day
2. March 13 - 2nd -3rd Field Day
3. March 14 - 4th -5th Field Day
4. Apr. 1 - STAAR 4th Writing; 5th Math
5. Apr. 2 - STAAR 4th Writing; 5th Reading
6. Apr. 5 - Family

- Carnival
7. Apr. 8-11 -
5th Science
Camp
 8. Apr. TBA -
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Competitio
n
 9. Apr. 22-
STAAR
3rd, 4th
Math
 10. Apr. 23 -
STAAR
3rd, 4th
Reading;
5th Science
 11. Apr. 26 -
Earth Day
Celebration
in the
Nature
Center
 12. Late
Spring-
PTO Parent
Social
 13. Apr. 28-
May 2 -
Teacher
Appreciatio
n Week
 14. Apr. 29-
May 2 - IB
PYP Art
Exhibition,
Twain
Elementary
 15. May 5-13 -
Stanford
Testing 1-5
 16. May 14 -
SDMC

Our 3 Division Winners and their 9 Top Three Grade Level Teams, and 12 of our high scoring teams (24 Teams total) are now ready to proceed to the Citywide Showcase and compete for the grand prize. The Citywide Showcase will be held at the University of Houston's Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship, C.T Bauer College of Business this May 24th, 2014.

A big thank you to everyone, and now its on to the Big Leagues for that \$10,000 Patent Prize!

(Article submitted by Mr. Rainn)

I want to personally thank Mr. Rainn for his dedication and commitment to our Young Inventors! This was a fabulous event!

Sincerely,

Keri Fovargue, Ph.D.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunity

Our wonderful teachers need help so we are turning to our wonderful families and asking for volunteers to help with their copying. If you are interested and want to help, please go to www.signupschedule.com/roepto and look for the "Copy Volunteer" sign ups. We have set up the month of February and will add remaining time slots through May in the coming days. What does it involve you ask? - Gathering the original materials and copy paper from the Library and once complete, no need to distribute it all, just return it to the Library. The current days/times scheduled are Wednesdays between 12:45pm-3:30pm, and either Thursday or Friday, 12:00pm-1:15pm.

17. May 29 -
Last Day of
School / 5th
Grade
Graduation

Thanks in advance for your assistance!
Questions? Email Martha Skrabanek,
mskraban@houstonisd.org, or Volunteer Coordinators,
volunteers@riveroakspto.org

I would like to remind parents that 'found' eyeglasses are placed in my mailbox. If you or your child has lost glasses please check in the office to see if I might have them. Also I would like to remind parents that in order to administer prescription and over the counter medicines at school that I need a medication form to be completed by the child's physician and signed by the parent, as well as a prescription label on both kinds of medicines. Your doctor can call in a prescription to the pharmacy so that over the counter medicine has a prescription label on it. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need a medication form.

Jan Petner, RN
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Attention Parents of Fifth Graders going to camp: Most parents did not complete the requested health insurance information in case of emergency. Please copy your health insurance information and send in for me to attach to the other camp information. Also if your child will be needing medication at camp please send that in its prescription bottle as soon as possible, only the number that will be needed for the amount of days they are at camp.

Thank you,
Jan Petner, RN



Week 3:

Having trouble getting your child into the veggie spirit? Sometimes, it's all about presentation! Try making some veggie spring rolls with yummy dipping sauce. Get your kids involved in the action - rolling spring rolls is easy and fun! Combine ½ cup soy sauce, 3 tablespoons of rice vinegar, 1 tablespoon of sesame oil, ½ tablespoon minced fresh ginger, and 1

thinly sliced green onion. Set aside for the sauce. Shred carrots, cabbage, green onions, and any other finely chopped veggies. Coarsely chop cilantro, mint, and basil. Combine veggies and herbs in a bowl with 2 tablespoons sweet chili sauce, ¼ cup of orange juice, and ¼ teaspoon of salt, then toss to combine. Dip one rice paper wrapper in cold water until it softens. Remove and shake off excess water. Place veggie filling off-center on rice paper then fold over ends, and roll like a burrito. Repeat with remaining veggies and rice paper. Serve with dip and enjoy!

Texas Pride Field Hockey Club Announces its First "Fun with Field Hockey" Clinic

Do you have a daughter that is interested in playing field hockey? Or, have you heard about field hockey in the past but have never seen the game played? The Texas Pride field hockey club is hosting our first-ever **Fun with Field Hockey Clinic**. It's a free clinic to introduce girls to the sport of field hockey. We accept beginners from K - 12th grade and all levels of interest are welcome. The girls will be provided FREE sticks and will be split into separate age groups for instruction. It's going to be a fun event for all!

Fun with Field Hockey Clinic

March 30, 2014

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

The Kinkaid School

Website: <http://www.txpridefh.com/fun-with-field-hockey-clinic.html>

Directions/Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/VshNP>

REGISTRATION FORM -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jo2QK7QaCRH6cOZBqFO57HimcFTEdqXcimOuhXu2kFg/viewform>

Register before March 24th to receive an appropriately-sized stick.

Feel free to pass along to any and all. Any questions/concerns, please contact Tina Edmonds at 610-730-5407 or txpridefh@gmail.com.

River Oaks Girl Scout Juniors Troop 25321 is selling Cookies at Kroger on West Gray Thursday, March 13th from 6:00 PM

to 8:00 PM

We would love to get the support of our ROE community!

The ROE Dads' Club - Poker Night. Wednesday, March 26, 2014. Doors open at 7:30 and we start play at 8:00. All levels and all players welcome to join in for a night of fun. RSVP to tcrabtree@houstonisd.org. To learn more about this and the ROE Dads' Club, join the group on LinkedIn.

EXHIBITION 2014

WE NEED YOU!!!!

The fifth graders are excited about jumping in to the work of Exhibition when they return from spring break. Exhibition is the final project of the Primary Years Program and one that students have been looking forward to as long as they have been at ROE! In order to ensure they have a fabulous experience, we are seeking adult mentors who will work with a small group of 2-3 students through the research and project building phase. If you have one hour a week that you would be willing to donate to this important work, I would LOVE to hear from you! You do not have to be a 5th grade parent - **in fact we highly encourage all parents to participate to gain a better understanding of this final component to the IBPYP experience.** Mentor meeting times are flexible, so don't be deterred if you can't commit to the same hour each week!

The first mentor meeting will take place the first week in April and you will see the group through to presentation day on May 22nd. If you are interested in being a mentor for Exhibition, please email me as soon as possible! You need no expert abilities to be a mentor, although we will try to match you with a topic you are interested in. All you need is a willingness to support students in their work! I will hold a mentor meeting after spring break, prior to your first meeting with your group, to help mentors further understand their role. Thank you in advance for all of the support you will give our 5th graders! If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Liz Goodman
IBPYP Coordinator
agoodman@houstonisd.org

Attention Parents-Friendly Reminders

Oh NO! Have you lost your car rider tag?

All cars picking up car riders should have a bright pink ROE Sign displayed in the window during carpool pick up. This allows us to

identify your car quickly, and will decrease the amount of wait time. If you have misplaced your sign, please pick one up at the front office.

Forget Me Not...What do I do if my child forgets lunch or an item needed for school?

Additionally, instructional time is of utmost importance! Every minute counts! Therefore, we must limit the amount of classroom interruptions. The front office staff will not interrupt classrooms when a student forgets an item at home. If you want to drop off any forgotten items, we can notify the teacher via email. Otherwise, the item will be placed in the teacher's box. If you want to drop off lunch for your child, you may do so. However, the student is responsible for picking up their lunch on the way to the lunchroom. After school items (ballet slippers, instruments) should be delivered to the ASP office after 10 AM.

One on One Basketball, Inc. will host a FUNtastic Spring Break Basketball Camp March 17th-March 20th. The camp will be held in the SVDP gymnasium located at 6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX 77025. Full day camp times are 9:00 - 3:00 for boys and girls in grades K-8. Half day camp times for 3-5-yr. olds are 9-12 or 12-3. Camps will be led by Coach Cliff a certified P.E. teacher with 20 years of coaching success and the One on One Basketball coaching staff. Register online at Houston.1on1basketball.com



Click camps at the bottom of the page. Full day camp is \$199. Half day camp is \$99. Early drop in and late pickup

options are available for an additional fee. Contact the Houston Regional Director, Coach Cliff, for more information. 713-304-1661 cliff@1on1basketball.com

VISIT THE ESPAÑOL WEBSITE:

For Español en la casa / Spanish at home, visit the ROE Español link:

Go to the River Oaks website at www.houstonisd.org/RiverOaksES; to Grade Level Teams; Specialists; M.L.Vasquez or M.Benner; click on Check out our Español website. You'll see Los Colores/Colors, some links with Español activities and games, and you'll also find a note to parents for grades 2-4. Please visit the Kindergarten and First grade sites. This allows students to review vocabulary that they studied in earlier years. It's vocabulary that they shouldn't forget. Please remember, this website is a work in progress. Muchas gracias, Sra. Vásquez.

Wanted!! Guest Speakers

"El Club de Español" meets every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 am (Our eager and inquisitive group of 35 fourth and fifth graders) is inviting parents, grandparents, family and friends to join us as our Guest Speaker and share your experiences or Spanish adventures. If you were born, have lived, worked or traveled to a Spanish-speaking country, we would love to hear from you! Come share with us: culture, ancestry, experiences, pictures, traditions or whatever you think is neat and exciting about a Spanish-speaking country. Please contact Señora Benner at mbenner@houstonisd.org or Señora Vasquez at mvasque3@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.

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