

May 12, 2016



Save the Dates

May 12-Make-up STAAR testing
May 18-SDMC
May 19- 5th Grade Exhibition
May 24- Kinder Program
May 25- 5th grade promotion, 8 AM
May 25-Report Cards, Last Day of School
May 26- Teacher Workday

From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue

Start Spreading the Word!

Please join us to celebrate the retirement of Mrs. Price, Mrs. Bustamante, and Mrs. Klapesky!

A reception will be held in the ROE café, Wednesday, May 18, from 2 - 4 PM. This reception is open to all past and present students and parents!

Congratulations to all of the students who were selected in the 2016 Young American Poetry contest.

Calling all 4th-5th graders! Take a break and dance the STAARs away at your end of year dance parties. Great music, snacks, and fun for all! You don't want to miss this!

4th/5th graders: Friday May 13th from 3:15-4:30 pm.

Tickets, volunteer opportunities and donations available through www.roepto.org. Choose Order now/ End of year dance party

Direct link:

<https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/zyrd9jb1bxa45s/>

Proceeds go to OM World Finalists who will be representing our amazing school, State and the entire US at World Finals!

Deadline May 10th so register now. Link:

<https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/zyrd9jb1bxa45s/>

Save the Date!

As a culmination of their learning at ROE, 5th graders are finalizing their Exhibition projects. These are student-led inquiry projects based on personal interest and driven by creativity and passion. Please plan to join

us **Thursday May 19th from 5:30-7pm** for a school-wide presentation of these projects. This is a wonderful celebration of learning and a great opportunity to see what the future holds for students when they get to 5th grade. We hope you will join us!

Please direct questions to IB Coordinator, Liz Goodman. agoodman@houstonisd.org

For our end of the year 5th grade exhibition project on Blood Cancer, we are taking action and hosting a blood drive at our school, Wednesday May 18 from 10-2. The coach will be parked on Avalon Place. Picture ID is required. Appreciation items and refreshments for all donors.

This will help people who are diagnosed with blood cancer.

PLEASE make an appointment at:
<http://tinyurl.com/River-Oaks-El-5-18-16>

For questions:

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We hope you can join us to help us make a difference!

Sincerely,
Ava Black
Chase Hensey

RIVER OAKS ELEMENTARY

EARTH DAY



ART DISPLAY

May 5th - 13th

Rossini Caffé

2229 San Felipe | Free parking available

Free coffee and a cookie for any parents that come to visit the caffè.

SILENT AUCTION

We will auction off a few pieces benefitting the school's Nature Center.

About the Nature Center:

The Nature Center is a wonderful, hands-on ecological study area that supports a wide variety of habitats. It was conceived and built by the Class of 1992 following their study of ecosystems in the fall of 1990. With the help of the community and the school, these students started digging a pond which grew quickly to a nearly 1/2 acre wetland habitat. The garden was certified as a "Texas Wildscape" by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Nongame and Urban Program in 1994, a contrast with other "manicured" areas. Special areas in the Nature Center include a pond with a wetland bog, hummingbird garden, butterfly garden, wildflower meadow, fruit trees, tropical area, herb garden, among others. Using mostly native vegetation, these habitats were created to attract birds, insects, fish, reptiles and plants for children at ROE to observe, study, draw and write about. There have been many exciting projects that classes and students have done within the Nature Center since it was dedicated in 1992. This unique environment for learning is truly an asset to the school. It will continue to develop and change as the ROE community comes up with new ideas.



Note from Ms. Petner, RN:

Please consider sending a change of clothes for your child and include shoes if possible. When they fall and get wet or spill something on their clothes they really want to change. Please check the labels in your children's clothes. I put my name or 'clinic' on the ones I have loaned. Please wash and return the ones with my name on them.

Thank you!

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.

Look for reminders and updates on twitter.

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