

May 13, 2014



## Save the Date

1. **May 14** - K-1st OM Dance, 12:45-2:00
2. **May 14** - SDMC
3. **May 15** - 2nd-4th OM Dance, 3:15-4:30
4. **May 15** - 5th Musical Performance
5. **May 16** - 5th OM Dance, 6:30-8:30
6. **May 19 and 20** - 2nd grade Living Museum
7. **May 22** - 5th Exhibition
8. **May 23** - Spring Parent Social
9. May 24 - Young Inventor's Citywide Finals @ U of H
10. **May 27** - 5th Field Trip
11. **May 28** - 5th Field Day
12. **May 29** - Last Day of School / 5th Grade

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## From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue

Dear ROE Community,

Interested in Vanguard Applicants and ROE history? Take a look here.

<http://www.houstonschoolsurvey.com/river-oaks-elementary.html>

<http://www.houstonschoolsurvey.com/houston-isd-school-rankings.html>

There is also buzz surrounding proposed budget cuts to Magnet Vanguard campuses. The next board meeting is June 19, 2014. HISD posts board agenda items and minutes at [www.houstonisd.org](http://www.houstonisd.org)

ROE receives approximately \$199,000 for 3 staffing positions, and an estimated \$50,000 for supplies, technology, tutoring, etc.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or your PTO President, Ms. Kara Richardson.

Sincerely,

Keri Fovargue, Ph.D.

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## ROE SCHOOL DANCES

Odyssey of the Mind is hosting fundraising parties with music, dancing, snacks, and prizes

K - 1st Grade - Wednesday, May 14 after school from - 2pm

2nd - 4th Grade - Thursday, May 15 after school - 4:30 pm

Graduation/5th Walk  
the Halls

5th Grade - Friday, May 16 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

The parties are chaperoned, and admission includes snack and drink. These events are open to the whole school and your kids won't want to miss the fun!

Minimum donation of \$10 (\$15 for 5th Graders)

Proceeds will be applied to help our qualifying OM teams travel to World Competition in Iowa in May!

Tickets can be purchased from [www.roepto.org](http://www.roepto.org) (Order Now); or you can directly access the link to the registration form

at: <https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/endofyear-dance-registration-form/>

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## ART NEWS



ROE is participating in the HISD 2014 Spring Visual Arts Showcase. The following students have artworks displayed at the Hattie Mae White administration building and will be honored with a reception there on Thursday, May 22 from 5:30-7:00pm:

5th grade: Helen Young, Sarah Chen, Ambar Caldwell,  
Bailey Maierson,  
3rd grade: Sarah Ding, Katie Zanolich,  
2nd grade: Maya Cela

Empty Bowls event: Saturday, May 17th. 11:00am to 3:00pm Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. Houston, TX. Many of our 5th grade students

have donated bowls or funds for this event that is supported by talented craftspeople from Houston area schools and private studios. Empty Bowls benefits the Houston Food Pantry. For a \$25.00 donation, you get a beautiful bowl of your choice and a meal of soup, bread, and cookie. Student artwork is offered for a small donation. ROE 5th grade students have participated in this event for 8 years. I suggest getting there early due to crowds!! Parking is available at the Lawndale gallery and in nearby lots on and off Main St. It is walking distance (about 4 blocks) from the Museum of Fine Arts.

Thank you for your support of the Arts at ROE,

Ms. Lieber

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One on One Basketball, Inc. will host a FUNtastic Summer Basketball Camp June 23rd - June 26th inside the Parish Life Center gym at The Church of St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd., Houston, TX 77019. Full day camp times are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 and half day camp times are 9 a.m - 12 p.m. for boys and girls ages 6-16. Camps will be led by former professional player D. Rice and the One on One Basketball coaching staff. Register online at <http://houston.1on1basketball.com/programs-listing/camps>. Contact the Houston Regional Director, Coach Cliff, for more information. 713-304-1661 [cliff@1on1basketball.com](mailto:cliff@1on1basketball.com)

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Digging up the archives...

It has been brought to our attention that we overlooked a big shout out in a previous newsletter. Back in December, we held our annual ROE Spelling Bee for grades 3-5 and grades K-2. After some super competition, the winner of the K-2 bee was Arnav Adhikari from Ms. Achilles' class. And the winner of the 3-5 bee was Luscinia Quance from Ms. Nelson's class. Luscinia represented ROE at the district bee in February. CONGRATULATIONS to both of the winners and our deepest apologies for overlooking the publicizing of it in our weekly newsletter.



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**2014 Spring Parent Social**  
**Friday, May 23, 6:30pm**  
**Cadillac Bar**  
**1802 Shepherd Drive**



**Come celebrate the end of the school year with  
other ROE parents and friends!**

**Auction, live music and dinner!**

**Buy your tickets at:**  
**<https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/register-for-the-roe-spring-parent-social/>**

**Questions? [springsocial@riveroakspto.org](mailto:springsocial@riveroakspto.org)**

**Casual attire, Adults Only**  
**\*Sponsored by Frost Bank\***



### **School Supply Packs Now Available for Order**

It's time to start thinking about the 2014-2015 school year and you can get a head start by ordering your school supply pack early for a discounted price. The packs contain all the supplies that the grade level teams have specified for students and will be delivered to each student's classroom in time for the start of school in the fall. Take advantage of early purchase discounts before school ends! Visit the PTO website at <https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/river-oaks-elementary-school-supply-order-form/> to place your orders. If you have questions, please contact Maria Marini ([marinistefan@gmail.com](mailto:marinistefan@gmail.com))

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Led by local educators, the weeklong Camp Invention experience immerses elementary school children in exciting hands-on activities that reinvent summer fun. A few featured activities in this year's all new Morphed program include building original prototypes, creating a personalized motor-powered vehicle and taking apart electronics to construct an epic insect-themed pinball machine. Each lesson explores connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation. Early discounts are available through May 16. Spaces are limited – register today! Visit [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org) or call 800.968.4332 for more information.

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**ROE DIRECTORY - Planning is starting for the 2014/2015 ROE Directory. We need volunteers for large and small jobs. If you have the following skills or interests, please email [directory@riveroakspto.org](mailto:directory@riveroakspto.org) .**

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**COMPUTER SKILLS - Good computer skills with general formatting, excel mail merge, microsoft**

**office or data management.**

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**PHOTOS - Taking photos of faculty and staff (this will just take a few hours and will be completed early in the new school year). The photos are just snap shots and no particular photography skills are needed.**

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**COVER ART - Manage the student cover art project. This involves working with Ms. Lieber and helping to judge the student art work. This is not a large time commitment.**

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**ADS - Help with business and spirit ads. This can be done from home.**

**Thank you!**

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Old School Tutoring is here to help your child make the transition from Elementary School to Middle School. With our Rice Pre-Med and Graduate Tutors children know that they have Tutors who will help them at the end of the day, Old School picks-up at Lanier, Pin Oak, Pershing, T. H. Rogers, Memorial and Spring Brach Middle schools. We have three locations. check us out at [www.oldschoolasc.com](http://www.oldschoolasc.com) or call (713) 510-3102.

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**Interested in *free bowling* this summer? Check out this website!**



<http://www.kidshowfree.com/>

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Calling All Elementary/Middle School Girls! Lacrosse For Grades 3-8  
No Experience Necessary!

Is your daughter interested in playing girls lacrosse? Pershing Middle School is offering girls in 3rd-8th grades the opportunity to learn how to play lacrosse and participate in tournaments against

other Houston-area teams. Currently, we have three separate age groups:

A Team - experienced girls between the ages of 12-14 (7th-8th grade)

B Team - new girls between the ages of 11-14 (5th-8th grade)

Young Guns Team - new and experienced girls between the ages of 9-11 (3rd-5th grade)

Come join one of Houston's fastest-growing sports and have your daughter participate with other girls in her age division. Our teams start learning and practicing in August, and continue throughout the school year. Lacrosse season officially begins in January and concludes the beginning of May.

Top three reasons why girls lacrosse is fantastic:

- 1) Helps promote teamwork among girls;
- 2) Is a positive, supportive social environment;
- 3) Provides a healthy, active hobby for young girls.

We are offering a girls lacrosse clinic August 16-17 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Pershing Middle School (Stella Link and Bellaire Blvd.). For more information or to ask questions, please contact Susan Krause at [pershinglaxgirls@gmail.com](mailto:pershinglaxgirls@gmail.com).

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## 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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