

May 8, 2014



Save the Date

1. **May 5-13** - Stanford Testing 1-5
2. **May 14** - K-1st OM Dance, 12:45-2:00
3. **May 14** - SDMC
4. **May 15** - 2nd-4th OM Dance, 3:15-4:30
5. **May 15** - 5th Musical Performance
6. **May 16** - 5th OM Dance, 6:30-8:30
7. **May 19 and 20** - 2nd grade Living Museum
8. **May 22** - 5th Exhibition
9. **May 23** - Spring Parent Social
10. **May 27** - 5th Field Trip
11. **May 28** - 5th Field Day

From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue

Dear ROE Community,

Thank you so much for your recent inquiries regarding the Children at Risk School Rankings. CAR has identified inconsistencies in the rankings (specifically the Growth Index calculation), and a recent statement indicates they will rerelease the rankings today. Stay tuned to <http://childrenatrisk.org/> to follow this story.

There is also buzz surrounding proposed budget cuts to Magnet Vanguard campuses. The board is reviewing the proposal tonight, and a final vote may occur on June 19, 2014. HISD has posted information on this proposal at <http://www.houstonisd.org/Page/32539>

You can find the specific budget allocations for ROE outlined in the PDF file titled April 24, 2014 - Budget and PUA Workshop.

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.

Due to a large interest in the board meeting tonight, the 5th grade talk has been cancelled this evening.

Here is the link to the videos the 5th grade parents can view:

<http://www.pgschoolprograms.com/programs.php?pid=1>

For more information, contact Nurse Petner.

12. **May 29** - Last Day
of School / 5th
Grade
Graduation/5th
Walk the Halls

Thank you in advance for your support for River Oaks Elementary. Your dedication and commitment to our school is exemplary! We appreciate all of the lunches, flowers, posters, gifts and hugs this past week during Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you once again from all of us!

Sincerely,

Keri Fovargue, Ph.D.

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

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 (Order Now); or you can directly access the link to the registration form at: <https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/endofyear-dance-registration-form/>

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

Congratulations to Pallavi Gorantla (Mrs. Price's Class, 3rd Grade) who earned 7th place in the District Bilingual Spelling Bee! This was ROE's first year to participate. Thank you to Mr. Anderson for sponsoring the bee and supporting Pallavi at the finals! Way to Go!





**WELCOME PARENTS OF INCOMING LANIER
STUDENTS!
NEW STUDENT MEET AND GREET**

We hope you and your incoming student will be able to join us for the new student Meet and Greet at Lanier this Saturday, May 10th from 9am to 11am. This is an open house where you will be able to meet teachers and administrators, purchase uniforms, learn about clubs, electives and athletics at Lanier, volunteer for a PTO chair position or committee, learn about ways to become involved and support Lanier.

Bring **SEVERAL CHECKS** or cash to cover the purchase of these items for your family and new student:

- School Uniform Shirts - you will probably want to buy 3 or 4. Youth sizes are \$13 each, and Adult sizes are \$15 each.
- Lanier Sweatshirts - the only uniform-approved outerwear that can be worn in school. Pullover and zip hoodies, available in several prints and sizes, are \$27 each. Crew neck sweatshirts (no hood) are \$17.
- Physical Education Uniforms - for students who choose PE as their elective. Gym shirts and gym shorts are \$10 each and are being sold by the P.E. coaches.
- Math Supply Kit - required for all students. These are \$10 each and will be delivered to your child's math teacher at the start of

school.

We regret that we cannot accept credit card payments for these items at school. On average, you may need up to 3 checks or \$120 in cash if you chose to purchase all of these items at the Meet and Greet. The school will be open for select hours over the summer, but the lines for supplies will grow increasingly longer as August 26th approaches.

Uniform and Lanier Gear sales will begin at 8:30am and close at 10:45am. The Meet and Greet open house will begin at 9am and continue until 11am, and there will be a school tour that begins at 11am. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations!!!

The students listed below had their poems accepted for publication in the 2014 Young American Poetry Digest. Way to go! We are SO proud of you!

1st grade

Daniel Jiang

Matthew Wu

Keira Boone

2nd grade

Erika Cole

Zara Kazi

Hannah Roseanes

Adriana Torres Li Ning

3rd grade

Scout Brookes

Franklin Wu

Sidney Chang

4th grade

Divya Shakla

Nia Evans

5th grade

Annfaye Sternberg
Wilson Wagner
William Edmundson
Jackie Canfield
Andrew Boyd
Sophia Murphy

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/](https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/register-for-the-roe-spring-parent-social/)**

Questions? 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)

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 or call 800.968.4332 for more information.

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 or call (713) 510-3102.

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.

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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