

October 10, 2015



From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue

Houston Astros Spirit Day is Monday!

In recognition of the team's many contributions to public education and to HISD students in particular, all students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to show their support by wearing Astros team attire on "Houston Astros Spirit Day," which will be **Monday, Oct. 12, 2015.**

Submit your photos celebrating Astros team spirit to hisdphotos@yahoo.com.

Go Astros!

Save the Dates

1. **Oct 19-** Read Across the Globe, 8:15-10:00 am
2. **Oct 24-** Fun Run
3. **Nov 3-** Retakes/Group Pictures
4. **Nov 6-** Final payment for ASP due
5. **Nov 6-12-** PTO Online Auction
6. **Nov 11-** Veteran's Day Ceremony
7. **Nov. 19-** Thanksgiving Day Lunch
8. **Nov 20-22-** Barnes & Noble Book Fair
9. **Nov 25-27-** Thanksgiving Break
10. **Dec 10-** SDMC
11. **Dec 18-** Class Parties



BCC School of Music is a non-profit organization driven to teach, guide and help our students achieve their music goals. Our purpose is to offer different possibilities and tools to develop the necessary skills

12. Dec 21-Jan 1 - Winter Break	to learn and master an instrument.
13. Jan 18 - MLK Day	OPEN:
14. Feb 11 - SDMC	Mondays and Wednesdays 3:00 - 7:00pm
15. Feb 23 - Optional Spring Pictures	Saturdays 11:00am - 4:00pm
16. Feb 9-12 - ROE Onsite Book Fair	LESSONS: 30 mins - 1 hour
17. Mar 14-18 - Spring Break	INSTRUMENTS: Piano, voice and guitar
18. Mar 25 - Spring Holiday	AGES: 4 years old to adults
19. Apr 23 - Carnival	
20. May 25 - Last Day of School	***More days and instruments will be added in the future. ***

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REGISTER TODAY!



FREE Family Fun in Houston

Participate in Houston's largest annual FREE family festival showcasing STEM on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 11 am - 4 pm.

Students will get an chance to interactive with 70 demonstrations and exhibits teaching students and their families about the various forms of energy, science, technology, efficiency, conservation, and careers in the energy industry. The exciting exhibits and interactions with energy experts help spark students' interest in STEM.

For more information regarding Energy Day, visit <http://energydayfestival.org/>. If you have any questions, please email Paige Barnes at PBarnes@consumerenergyalliance.org.

Middle School Coffee for Parents at River Oaks Baptist School

Tuesday, October 27th from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

For parents of students interested in applying

ATTENTION KINDER, FIRST and SECOND GRADE STUDENTS!

Name That Book is an HISD competition sponsored by the Department of Library Services. In grades K, 1 & 2, students will read a list of 29 books this year. At their competition (March 28-April 1, 2016), students are given a quote and asked to name that book. The six team members must know the correct title of the book within 45 seconds.

Joining the Name That Book Club:

- Students in the club will be required to attend every meeting. K, 1 & 2 NTB Club will meet after school on Mondays from 3:15 to 4:00 pm. If a student misses more than 2 meetings, they will be dismissed from the club for the year. Behavior infractions and poor academic performance will also result in dismissal from the club. Students will be given only one written behavior warning!
- Club members are required to take notes on the books they read. Students will be required to write

quotes from the books that they read for homework to be used in practices. They must bring a minimum of 3 quotes from 2 books, neatly written on a 3x5 index card, every Monday.

-A test will be given to all club members on January 25, 2016. This test will cover all of the books on the list. The top 7 scoring students will become our competition team. The competition team is comprised of six members and one alternate.

Please join the NTB sponsors Monday, October 12th, 2015 from 3:15 - 4:00 for an informational and initial setup meeting in Ms. Williamson's classroom (room 8). Parents are welcome too!

ART NEWS

We are off to a busy start with several art contests in the works!! All drawings must be marked on the back with student's first and last names, grade, and homeroom teacher's name. There are plastic bins, marked by contest title, inside the art room near the door in which to place your drawings. If you need drawing paper, there is some available in a folder in the bins.

If you have specific questions regarding the art competitions, please email Ms.

Lieber: rlieber@houstonisd.org. I encourage all students to participate in at least one art competition (given appropriate age/grade level) during the school year.

I encourage all parents to occasionally capture a photo of your student's artwork for the purpose of

documentation for IB portfolios and art competitions. I will post more Art competitions, deadline dates, and information on where to submit artwork as they come up through the school year.

HISD Winter Holiday Art Card

Open to all students, K-5; on 8 1/2 x 11" paper; colorful; use only secular subjects; winter holidays preferred (no jack o' lanterns, witches, pumpkins, etc). Internationalism theme or "Peace on Earth" is encouraged!

Some grade levels will work on this in class; however, any ROE students may enter regardless and may work on their drawings at home*. Due: mid Oct.?

*ROE students are CREATIVE, RESPECTFUL, OPEN-MINDED and have INTEGRITY!! Do your own artwork; no tracing, photocopying, or allowing parents, grandparents or siblings or friends to draw, color, or "finish" your artwork.

5th grade Parents: In regard to the tile tree wall, as soon as drainage issues have been resolved (in the area across from the Nature Center), we will have a workday to mount and apply tiles to the "trunk" of our 2015-2016 class tree. 5th grade students will create their individual leaves (stamped with their names) that will be added to the tree in the early Spring, 2016. If there are parents who are willing to help and/or have a high speed drill to loan for that day, please contact Ms. Lieber at:

rlieber@houstonisd.org.

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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