October 17, 2014





Save the Dates

- 1. Oct 27-31-Red Ribbon Week
- 2. Oct 28-Class Pics
- 3. Nov 11-Veteran's Day Ceremony
- 4. Nov 14-16-Barnes & Nobles Book Fair
- 5. **Dec. 10**-SDMC (3:30 p.m.)
- 6. **Dec. 19**-Class Parties

From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue

Attention 4th and 5th Grade Parents

Combat Middle School Madness

Please join us...

Taking the Mystery Out of the Matrix Tuesday, October 21, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Parents Only*ROE Cafeteria

Middle Schools Visit
Thursday, October 23rd, 1:30-2:30 PM
Students & Parents*ROE Cafeteria

YEARBOOK NEWS

The cost of yearbooks is now \$30. To order, go to www.jostens.com -> Yearbooks -> Find Your School or Group -> Enter River Oaks Elementary (Houston, TX).

Alternatively, you can place a check in the yearbook locker in the Kindergarten hallway. Make the check out to ROE PTO and include your child's name and teacher on the check with "yearbook" in the memo line. Please email us so we will know to

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look for your check. Reduced price and free yearbooks are available for qualifying families. Email us at

<u>yearbook@riveroakspto.org</u> with any questions or to request a free or reduced price yearbook.

Help us include every ROE child in a candid photo this year by submitting pictures you take during class, field trips and other ROE events. You may either submit photos to

yearbook@riveroakspto.org or directly at the Josten's website. Please identify those appearing in the photo. To submit directly to the Jostens website, go to:

<u>www.images.jostens.com</u>, enter Login: 401853555

Class Picture Day & Individual Retakes are Tuesday, October 28th

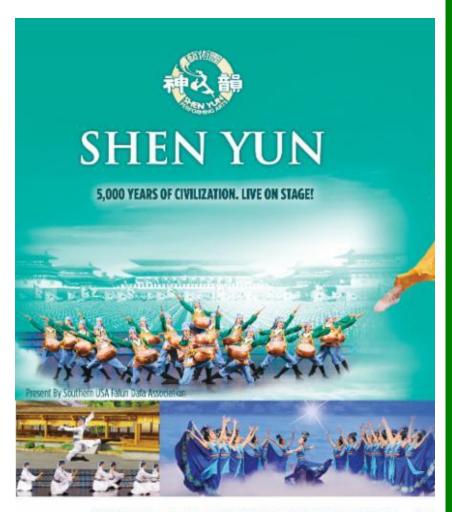
Mark your calendar! Class pictures and individual retakes are Tuesday, October 28th. Look for order forms to be sent home soon in your child's backpack. Additional forms will be available at the front office. If you plan to purchase your child's class picture, please return your order form and payment prior to October 28th so we can assure that all orders are submitted. Individual picture retakes will be available for those that were absent, or if you would like to have your child's picture retaken. Picture packages should be sent home within the week. If you would like a retake, your child must bring back the original picture package on picture day. The photographer must have the package in order to retake your child's picture. If your child was absent on individual picture day(9/23), please be aware that he/she needs to have their picture taken on the 28th for the

yearbook, even if you are not interested in purchasing a picture package. Contact Leslie Russell at picture-day@riveroakspto.org with any questions. You can also visit http://schoolportraits.lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions and more details.

Parents of 5th Grade Students



On Saturday, Nov. 1st, we are having a fun work day in collaboration with the Nature Center activities. Some of the activities will involve: grouting the mosaic tile tree trunk from last year's class (2014) and working on cutting the shape of this year's (2015) 5th grade class tree. The stamped ceramic "leaves" will be created by students during art classes in early Spring 2015. Customarily, Ms. Lieber supplies materials (grout, sticks, safety goggles, gloves, sponges, buckets for water, etc.). Grouting between the tiles on the trunk is quite messy, so it would be best to wear old/gardening clothing for this activity. We will also cut a new "tree trunk" from a sheet of Hardiplank (cement board) that will be mounted to the wall with masonry screws. If any parents have a power saw and a masonry drill/bit that we could borrow, that would be helpful. Please contact Ms. Lieber directly if you have any of this equipment and/or would be willing to help with the project. Parents need to remain with students at the site during this activity for safety purposes. (Please do not drop off students). Water bottles will be available for participants. Please RSVP to Ms. Lieber: rlieber@houstonisd.org.



TAKE AN EXTRAORDINARY

Heavenly realms and timeless legends spring to life through classic: Dazzling costumes, thunderous battle drums, and powerful flips fill color and energy. Exquisite melodies and animated backdrops uplift and transport you to another world. Enter a wondrous realm of bear grace - a place where the righteous always prevails and legends co

"Shen Yun was a fantastic show to start the new year. It's a perfect gift for the holiday season."

*Very Beautiful, 1 (- Max Fatin, 3rd Grade, K

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—Genny U., 12th Grade, Fort Bend SD

"Absolutely amazing, it's the most fantastic show, lify 5-year-old niece was on the edge of her seat. It's all about peace and love and respect. *

Jessica Black, Miss United States 2010



Fall Planting Day in the ROE Nature Center!



Please join us in the ROE Nature Center on Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 9am - 12 noon. We will be planting herbs, vegetables and flowers.

Bring your gloves, tools and hats!
The Nature Center Committee will provide seeds, soil and snacks.

NO TRICKS! JUST TREATS!



Please join us to show our appreciation for our ROE teachers and staff. It is time for the annual SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN TREAT FEAST!

Please sign up to bring either home-made or storebought creepy, spooky and delicious treats on Wednesday, October 29th.

We are going to have a "bake-off" competition for the homemade treats. The staff will vote for their favorite goodies and the winner will be announced in the ROE News. Only homemade treats are eligible for the contest.

All items can be dropped off at the front office the afternoon of Tuesday, October 28th or the morning of Wednesday, October 29th. Be sure to label both the item and the tray/container with your name.

Please join in the fun by visiting Sign Up Genius to let us know what fabulous treats to expect.

To sign up, go to:

<u>www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0949ACA92BA4FD0-spooktacular/</u>

Thank you!

Amie Canfield and Allison Rudin PTO Teacher Appreciation 2014-2015



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"Beyond helping develop their minds, we are helping instill a profound sense of self in our kids - a 'self' that's been pushed, pulled, nurtured and challenged so that our graduates leave Stella Link with a confidence they'll carry for a lifetime."

Stuart J. Dow, Head of School

Middle School Open House · November 9, 1-3 pm Call today to schedule a visit or a shadow day.

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Red Ribbon Week

OCTOBER 27th-31st

Monday - Shut the Door on Drugs -

Each class will be invited to decorate their classroom door in a cute theme or design with a message about saying no to drugs.

Pictures of the doors will be entered into the national Red
Ribbon Week door decorating contest.

<u>Tuesday - Sock It to Drugs -</u> Wear crazy socks to school

Wednesday - With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility:

Stand Up Against Drugs
Dress Like a Super Hero

Thursday - Be INSPI(RED) to be drug free! Wear red - the official color of drug awareness - to support Red
Ribbon Week

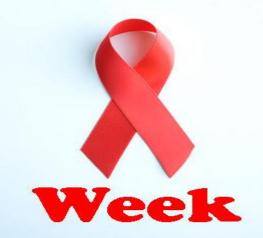
Friday - Wear Your Words to Be Drug Free -

Each class will be given a t-shirt to write a slogan on as their pledge to be drug free. Students will sign the "pledge" and then the teacher will wear the shirt all day!

Please let me know if you have any questions about Red Ribbon Week activities. We hope that this will help spark important conversations at home about making good decisions, being responsible, peer pressure and other important topics!

Liz Goodman

Red Ribbon



Veteran's Day



As a way to honor and celebrate the men and women who bravely serve to protect and defend our country's freedoms each day, and to remember those who once served, River Oaks Elementary will hold a special Veteran's Day celebration on Tuesday, November 11th. In preparation for that celebration, we would like to begin gathering the names of family and

friends of our ROE students who have fought in the past, or are serving today. These names will be read aloud during the roll call of the Veteran's Day service. Please send the name, rank and any special honors of those you would like recognized to Liz Goodman (agoodman@houstonisd.org) no later than Thursday November 6th.

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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