

September 11, 2012

## From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue



Dear ROE Community,

At ROE, we focus on the ten attributes of the IB Learner Profile in all classrooms, on the playground, in the cafeteria, during guidance lessons and beyond our school community. These attributes make ROE students internationally minded people, who recognize their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, and help create a better and more peaceful world. Specifically, IB Learners strive to be: inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective.

### Planning Ahead

1. **Sept 12-** SDMC  
3:30 PM; PTO  
Board Meeting 6:00 PM
2. **Sept 17-**Fall  
Holiday (School  
Closed)
3. **Sept 18-**K-2 Open  
House (5:30-7:00  
p.m.)
4. **Sept 20-** 3rd-5th  
Open House (5:30-  
7:00 p.m.)
5. **Sept 27-** School  
Pictures
6. **Oct 5-**Movie Night
7. **Oct 13-** Fun Run
8. **Nov 16-17-** Barnes  
& Nobles Book  
Fair
9. **Dec 21-** Class

Ask your child about the IB Learner Profile today!

Serving you,  
Keri Fovargue, Head of School

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## ROE Directory

The Ad deadlines for the Directory are this week, so act now! This Wednesday, Sept 12 is the deadline for Spirit Ads, and Friday Sept 14 is the deadline for Business Ads. More information about submitting both Business and Spirit ads can be found on the PTO website ([riveroakspto.org](http://riveroakspto.org)), where you can purchase your ads online. You may also leave a check for your ads up at school; if you are going to do this please email [Directory@riveroakspto.org](mailto:Directory@riveroakspto.org) and let us know.

We're always looking for more hands, so if you would like to join the Directory team this year, email [directory@riveroakspto.org](mailto:directory@riveroakspto.org)

Thanks, Maria Onufrow and the Directory Team

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## YMCA Announcement

Fathers, join Y Guides and Princesses at the Weekley YMCA with your son or daughter. Make lifelong memories and build important bonds as you spend quality time together. Father and child pairs meet in small groups for games, crafts, discussions, and refreshments. About once a month, the groups join together for day outings, overnight events, or weekend campouts. The one-on-one time in a fun, special environment fosters communication and relationship that will last a lifetime. For more information, contact Jessica Cunningham at 713-664-9622 xt. 216 or [Jessica.Cunningham@ymcahouston.org](mailto:Jessica.Cunningham@ymcahouston.org)

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## ROE Yearbook News



Order your 2012-2013 ROE Yearbook now at a discounted price. Now through September 21st, ROE yearbooks will be available for order at the discounted price of \$25. After September 21st, the cost will increase to \$30. To order, go to [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) Yearbooks à Find Your School or Group à 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. Reduced price and free yearbooks are available for qualifying families. Signup at the front desk or email us at [yearbook@riveroaks.org](mailto:yearbook@riveroaks.org). 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](mailto: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:  
[www.images.jostens.com](http://www.images.jostens.com), enter Login: 400136082 and the  
password: riveroaks.

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## Back-School September Luncheon

ROE Teachers & Staff Are the Best  
of the Bunch!

An  
by



apple-themed luncheon was hosted  
the PTO Teacher Appreciation  
Directors last Thursday, September  
6th.

The teachers and staff enjoyed Italian fare from  
Maggiano's Little Italy, with warm bread, hearty  
salad & delicious pasta, topped off by a homemade  
Mixed Berry Crisp and whipped cream.

It was a great way to start off the new school year!

The teachers and staff look forward to the monthly  
luncheons to get a minute to visit with their  
colleagues as well as, get to enjoy a tasty lunch!

The October lunch will be hosted by the PTO's 5th  
Grade Representatives and parents.

Thanks parents for your support of our PTO!

**LET'S CELEBRATE NATIONAL  
GRANDPARENTS' DAY!**

**Join us for a GRANDPARENTS' DAY Luncheon**

**Thursday, September 13, 2012**

Invitations did not arrive in time for folder

distribution. Please rsvp to your child's teacher.



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## Fiestas Patrias Parade, Sat. September 15

Announcing the 44th annual Fiestas Patrias Parade. The parade will be held in downtown Houston at 10:00 a.m. The parade route will begin at Texas Avenue and Jackson. The parade honors 8 different Spanish-speaking countries that celebrate their independence in September. On el 16 de septiembre/the 16th of September, Mexico celebrates its independence from Spain. This event marks the beginning of Hispanic Heritage month which goes through October 15. Hope you and your children are able to enjoy the costumes, music and folkloric dances demonstrated in the parade. Distruten/Enjoy!!

Sra. (Señora) Vásquez

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## Save the Date- It's time for the ROE Fun Run!



When: Saturday, October 13 at 8:30 am

Where: ROE Playground

The Annual Fun Run is a tradition at River Oaks Elementary for students and families. We have activities for everyone whether you are a casual walker, avid runner or just cheering on the participants. We have two events: First, a family run/walk earning all participants finisher medals. Second, a highly anticipated competitive race, for each grade. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners AND finisher medals for all other participants.

In addition, we have two bounce houses, potato sack races, fantastic breakfast items and fun music provided by a rockin' DJ. A great time is guaranteed!

How do I register?

Option 1: Register with the paper form included in your child's green folder this week. Please return your completed form along with cash or check made payable to "ROE PTO", to your child's teacher, no later than September 24. This will ensure your family registration and t-shirt order.

Option 2: You can also register ROE PTO website - [www.roepto.org](http://www.roepto.org)

Just click on the "order now" tab and choose the

"Fun Run" option to place your order. You may also register the day of the race between 8-8:30, but you will not be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Watch the ROE News for more FUN RUN information in the coming weeks and mark your calendars. This is one ROE event you won't want to miss!

If you want to volunteer & become part of the Fun Run tradition, please contact the Fun Run team at [fun-run@riveroakspto.org](mailto:fun-run@riveroakspto.org)

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### Calling all 5th Grade Parents



Following this year's first PTO Meeting, we will be meeting on Wednesday, September 12th at 7:30 at Taco Milagro on Kirby to discuss the plans for our 5th graders final year at ROE. If you are interested in helping with all of the wonderful activities including a field trip, dance, swim party and graduation please make plans to be there. If you are interested in helping but are not able to attend that evening, just email Sandy Shaw and we will let you know about the volunteer opportunities.

Looking forward to a great year!

-Sandy Shaw and Maria Onufrow (PTO Reps)

[sandydammanshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:sandydammanshaw@hotmail.com)



On Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 pm, Brazos Bookstore is celebrating the birthday anniversary of beloved children's book author and master

storyteller, Roald Dahl. We'll have activities, including a Golden Ticket reveal with plenty of prizes for lucky boys and girls.

Fans of all ages and Dahl-experience welcome - whether it's your first time stepping inside of James's Giant Peach or your thousandth journey through Willy Wonka's magical chocolate factory. Sugarbaby's Cupcake Boutique will provide scrumdiddlyumptious snacks. A selection of Dahl's works will be available for sale.

Best,

Mary Allen  
[mary@brazosbookstore.com](mailto:mary@brazosbookstore.com)

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### **1st Grade PARENT'S NIGHT OUT**

Please join us on the patio at Taco Milagro on Kirby for 1st Grade PARENT'S NIGHT OUT following the ROE Open House! Tuesday, September 18th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Come greet old friends and meet new parents. Individual orders can be placed and paid for inside the restaurant. If you have any questions, please send an email to Tiffany Hawkins or Jacquelin Seely (PTO 1st grade reps) at [roeclassof2017@yahoo.com](mailto:roeclassof2017@yahoo.com)

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### **Great Start to the Day**

Thank you parents for having your children here on time! The hallways are empty and classes are starting at ROE's designated 7:45 start time. As a reminder, students arriving after 7:45 will be counted tardy by their homeroom teacher.

## You're Invited

The ROE Safety Council is looking for parent and community representatives. Meetings are held once a month with the first meeting this Thursday, September 13, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. If you wish to be a participant, please call 713-942-1460 to leave word with the front office that you plan on attending this committee meeting

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## The IB/GT Connection



The start of a new school year means many things to educators, parents and students - excitement, stress, growth, apprehension - as all work together to adjust to new opportunities and challenges. It's also an important time to build connections which will create success in and out of the classroom. TAGT connects and empowers educators and parents to meet the unique needs of gifted learners. Are you actively engaged with TAGT and the Texas gifted community? It's time to get connected and to share TAGT information with others! It's critical that the Texas gifted community is united and prepared to advocate for our beloved children and programs. BUILD CONNECTIONS with TAGT in 2012. Here's how:

- Spread the word about TAGT Membership
- 2012 Parent Conference, Nov. 30
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter
- Participate in weekly Global #gtchat
- Donate to the TAGT Scholarship Fund to support gifted youth

For more information, visit [www.txgifted.org](http://www.txgifted.org).

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.

## Be Cool, Follow the Rules



**Rule 1:** School starts at 7:35 a.m. Tardy bell is at 7:45 a.m.

**Rule 2:** Avalon is a "park and walk" zone for a.m. and p.m.

**Rule 3:** San Felipe is the car-rider zone for easy drop up and pickup both a.m. and p.m. (Do not cut across Bellmeade).

**Rule 4:** Front circle drive is the bus zone both a.m. and p.m. No student drop off or pick up.

**Parking at Compass Bank is prohibited.**  
**Violators may be towed.**



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