

September 30, 2015

From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue



Save the Dates

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

Magnet Recruitment begins a Month Earlier!

If you are a fifth grade parent or just a parent looking for a different school, the HISD Magnet recruitment activities begin and applications are available October 1, 2015! Tours will be held at all Magnet schools on School Choice (Magnet) Thursdays starting October 8 and continuing through December 3.

There is no longer a Magnet Awareness Week. Applications are to be completed online at

<http://www.houstonisd.org/schoolchoice>

SDMC Results Announcement

Congratulations to the following new members:
Andrea Young - Neighborhood Parent
Elecia Knolle - Magnet Parent

Dear Parents,

If you're available on Monday, October 19th from 8:15-10:00 a.m., we would love to have you at ROE for our "Read Across the Globe" event. We are still in need of over **30 VOLUNTEERS**, so please consider signing up (see below or visit www.connect4literacy.org). Don't hesitate to reach out to coworkers, neighbors, and family members --

11. **Nov 25-27-**
Thanksgiving Break
12. **Dec 10-** SDMC
13. **Dec 18-** Class Parties
14. **Dec 21-Jan 1-** Winter
Break
15. **Jan 18-** MLK Day
16. **Feb 11-** SDMC
17. **Feb 23-** Optional
Spring Pictures
18. **Feb 9-12-** ROE
Onsite Book Fair
19. **Mar 14-18-** Spring
Break
20. **Mar 25-** Spring
Holiday
21. **Apr 23-** Carnival
22. **May 25-** Last Day of
School

we'd love to have as many people as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Williamson, awilli70@houstonisd.org.



READ ACROSS THE GLOBE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are excited to share with you that our school will take part in Read Across the Globe, an event aimed at breaking the Guinness Book of World Record for the most children read to in a 24-hour period. Our school is one of around 300 Houston-area schools taking part in the Read Across the Globe on **October 19, 2015**. The event is hosted by Points of Light, the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation and Volunteer Houston and will take place in cities across the U.S. and the world.

Read Across the Globe brings the power of volunteers together to help address the importance of reading. We invite you to join us to help raise awareness of the importance of reading with our students and be a volunteer to help us break the World Record. You can volunteer to read to a classroom of students, take needed photos and videos that we will need to send to Guinness or help us in other ways to ensure a successful and fun event for students. Our ultimate goal is to provide students with a reading experience that sparks a love of reading. To do this, we need your help!

PLEDGE TO PARTICIPATE IN READ ACROSS
THE GLOBE TODAY!

Head to www.connect4literacy.org to learn more
and sign up to volunteer at our school!

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.

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 (described below) 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.

ROE Directory Cover Art Contest: for fourth and fifth grade students; drawings in color, "Portrait" position (8 1/2" x 11" or on a square paper: 8 1/2" x 8 1/2"); no specific theme (suggestions: front of school, ROE, Roadrunners, Oak Trees, etc.); write your first and last name and teacher's name on back of artwork; due: Monday, Oct. 5th, 2015.

ROE Fun Run T-shirt design contest: Open to all students, K-5 at ROE; drawings in color (use up to three colors); black outlining allowed; 8 1/2 x 11" paper (either direction); first and last name and teacher's name on the back of artwork. Due in Art room: Monday, Oct. 5th.

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!

Yearbooks are on sale at the lowest price of the year! Keep memories at your fingertips at the lowest price possible. Take advantage of our early bird pricing of \$28.00 when you order your yearbook by **TODAY**, September 30, 2015. (Yearbook personalization is available for an additional cost.) Click [HERE](#) to order now!

Share your pictures with the Yearbook Committee by downloading them at

<https://images.jostens.com/402753594>

- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload, click on "Select My Images."
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Please include the names of the students in the picture as well as grade level and the event where the photo was taken.

- Click "Upload Chosen Images." It's that easy!
Submit your photos today!

You may also email photos to yearbook@riveroakspto.org. Whichever method you use to submit them, please be sure to provide the following information for the kids appearing in the photo - name(s), teacher, event/activity. That information will help us make sure we are including as many students as possible.

For more information regarding the yearbook, go to:
<http://roepto.org/2015/09/05/yearbooks-now-on-sale/>

You can still purchase Spirit Ads and Business Ads
for the ROE Print Directory!

Spirit Ads - Your child loves seeing their photo in the Directory along with encouraging words from you. You may still buy Spirit Ads online at <https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/purchase-a-directory-spirit-ad/> or contact spiritads@riveroakspto.org.

Business Ads-The ROE Directory is a great way to reach hundreds of families. There are just a few placements for Business Ads still available. You may purchase Business Ads online at <https://cwsclients.wufoo.com/forms/purchase-a-directory-business-ad/> or contact businessads@riveroakspto.org

Thank you for your support!

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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