

July 31, 2015



Save the Dates

1. **Aug 22**-New Family Orientation (8:00a.m.-9:00 a.m.) and Road Runner Rally (to follow)
2. **Aug 20**-Meet and Greet (5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
3. **Aug 24**-First Day of School; Coffee with Head of School 8 a.m.
4. **Sept 8**-K-2 Open House (6:00-7 p.m.)
5. **Sept 10**- 3rd-5th Open House (6:00-7 p.m.)
6. **Sept 11**- PTO Back to School Social (Rain date Sept 18)

SUMMER MAILER EDITION

From the Desk of Dr. Fovargue

Dear ROE Families,

We hope you are enjoying the remaining days of summer break.

The first day of school is just around the corner, and we are busy preparing for another exciting year at ROE.

Iowa scores arrived in July. Student reports are available for pickup at ROE, or score reports will be sent home via student folders the first week of school.

STAFF UPDATE

A few of our 2014-2015 faculty members have embarked upon new adventures such as promotions, raising new babies, and transfers to out of state and other HISD campuses for different roles.

Congratulations to all of our teachers, and they will certainly be missed. We thank the following for their past contributions: Mr. Ponder, Ms. Timmerman, Ms. de Leon, Ms. Huynh, Ms. Fisackerly, Ms. Gutierrez and Ms. Delgado.

With each new school year, we have a wonderful addition of staff members joining our team. We are excited to announce:

Kinder: Ms. Carlisle (Askew Elementary)

Fourth: Ms. Ralph (former ROE teacher), Ms. Cho (Klein ISD), Ms. Macomb (Parker Elementary), Ms. Stecher (Out of State)

Fifth: Ms. McQueen (Poe Elementary)

Registrar: Ms. Sheehan

7. **Sept 16-** SDMC, Grandparent's Day Luncheon
8. **Sept 23-**Fall Holiday/No School
9. **Sept 24-** School Pictures
10. **Oct 2-**Movie Night
11. **Oct 24-** Fun Run
12. **Nov 3-** Retakes/Group Pictures
13. **Nov 9-11-** PTO Online Auction
14. **Nov 11-** Veteran's Day Ceremony
15. **Nov. 19-** Thanksgiving Day Lunch
16. **Nov 20-22-** Barnes & Noble Book Fair
17. **Nov 25-27-** Thanksgiving Break
18. **Dec 10-** SDMC
19. **Dec 18-** Class Parties
20. **Dec 21-Jan 1-** Winter Break
21. **Jan 18-** MLK Day
22. **Feb 11-** SDMC
23. **Feb 23-** Optional Spring Pictures
24. **Feb 9-12-** ROE Onsite Book Fair
25. **Mar 14-18-** Spring Break
26. **Mar 25-** Spring Holiday
27. **Apr 23-** Carnival
28. **May 25-** Last Day of School
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Ms. Scholin (former ROE teacher) will continue to join us part-time next year as a reading specialist. Mr. Mohammed will continue as an administrative intern for the fall semester and assist in our Vanguard office.

SAVE THE DATES 2015

On the left side of this newsletter, please check out the Save the Date section for important dates in 2015-2016. Back to school events include: Summer Playdates, New Family Orientation, Road Runner Rally (hosted by the PTO), and Meet and Greet (meet the teacher night). Also, please let me welcome you to ROE by joining me on the First Day of School for coffee in the cafetorium from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

FACILITY UPDATE

ROE has received a major face lift on the inside of the building this summer. The interior has a fresh coat of paint and several renovations are in progress. You will notice the following: new paint in the cafeteria and library, lockers painted in old wing, new shelving installed in the library, cafeteria restroom renovation, updated teacher workroom and lounge areas, new flooring in the main office, AC cleaning and repairs, repairs in classrooms as needed, additional data drops and wireless access points added, refurbished shelving installed for lost and found, red doors repainted, walls repaired due to water damage, repairs to playground equipment, drainage system assessments, cleaning and much more. Additionally, new cafeteria tables will be delivered this fall!

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE

The International Baccalaureate curriculum as well as our inquiry based and differentiated instructional models continue to be the focus for all students at ROE. All teachers are trained in IB as well as hold Gifted and Talented certifications in order to be prepared to meet the needs of our gifted learners. Providing access to Gifted and Talented Standards to all students in a heterogeneous setting has proved remarkable results for ROE students. Teachers work with students individually to assess their needs, and then develop individualized and small group instruction to stretch students one year above their current performance.

We are also excited about our upcoming IB Program Evaluation. To maintain authorization, all IB Schools undergo an evaluation to verify schools meet the required standards and practices set forth by the IB Organization. Last year, we spent our Wednesday afternoons aligning state and national standards to our IB Planners, and we will continue staff development in August and Wednesdays focused on the required standards and practices set forth by the IBO. I have full confidence we are on track for another successful evaluation.

Lastly, **our schedule will stay the same** (M,T, TH, F 7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m. and Wed. 7:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.). We will still have early dismissal on Wednesdays. For after school care, please visit our website at <http://riveroakselementaryschool.org/roe-connections/>

Chiarra Stratton, our PTO President, will have communication to follow regarding the many PTO events scheduled for the year. We look forward to another fulfilling year in working with our PTO.

Enjoy the rest of your summer break, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

Serving you,
Dr. Keri Fovargue, Head of School

ROE Summer Play Dates



Fun in the Summer Sun

Your fabulous PTO grade reps are already working hard to plan back-to-school play dates for your children in the next school year! Plan on catching up with old friends, meeting new ones, and splashing around!

5th Grade- August 22 9-11am @ROE

4th Grade -August 15 (TBA)

3rd Grade- Aug 21 6-8pm @ Metropolitan Services Center

2nd Grade- Aug 22 9:30 am Discovery Green Water Park

1st Grade- August 21 6-8 pm @ ROE

Kinder- August 22 9-11 am @River Oaks

Look for details to be sent by the PTO via email!

School Supplies

School Supplies - Order Now! - It is time to order school supplies for next year. To order online, or to download a printable form, [click here](#).

New Family Orientation & Road Runner Rally



NEW families should plan to join us Saturday, August 22nd for New Family Orientation from 8-9 a.m. in the cafetorium. After orientation, Kinder parents can head out to the ROE playground for a Kinder playdate from 9-11 a.m.

The PTO is hosting our annual Road Runner Rally this day for all families, and details will be announced soon. Come purchase your ROE gear, sign up to volunteer, and much, much more. You don't want to miss this exciting event!

Morning Arrival Procedures



School starts at 7:35 a.m.

Tardy bell is at 7:45 a.m.

- Carpool opens at 7:10 a.m.
- Carpool line enters only heading East on San Felipe.
- Carpoolers are encouraged to arrive prior to 7:20 a.m.
- Parents may park on the area streets to escort children into the front of the building. *(Parents must exit the building by 7:45 a.m.)*
- Parents with walkers enter and exit at the front entrance only. All parents should stop by the front office, and pick up a visitor's badge. Visitors should wear a badge at all times.

Afternoon Dismissal Procedures

3:15 p.m. Dismissal- M, T, Th, F

12:45 p.m. Dismissal- W

-ROE Carpool signs MUST be displayed in vehicle windows.

- The carpool line enters only heading East on San Felipe.
- Parents may park on the area streets and walk to designated area for student pickup.
- Meet your child at the designated exit location.

Safety Precautions

- AVOID cutting across Bellmeade or enter West on San Felipe into the carpool line.
- AVOID blocking driveways/traffic, using residential driveways or making u-turns.
- AVOID stopping in the street and calling children to your vehicle.
- Front Circle Drive is for Buses Only**
- AVOID being towed. Adhere to all City of Houston Parking Signage.

SDMC 2015-2016 Meeting Dates

For the 2015-2016 school year, SDMC meetings will occur quarterly from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays:

September 16, 2015
December 9, 2015
February 10, 2016
May 18, 2016

Please visit ROE's SDMC webpage at
<http://riveroakselementaryschool.org/sdmc-minutes/>
to learn about ROE's Shared Decision Making Committee.

Back to School Meet and Greet

Thursday, August 20th

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Class assignments will be posted in your grade hallway.

See you there!

News from Nurse Petner

Dear Parents,

Here is a friendly reminder to provide a change of clothes for children at school. These can be kept in a plastic bag in the locker or in the backpack but should include shirt, underwear, pants and socks. Don't forget to change them when the weather changes. We do have accidents at school which can include spills and puddles and your child will feel his or her best if he/she has a change of clothes.

Also, in order to give any medication during school hours, whether it is over the counter or prescription, a medication form must be signed by the doctor. These medication forms are available from the nurse.

Thanks,
Jan Petner, RN

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.

**Do you know someone who did not receive the
summer mailer?**

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