



February 5, 2015

## HOUSTON ISD COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING:



State law requires classrooms in grades kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> to have no more than 22 students. Because of the overcrowding in certain area schools, Houston ISD will have a community meeting at Sam Houston HS on Thursday, February 19, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Possible solutions will depend on each school's

situation and needs. School attendance boundaries may be redrawn. This meeting will provide the community with an opportunity to voice concerns and give feedback. It is **very important** for parents to attend this community meeting in order to be informed of possible changes for Lyons Elementary.

## FROM THE NURSE:



### WEAR RED DAY:

**TOMORROW - Friday, February 6** is National Wear Red Day. Lyons will be participating by asking all students, staff, family and community members to wear red to support the American Heart Association's mission to educate, prevent and research cures for heart disease as well as strokes. Wear Red also to remind ourselves to exercise and eat healthy foods to take care of our own heart.

## FIFTH GRADE POPCORN FUNDRAISER:



The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers are selling popcorn – the cost is only \$2.00 a bag. They are available in assorted flavors: vanilla, caramel, white cheese, yellow cheese and new this year – salsa cheddar. Please see any 5<sup>th</sup> grade student or teacher if you would like to purchase popcorn.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

***Congratulations to the following students for coming to school every day from January 26-30, 2015 – they won a small stuffed animal:***



Kristyian Silva – Mr. Diaz Jr. – PK

Isaias Ruiz – Mrs. Valdez – Kinder

Caleb Price – Mrs. Petry – 1<sup>st</sup>

Daniel Raygoza – Mr. Diaz Sr. – 2<sup>nd</sup>

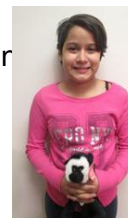


Jada Ramirez - Ms. Rodriguez – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Luna Rendon – Mrs. Caballero – 4<sup>th</sup>

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## **BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM:**



There will be a Black History Program on Thursday, February 19 at 1:15 p.m. Students are asked to wear **RED** t-shirts on that day, please.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to the top five singers that were chosen to represent Lyons Elementary in the Houston ISD Choir at the 2015 State of the Schools Luncheon at the Hilton Americas Downtown. The HISD Choir is a collection of the top 100 elementary students from all around the district. An audition process by Dr. Nguyen, a Houston ISD music specialist, and Mr. Shannon narrowed the choir to these five students:



Fatima Baez – Ms. Delcid  
Cynthia Luna- Mrs. Caballero  
Natalia Rosales – Mrs. Chavarria  
Alejandra Saenz – Ms. Lindberg  
Sophia Simmons – Ms. Sharber

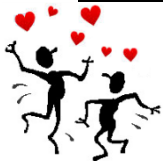


## **LYONS FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT:**



Thank you for joining us for an evening of science learning and fun at our annual Family Science Night last Thursday! We had a really great turn out – over 300 families attended. Your participation made our Family Science Night a success.

## **VALENTINE'S DAY PICTURES & DANCE:**



Second grade is sponsoring a **Valentine's Day Dance on Friday, February 13**. The cost is only \$1.00 per student. Students will dance during their ancillary time in the multi-purpose room. Snacks, juices, and trinkets will also be sold. Cost: 25¢ - \$2.00



2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will also take **Valentine Pictures on Friday, February 13, 2015**. The cost of the pictures is \$6.00 for 2 - 4"X6" pictures. Friends, siblings, family may be included in the picture at no extra cost. Order forms will be sent home soon with payment envelope.

**\* \* \* THE VALENTINE'S DANCE IS FOR LYONS STUDENTS ONLY! \* \* \***

**Please Note:** VIPS - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers need help covering their classrooms during the Valentine's Dance on Friday, February 13. If you can help, please let Ms. Sanders know. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



## **SPRING PICTURE DAY:**



Individual school pictures will be taken on two days: PK, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, PALS, and SLL classes will have their pictures taken on Thursday, February 12, 2015. Grades Kinder, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>,

5<sup>th</sup>, **and** G/T students will have their pictures taken on Friday, February 13, 2015. Send no money now – these pictures will be sent home for your review. Return any unwanted picture sheets with your payment – please **DO NOT** cut apart any sheet of pictures. Pick your pose – a selection form is being sent home for you to choose your child's pose. This must be filled out and returned to the photographer on picture day. Students should wear bright colors – solids work best. For more tips you may visit the Lifetouch website at [www.lifetouch.com](http://www.lifetouch.com)

***PLEASE NOTE: ALL G/T STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEIR PICTURES MADE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13 BECAUSE OF THEIR FIELD TRIP ON THURSDAY.***

## **G/T FIELD LESSON:**



We have scheduled our G/T fieldtrip to the Houston Museum of Natural Science on Thursday, February 12, 2015 from 8:30-2:30. The fieldtrip and lunch will be free for all G/T students. However, the only G/T students who can participate are the ones who have met with 2014-2015 Elementary School Gifted and Talented

Entrance Agreement requirements which was signed by both the student and parents at the beginning of this school year. G/T students must wear their blue G/T t-shirt for the field trip. Also, parents need to sign the Parent Approval Form and return it **tomorrow, Friday, January 30, 2015.**

Some of the expectations your child was required to follow were:

- Maintaining an individual class average of 75 or higher during each grading period in: Math, Science, Social Studies, and Reading/Language Arts;
- Completing assignments: class work, homework, and special projects
- Adhere to student code of conduct.

***PLEASE NOTE: G/T students will have their Spring Pictures taken on Friday, February, 13 due to their field trip on Thursday.***

## **KINDERGARTEN FIELD LESSON:**



Kindergarten will go on a field lesson to the Children's Museum of Houston on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Students will need to take a sack lunch. Permission slips were due to teachers on January 14, 2015.

## **FAMILY MATH & LITERACY NIGHT:**



Math and Literacy Night will be on Thursday, February 26, 2015 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Families are invited to enjoy a night of reading and math activities. There will be refreshment and lots of door prizes. Come play and learn with us at the Lyons Family Math and Literacy Night.

## **NUTRITION CLASSES:**



The next nutrition class will be Tuesday, February 10, 2015 – “Enjoy a Healthy Plate. Please join us as Ashley Moore (Prairie View A&M’s Family & Consumer Sciences Agent) teaches us about preparing healthy and delicious food for our families.

## **PASTA FOR PENNIES:**



Lyons ES will be participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Pasta for Pennies, presented by Olive Garden from February 2-27, 2015. Students are asked to collect their spare change to support LLS’s mission: to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients. **Lyons Elementary’s goal is \$4,000.00. Your efforts will help local children with cancer, like our Honored Hero – Ashton Jasso.**

Your child will learn about service, leadership and philanthropy and how they can change patient’s lives. Money can be turn up anywhere – under the couch pillows, in pockets, in the washing machine, etc. We can make a difference for so many by just collecting the loose change and bringing it to school for this worthy cause. The classroom that collects the most money will be treated to a lunch by Olive Garden. Look for more information to come.

## **GO TEXAN DAY FESTIVITIES:**

Go Texan Day Festivities will be held on Friday, February 27, 2015.



- ❖ All parents, students and staff are encouraged to dress in western clothing.
- ❖ Rodeo – 8:30-3:00 – will be held during students’ regular ancillary times. Parents are invited to come watch and/or assist their child’s teacher.
- ❖ Chili Cook-Off – Each grade level will participate in Lyons annual chili cook-off. One entry per grade level. VIPs may check with the grade level chairs to see if they need assistance. First prize will be a movie in the gym with popcorn. Second prize is a movie in the classroom with ice pops.
- ❖ Go Texan Day Pictures – sponsored by Kindergarten – cost \$5.00 for 2 - 4”X6” Friends, family, siblings may be included in the picture at no extra charge.



**CASH ONLY PLEASE**

***\*\* All persons who assist classrooms must be a registered VIPs***

*Employees, parents and students are encouraged to show support for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo by dressing in western outfits on “Go Texan Day”, Friday, February 27, in recognition of the show’s significant contributions to public education and to kick off this year’s rodeo. The Livestock Show and Rodeo is celebrating its 84<sup>th</sup> anniversary and has been a valuable educational partner. In 2014, the Show awarded scholarships worth \$1,602,000 to 89 Houston ISD graduates.*

## **FUEL UP TO PLAY 60:**



Parents, have your children log in to the *Fuel Up to Play 60* website and register for an opportunity to earn points and to enter a NFL contest. Please make sure you verify/accept that your child has parental permission to participate. Fuel Up to Play 60 is a great resource for your child to learn to eat healthy and be active. NFL prizes are offered to motivate the children to live a healthy lifestyle.

## **HOUSTON PARKS & RECREATION BASEBALL NEWS:**



Registration has started for Minute Maid Grand Slam for Youth Baseball.....

- January 5 – February 27, 2015, 2014      Ages 4 – 18
- Location: Clark Community Center      (9718 Clark Road)
- Cost: FREE



➤ Program Dates: March 21-May16, 2015

Minute Maid Grand Slam for Youth Baseball is a community outreach partnership of the Houston Astros, the Astros Foundation, and Minute Maid. For more information, you may call 713-742-1497.

## **GOAL SETTING:**

Setting goals helps us plan what we want to do and how we will do it. Give the gift of character and unleash the greatness in your child!



Pre-K – Dream  
Kindergarten - Dream  
1<sup>st</sup> – Imagine  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Hard Work

3<sup>rd</sup> – Persevere  
4<sup>th</sup> – Persist  
5<sup>th</sup> - Set Goals

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**REMINDER: EARLY DISMISSAL EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 1:00 P.M.**

February: Black History Month

Feb. 2-27 Pasta for Pennies



Feb. 6 National Wear Red Day

Feb. 10 Nutrition Class "Enjoy a Healthy Plate" 2:00 p.m.



Feb. 12 Spring Pictures PALS, SLL, PK, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades

Feb. 12 G/T Field Lesson to Houston National Science Museum 8:30-2:30



Feb. 13 Spring Pictures G/T Students, Kinder, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

Feb. 13 Valentine Dance \$1.00

Valentine's Day Pictures \$6



Feb. 16 President's Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Lesson to Houston Zoo 9:00-2:00

Feb. 17 Kindergarten Field Lesson to Houston Children's Museum 9:00-12:30



Feb. 19 Black History Program

Feb. 19 Community Meeting Sam Houston High School 6-8:00 p.m.

Feb. 26 Literacy Night 5-8:00 p.m.



Feb. 27 Go Texan Day –



Wear Western Wear – Rodeo 8:30-3:00

Go Texan Day Pictures \$5.00



March 6 G.R.E.A.T. Reading Program Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

March 16-20 Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

March 20 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring

April 10 Honor Roll

April 24 G.R.E.A.T. Reading Program Grades PK- 2<sup>nd</sup>



Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Cecilia A. Gonzales, Principal

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