



April 2, 2015



NO SCHOOL

TOMORROW

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015

Due to Spring Holiday

School Resumes Monday, April 6, 2015

SPRING PICTURES:



Spring pictures were distributed to students on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. Payment or pictures not being purchased were due today, Thursday, April 2, 2015. If you have not sent pictures or payment in yet, please do so now. **DO NOT CUT APART ANY SHEETS WHICH CONTAIN MULTIPLE PICTURES** – a sheet of pictures is sold as a whole.

Pictures may be paid for by cash or check – checks are to be made out to LifeTouch. Or, you may pay online at mylifetouch.com. You will need your Portrait ID located on the picture envelope. Please send the Payment Code to the school. The whole packet is \$46 or \$12 per sheet.

LOST AND FOUND:



The Lost & Found Box is very full...jackets, sweaters, lunch kits, wallets, backpacks, etc. If your child has lost something, please remind him/her to check with the clerk at the front reception desk. Parents are welcome to look, also. Everything left in the Lost & Found Box will be donated to a non-profit organization next week.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following students for coming to school every day from March 23-27, 2015 – they won a small stuffed animal:



Emily Joaquin – Mr. Diaz Jr. – PK
Raul Franco – Ms. Velazquez – K
Olivia Banda – Mrs. Petry – 1st
Angel Martinez Castro – Mr. Diaz Sr. – 2nd

Christopher Calis – Ms. Duarte – 3rd
Linda Bernabe Juarez – Mrs. Chavarria – 4th
Veronica Garcia – Mrs. Burton – 5th



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!:



Attendance matters for success in school and in life, and absences can easily add up to academic trouble. At Houston ISD, missing more than 10 percent of school a year can lead to a student ***not receiving a grade or being retained***, but more importantly, it represents lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn.

- **A child is considered chronically absent if they miss two or more days a month.** That includes unexcused and excused absences.
- **Attendance matters as early as kindergarten.** Studies show that children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade have trouble mastering reading.
- **By grade 6, chronic absence is a proven warning sign** that a student is at risk of dropping out.

BAND NOTES:



Parents; please continue to encourage your children to come to after school practice and allow them to stay the entire time; 3:30-4:30 p.m. They are making remarkable progress and we can't wait to showcase how much they've learned and grown at our May performances. When every Band member does their part in after school rehearsal we sound amazing in our full Band performances!

CONGRATULATIONS MR. DIAZ'S CLASS!:



Congratulations to Mr. Diaz Sr.'s 2nd grade class. They were the winners in the Pennies for Pasta fundraiser. The class raised \$302.51. That's awesome! The class won a luncheon for their entire class from Olive Garden. Thank you to everyone who so generously participated – school-wide we raised \$3,456.01 for this worthy cause. Fantastic!!

CONGRATULATIONS LYONS BALLET FOLKLORICO!:



Congratulations to the Lyons Ballet Folklorico! They won 1st place in the Dance Category at the annual Sutton 20th Music Festival 2015 competition last Saturday, March 28, 2015. Mrs. Rosales and Ms. Mendez would like to thank all of the parents for their support.

G/T EXPO & DIGITAL FAIR:



Our annual G/T Expo and Digital Fair will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2015 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This exhibition is produced every year in an effort to showcase projects created by the Gifted and Talented Students here on our great campus. Teachers may send home sheets of project ideas that you and your child may choose from and complete/construct at home. You may also

choose a different activity project of your own. The projects that you and your child

complete/construct are due April 27, 2015. If you have any questions; please feel free to contact Mr. Buitrago or Mr. Londoño.

NO WEDNESDAY EARLY DISMISSAL:



Please make note that there will be **NO EARLY DISMISSAL** on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 due to STAAR testing on that day.

TEST CALENDAR 2015:

Please make note of the following testing dates:

March 23 – April 8 - TELPAS– Grades K-5

April 1-10 – Istation – Grades K-5

April 20-22 - High Frequency Word Exam – Grades 1 & 2

April 20-May 1 – End of Year Test – Grades Pre-K

April 20 - STAAR Math – Grade 5

April 21 - STAAR Math – Grades 3 & 4

April 22 - STAAR Reading – Grades 3 & 4 **NO EARLY DISMISSAL**
STAAR Science – Grade 5

May 4-8 - IOWA Test – Grades 1-5

May 12 - STAAR Reading Retest – Grade 5

June 23 - STAAR Reading Retest – Grade 5



It is imperative that students attend school on these days! Remember that students should get a good night's rest the night before a test and eat a good breakfast the day of the test. Students need to arrive to school on time – **DO NOT BE TARDY!**

NOTE: We **CANNOT** call into classrooms on test days to give messages or to call students to office for backpacks, lunch, snacks, homework, etc. **PLEASE** make sure your children have everything they will need for the day when they leave home in the mornings.

OFFICE DEPOT REWARDS PROGRAM:



Office Depot has a Reward Program for Houston ISD schools. When you make a purchase at Office Depot, please give them Lyons' school code: **70098148**. Lyons will receive 5% of the purchase on selected items. Thank you for participating in this program and supporting Lyons Elementary!

HISD "WHEN I GROW UP" CAREER EXPO:

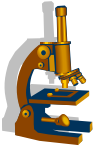


Houston ISD will hold its 3rd Annual "When I Grow Up Career Expo" on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Hattie Mae White Bldg. (4400 West 18th St.). This is a FREE family fun day with lots of activities to participate in: Test your

Skills at the Interactive Museum on Wheels; Learn about Career Choices with Career Cowboy with Tex the Robot; visit the Hands on Activities and the Building

Workshop Booths; go to the Discovery Dome and check out the Food Trucks. The purpose of this event is to expose children to a wide assortment of careers in our region that they may not think or know about. For more information, you may call 713-556-6981.

LYONS SCIENCE FAIR:



Attention all Lyons scientists! The Lyons Science Fair will be held **Thursday, May 21, 2015**. Science projects will be due to your teacher by **Tuesday, May 19th**. It is time to begin researching what science topic you would like to learn about! Pre-K through 3rd grade students will participate with a class project. All 4th through 5th grade students may participate with an individual or group (2 students) project. Let the science experiments begin!

LYONS YEARBOOK:



Have you reserved your copy of the Lyons 2015 Yearbook? At only \$25 your child will have a lasting treasure of fun memories of their friends & classmates during this past school year. For as little as \$5 down, you can reserve your copy now. **NO EXTRA COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE**, so be sure to reserve your copy TODAY! Deadline to reserve is April 17.

YEARBOOK ADS: If you'd like to include a special "Congratulations" or "Love You" in your child's book, ads are available for only \$5. See Ms. Bridges or Ms. Acosta (in library) for forms. For an additional \$5 you can add a favourite photo.

FREE IMMUNIZATIONS:



Are your children's immunizations current? Troubleshooters will be at Lyons Elementary on Friday, April 24, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. to administer

FREE

IMMUNIZATIONS to children from infants to 18 years old. Please bring your child's shot record.

PRE-K & KINDER PRE-REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016:



Pre-registration for children who will be attending Pre-K and Kindergarten in the 2015-2016 school year will take place on April 27 - May 1, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Pre-K and Kinder enrollment packets will be available in the front office from April 6-24, 2015. Before receiving a registration packet, you **MUST** submit **ALL** required documentation. Please note that you will receive notice in the mail to bring new proof of residence and income around mid-July. The law states that proof of income and residence can be no older than 60 days from start of school. Packet forms **MUST** be filled out completely when they are brought in on registration days. It is the parents' responsibility to return the packet during the registration period. All applications will be reviewed and are subject to approval. Bilingual Pre-K students will be called to take a test, please make sure that we have good working phone numbers in order to contact you. Requirements are as follows:

- ▶ Pre-K must be 4 years old before or on September 1
- ▶ Kinder must be 5 years old before or on September 1
- ▶ Proof of income for students enrolling in Pre-K (*New proof will be requested in mid-July*)
- ▶ Current shot record – shots must be up to date – **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ▶ Social Security card (if available)
- ▶ Parent or Guardian **MUST** be present to enroll
- ▶ Birth certificate (original – **not** copy)

- ▶ Students who attended school this past year, **MUST** bring last report card
- ▶ Driver's license or official picture I.D.
- ▶ Proof of address (light, water, gas bill, or rent receipt *with* lease contract – **no** older than 1 month old). The utility bill or lease contract must have the parent or guardian's name on it. (*New proof will be requested in mid-July*)

PLEASE NOTE:

The Texas Education Code requires Proof of Income for children enrolling in Pre-Kindergarten. Please see the following for a list of acceptable documentation:

- Current paycheck stub, current pay envelopes, letter from employer stating gross wages paid & how often they are paid, Worker's Compensation or Disability payment stub.
- Acceptable documentation for self-employment income include: business or farming documents, such as ledger books and/or self-issued paychecks tub, last year's tax return.
- Acceptable documentation for cash income include: a letter from the employer stating wages paid & frequency














FREE TAX PREPARATION:



There is FREE tax preparation, sponsored by Neighborhood Tax Centers/United Way, available at several neighborhood locations from January through April 2015. They will provide for **FREE**: tax preparation, e-filing for fast refund, direct deposit, and ITIN application. No appointment is necessary – walk-ins only. Families and individual earning up to \$58,000

are eligible. The nearest location to Lyons ES is at LINC Houston, 161 West Road, 77037. Open in March Monday-Friday from 11:00-7:00 & Saturdays 9:00-1:00. In April Monday-Friday 10:00-7:00 & Saturdays 9:00-4:00. For more locations or information please call the Texas/United Way Helpline at 211.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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|  | April 1-10 | IStation 5K-5 th Grades | |
| | April 2 | 5 th Grade to BizTown | |
|  | April 3 | NO SCHOOL – SPRING HOLIDAY |  |
| | April 10 | Honor Roll 1 st & 2 nd 1:30 / 3 rd -5 th 2:20 |  |
| | April 11 | HISD When I Grow Up Career Expo 10 A.M.- 2 P.M. | |
| | April 13 | PK Field Lesson to Houston Zoo 9:00-2:00 |  |
| | April 15 | 2 nd Grade Field Lesson to Natural Science Museum 9:00 – 1:00 | |
| | April 17 | Last Day to Reserve Lyons 2015 Yearbook |  |
| | April 22 | STAAR Test Day – NO EARLY DISMISSAL | |
| | April 22 & 23 | After-School Lemonade Sales \$1 | |
|  | April 24 | FREE IMMUNIZATIONS 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. (Infants – 18 Year Olds)
G.R.E.A.T. Reading Program Grades PK- 2 nd |  |
| | April 6-24 | Pick-Up PK/K Registration Packets | |
| | April 27-May 1 | Pre-Registration for Pre-K & Kinder 2015-2016 8:30-1:00 |  |
| | April 27 | G/T Expo & Digital Fair Projects Due | |
| | April 30 | Kinder Field Lesson to Oil Ranch 9:00-2:00
G/T Expo & Digital Fair 4:00-6:00 p.m. |  |
|  | May 3 | Lemonade Club Members Begin Lemonade Stands |  |
| | May 4-8 | Teacher Appreciation Week |  |

May 13 Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
May 19 Science Fair Projects Due
May 21 Science Fair
May 25 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
May 28 Last Day of School



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Approved: _____
Cecilia A. Gonzales, Principal

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