



September 17, 2015

EARLY DISMISSAL 1:00

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015



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NO SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

Due to Fall Holiday

SCHOOL RESUMES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015



GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT LYONS:



Thank you to all of the grandparents who joined their grandchildren in their classrooms last Friday, September 11 for a reading activity on Grandparents' Day at Lyons. The students were very excited to have you visit their classrooms, you made them feel very special!

PROGRESS REPORTS:



Progress reports will be sent home tomorrow, Friday, September 18, 2015 for all students in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

CONGRATULATIONS!:

Congratulations to the following students for coming to school every day from September 8-11, 2015 – they won a small stuffed animal:



Adrian Briagas – Mr. Diaz Jr. – PK
Emilio Diaz – Mrs. Amaya – K
Daniela Garcia – Mr. Loa – 1st
Ismael Compean – Mrs. Woulard – 2nd



Evelyn Sandoval – Mrs. Ybarbo – 3rd
Edwin O. Martinez – Mrs. Chavarria – 4th
Martin Ruiz – Ms. Burton – 5th



Sebastian Villa's picture was not printed in last week's Pawprints – congratulations Sebastian for having perfect attendance from August 31-September 4!

SAFETY CONCERNS REMINDER:



Please remember to leave home or work a little early so as to lessen speeding and safety concerns associated with speeding during pick-up and drop-off times. Keep in mind not to illegal park, which may cause pedestrians to veer toward the street, which is very dangerous to everyone. Please drop off your students in the proper areas where there are assigned staff to assist your child – ***DO NOT USE THE STAFF PARKING LOT AS A DROP-OFF.*** Please leave the sidewalks and walkways clear for those who walk to and from school.

SCHOOL-WIDE FUNDRAISER:



Get ready. . .it is that time again – the Lyons School-Wide Fundraiser is here! The fundraiser began Monday, September 14, 2015. All money and orders are due back to the school by Monday, September 28, 2015. Please look for information that was sent home. Again, we will be selling candy, cookies, kitchenwares, and other items. Don't forget, the holidays are right around the corner...some of these items would make great gifts. Let's make this the best year ever! ALL of the money earned will be used to benefit our students and their needs.

CASH ONLY, PLEASE – CHECKS NOT ACCEPTED!

KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE IN A DIGITAL WORLD:



Did you know that the average child between the ages of 8 and 18 spend 7 hours and 38 minutes per day with media and technology? Did you know that 90% of 13-17 year olds have used some form of social media? (*Source: Common Sense Media*) It takes everyone: principals, teachers, parents and the community, to see that our students are cybersmart and good digital citizens. Houston ISD as created a new website to help

students understand how the digital world works and to help parents and educators ensure that our children create good digital footprints. To learn more about today's media and technology landscape, you may visit **HoustonISD.org/Cybersafety**. At this site, parents will find videos, tips sheets, educator resources, student activities, family media agreements, parent guides and social media 101.

CLUBS DATES & TIMES:

- **Art Club** will meet on Tuesdays from 3:30- 4:30 in room 113. This is open to students in K- 2nd grades. Sponsors are Mrs. Valdez & Mr. Diaz Jr.
- **Cheerleading** practice will be held every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 in the multi-purpose room. First practice was this Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Cheerleader sponsors are Mrs. Petry and Mrs. Sanders.
- **Recipe for Success** is open to students in 3rd -5th grades. They will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:45 p.m. ***Start date is pending.*** Sponsors are Ms. Harris and Mrs. Racine.



- **Make & Rake Club** (formerly Garden Club) will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 in the library beginning Monday, September 21. The club for students in 4th and 5th grades. Garden Club sponsors are Mrs. Acosta and Ms. Fowler.



- **Basketball practice** will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. This is open to students in 3rd – 5th grades. The Basketball sponsors are Mr. Sanchez & Mr. Rivera



- Last Soccer tryouts will be tomorrow, Friday, September 18, 2015 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. **Soccer practice** will be held on Wednesdays from 1:15-2:15 p.m. and Fridays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the soccer field behind the school. This is open to students in 3rd-5th grades. The Soccer sponsors are Mr. Sanchez & Mr. Rivera



- **Chess Club** will meet every Monday, beginning September 21 from 3:30-5:00 in the Science Lab (Rm #125). This open to GT students in 3rd-5th grade only. Chess Club sponsor is Mr. Sanchez.



- **Name That Book Club** for students in **K-2nd** will meet every Monday, beginning September 21st from 3:30-4:30 in room #124. Club sponsors are Mrs. Lermas-Murillo and Mrs. Benson.

Name That Book Club for students in **3rd-5th** Grades will meet every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Room 218 beginning September 28. Sponsors are Mrs. Jackson & Ms. Rangel.



- **Choir - Vocal Pride** will meet every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:00-7:30 a.m. in the Music Room (T8). Lyons Choir is open to students in 2nd -5th grades. Choir sponsor is Mr. Shannon.

- **Band** will meet in the Band Room, T7, from 3:30-4:30. Mr. Page is the sponsor.



Monday – Woodwinds/Percussion (*Flutes, Clarinets, Saxophones, Drums, Bells*)
 Tuesday – Brass (*Trumpets, Trombones, Baritones, Tubas, Euphoniums*)
 Thursday – Woodwinds/Percussion (*Flutes, Clarinets, Saxophones, Drums, Bells*)
 Friday – Brass (*Trumpets, Trombones, Baritones, Tubas*)

- **Lemonade Club** is open to students in 4th & 5th grades (with an 80 or above grade average). The Lemonade Club will meet in room 217 on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 beginning October 12, 2015. Mrs. Gomez-Warren is the club sponsor.



- **Coding & Robotics Club** is open to students in 2nd – 5th grades and will meet in the Computer Lab – Room 103 from 3:30-4:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Sponsors are Mr. Londoño, Mrs. Acosta, Mr. Doria, Ms. Hernandez, Mrs. Mendoza, Ms. Ramirez



- **Ballet Folklorico** students meet in the PK hallway by the elevator from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on the following days: Club sponsors are Ms. Mendez & Ms. Acosta

Kinder -2nd - Tuesday - Began September 15
 3rd – 5th Grades – Friday – Begins September 18



- **Adult Computer Classes:** Supérate y Triunfa is offering a computer class for parents called Digital Learning. Classes will be taught in Spanish at Lyons Elementary every Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. You can sign up with Mr. Londoño. Classes will start on September 18, 2015

PLEASE BE ON TIME TO PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN FROM THEIR AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES. STUDENTS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO CALL PARENTS TO COME PICK THEM UP – NO STUDENT SHOULD BE LEFT WAITING FOR A RIDE HOME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

MEETING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR PARENTS OF G/T STUDENTS:



There will be a meeting Thursday, October 8, 2015 for parents of G/T students in grades 1-5 from 4:00- 5:00 P.M. – in the multipurpose room. This is **ONLY** for parents and students in the G/T program – no other family members will be allowed.

THE NED SHOW:



Today was the last day to purchase a yo-yo and/or accessory. Thank you to everyone who made a purchase.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH:



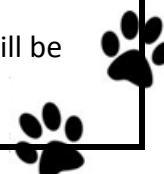
Wednesday, September 16 – Friday, October 16, 2014 is Hispanic Heritage Month in which we celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. Listen to morning announcements this month and learn some interesting facts.



**COMING SOON.....
SOMETHING NEW**

BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2016,
PAWPRINTS WILL NO LONGER BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS
INSTEAD, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS PAWPRINTS ON THE LYONS WEBSITE
EVERY THURSDAY

For those households which do not have access to a computer or the internet, there will be paper copies available at the Parent Corner in front of the office.



BE A WINNER – HELP LYONS BE A WINNER!

2015 Ben's Beginners Cooking Contest:



The 2015 Ben's Beginners Cooking Contest began on August 26th and ends on October 12, 2015. One of our families would win \$15,000.00 and a cafeteria makeover for our school. There will be 5 Grand Prize winners. Purpose of the contest is to inspire healthy beginning by encouraging parents and children to spend quality time by cooking together. For helpful tips and delicious recipes go to www.unclebens.com.

- Cook a rice-based dish with your child
- Make a 3-minute video showing your enthusiasm for cooking and the fun things you learned together
- Upload your video to www.unclebens.com

Build a Bright Future:



You could help our school receive up to \$10,000.00. To enter: visit BrightFuturePromo.com between August 3 – September 30, 2015. In 50-200 words, write how Lyons could use \$10,000 to help build a bright future for our students. Any parent, teacher, administrator, family member or friend, age 21 and over, can nominate a school – there is no limit to the number of nominations a school can receive. This contest is sponsored by Frigo® Cheese Heads® brand.

FROM MRS. MENDOZA – READING LAB:



We are in the process of getting new books for 1st and 2nd grade teachers' classroom libraries. We need volunteers to help our teachers level their new books. Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in helping her organize her classroom library. Please remember that you **MUST** be a registered VIPS to assist with this project.

CONNECT ED:



One of the ways the principal communicates with parents is via a telephone call through Connect ED. If you have not received a Connect ED call as of yet, this means we **DO NOT** have a correct phone number on file for your child. Please call the school with your correct phone number. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!**

STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY:



Parents are encouraged to make appointments for their children on non-school days or after school when possible. Please note that in order to take students from school early, that person **MUST** be on the student enrollment card and **MUST** present a valid picture ID. Students will not be released after 2:30 (12:30 on Wednesdays).

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION:



Did you remember to save your Box Tops over the summer? Now is the time to bring them to school and turn them into Mrs. Acosta. You may tape them to the summer collection paper that was sent home in May. Lyons will once again be collecting BoxTops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels - please help Lyons

by saving your Box Tops. You may turn in your BoxTops and Campbell Soup Labels to Mrs. Acosta. For a complete list of General Mills Box Tops for Education participating products visit www.boxtops4education.com.

PRIVATE BUS SERVICES:



Please remember: Houston ISD is not affiliated with any private bus services, nor does the district regulate or recommend any private bus service to transport students to and from school. Lyons may not recommend specific private bus companies or provide lists of area bus services that HISD is not actively regulating.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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- Sept. 14-18 Soccer Tryouts
- Sept. 14-28 School-Wide Fundraiser
- Sept. 15 Ballet Folklorico Practice Begins K-2nd Grades 3:30-5:30
- Sept. 15 Cheerleader Practice Begins 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- Sept. 17 PAC/VIPS Meeting 8:30 A.M.
- Sept. 18 Progress Report Day Kinder – 5th Grades
Lemonade Club Applications Due
Ballet Folklorico Practice Begins 3rd-5th Grades 3:30-5:30



- Sept. 21 Chess Club Begins 3:30-5:00 Room 127
Name That Book Club Begins Kinder-2nd 3:30-4:30



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Sept. 29 Name That Book Club Grades 3-5 Begins 3:30-4:30



Oct. 6 Last Day to Eat on 2014-2015 Lunch Status

Oct. 8 G/T Parent Meeting & Ice Cream Social 4:00-5:00 P.M. MP Room

Oct. 15 & 16 Fall Pictures

Oct. 22 G.R.E.A.T. Reading Program PK-2nd Grade 8-9:30 a.m.



Oct. 30 Report Card Day

Nov. 19 & 20 Retakes & Group Pictures

Nov. 13 Honor Roll 1st 9 Weeks 1:30-2:10 / 2:15-3:00

Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving **NO SCHOOL**

Dec. 21-Jan. 1 Winter Break **NO SCHOOL**

Jan. 18 Martin Luther King Day **NO SCHOOL**

March 14-18 Spring Break **NO SCHOOL**

March 25 Spring Holiday **NO SCHOOL**



Hispanic Heritage Month
September 16 – October 16



Approved: _____

Cecilia A. Gonzales, Principal

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