



# FALCON NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2025 - VOLUME 23

## MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL HOBBS

*Dear Rice School Parents & Families,*

Testing season is here. Students in Grade 3-8 will take the STAAR tests over the next few weeks in April. Our teachers have been working to prepare them for these rigorous assessments. In May, all of our students will take the NWEA MAP End of Year (EOY) assessments which will measure their growth and achievement in reading, math, and science. We need our students in school every day to focus on Teaching & Learning! We appreciate our parental support at The Rice School/La Escuela Rice!

*Principal Hobbs*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

4/18/25	Spring Holiday – No School
4/25/25	Report Cards
5/2/25	Staff Professional Development – No School
5/16/25	Progress Reports
5/26/25	Memorial Day – No School
6/2/25	Kinder Promotion Ceremony – 9:30-10:30
6/3/25	5th Grade Promotion Ceremony 9:30-11:30
6/4/25	8th Grade Promotion Ceremony 9:30-11:30
6/4/25	Last Day of School – Report Cards

For grade-level event information, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

## STAAR TESTING

# STAAR Testing Dates

APRIL 15 - STAAR READING GRADES 3, 4, 5  
APRIL 16 - STAAR SCIENCE GRADE 8  
APRIL 22 - STAAR SCIENCE GRADE 5  
APRIL 23 - STAAR SOCIAL STUDIES GRADE 8  
APRIL 24 - STAAR MATH GRADES 3, 4, 5  
APRIL 29 - STAAR MATH & ALGEBRA GRADES 6, 7, 8

**GOAL: 100% ATTENDANCE**

## NWEA TESTING

# NWEA MAP TESTING



- MAY 20 - MATH (KINDER - 8TH GRADE)
- MAY 21 - READING (2ND - 8TH GRADE)
- MAY 22 - SCIENCE (2ND - 8TH GRADE)
- MAY 23 - SPANISH READING

**GOAL: 100% ATTENDANCE**

## POSSIP PULSE CHECKS

These Pulse Checks are short emails or text messages asking families about their child's experience at school. The "pulse check" will take place biweekly starting Thursday September 1. We encourage all HISD families to share their feedback to help us improve communication between families and schools. To learn more, click on the link below:  
<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/198664> or  
[https://www.weeklypossip.com/schools/4351/school\\_parent\\_s/new](https://www.weeklypossip.com/schools/4351/school_parent_s/new)

## HISD PARENT/STUDENT SUMMER RESOURCES

Wraparound Services -

<https://www.houstonisd.org/domain/45633>

Family and Community Engagement -

<https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/198664>

Sunrise Center -

<https://www.houstonisd.org/domain/56662>

## CONTACT FACULTY & STAFF

Are you looking for a Rice School Faculty or Staff email?  
Please go to: <https://www.houstonisd.org/trsfaculty>