

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 April 26, 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Apr 29 - May 3 Placement Exam for
Native Spanish Speakers**
**Apr 30 Drama Dept.'s Murder Mystery
Dinner Show 6p**
**May 1 Drama Dept.'s Murder Mystery
Dinner Show 6p**
May 3 PTO Meeting & VIPS Breakfast 8:15a

PTO NEWS

PTO GENERAL MEETING AND VIPS BREAKFAST

Come join us for the last PTO meeting of the year! All PTO members and volunteers are invited to attend the VIPS (Volunteers in the Public Schools) Breakfast and PTO meeting on **Friday, May 3rd, at 8:15 a.m.** in the teachers' lounge. The VIPS Breakfast is our small way of saying "thank you" to all the volunteers who help make Lanier a great place for our kids. If you've volunteered in any capacity, we'd love to see you there.

Topics for the meeting include a new PTO website, proposed changes to the PTO By-Laws, and approval of the 2013-2014 Slate of PTO Officers. We hope you can join us for this final meeting of the year and a celebration of all of our wonderful volunteers!

"READ ALL ABOUT IT"

The Book Fair was a wonderful success!! We want to thank everyone for coming and supporting Lanier. We would like to thank **Katy Perez** and **EJane Hughson** for all of their help at the Book Fair.

Congratulations to **Ms. Kemp** who was the winner of the teacher contest. Happy Reading! See you next year!
Maryann Mueller and Mary Beth Yard

PURPLE PRAISE

ROBOTICS TEAMS DOMINATES GAMES ROBOTS PLAY

The Lanier Robotics Teams took first place in every category at Waltrip High School's *Games Robots Play* on Saturday, April 20th. For this event, teams from all over the district arrived at Waltrip with a pre-built basic robot. They are then briefed on the details of the four challenges they will face. For the next three hours, the teams have to build, adapt, program, & practice in order to score the most points in each challenge. Please congratulate the following awesome robotics team members:

Dark Prodigy: Gerald Canario (7th), Nicolas Jeanjean (7th), Gan Liu (7th), Camille McLaren (8th)

RoboNinjas: Adam Capfer (8th), Andrew Contreras (6th), Jovonny Flores (), Will Graham (8th), & Robert Hooks (8th), Canyon Schwartz (8th)

RoboRaptorz: Stone Lack (7th), Jake Spivey (6th), Jose Valdez (7th)

Yobos: Jakin Cordova (7th), Bill Li (6th), Yaritza Serrano (7th), Devon Watson (6th)

Congratulations on a great year! Thank you to all the parents & to Ms. Smith for the support & encouragement of our teams! This is the official end of robotics season. Meetings will resume in August.

IB CORNER

IB WORD OF THE WEEK

Week 33: IB Primary Years Programme - focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside.
www.ibo.org

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lanier Theatre Company *Presents*

EMPLOYEES MUST WASH HANDS BEFORE MURDER - DINNER THEATER

April 30 & May 1
6-8pm

served on stage in Lanier Auditorium
(\$15 includes show and dinner!)

Purchase tickets at

www.seatyourself.biz/lanierdrama

DONATIONS REQUEST

The Lanier Uniform Store would appreciate donations of gently used uniform clothing in all sizes, especially larger sizes. Donations can be left in Office A. Questions regarding donations can be addressed to Rebecca Shukla at ranneshukla@gmail.com.

UN EXAMEN PARA UNA CLASE MAS AVANZADA DE ESPAÑOL

Padres de familia de alumnos de SEXTO GRADO-
Si su hijo/ hija quisiera tomar una clase mas avanzada de español el próximo año tendremos un examen para determinar en que nivel ponerlo/la. El examen tendrá lugar la semana del 29 de abril durante "study lab". Les pedimos por favor que sus hijos informen a las maestras

de "study lab" que desean tomar el examen de español, para así hacer las copias suficientes del examen. Esta clase de nativos es de un crédito de "high school." Tomaran la clase de Español AP en octavo grado que también es de un crédito de "high school" pero tienen posibilidad de recibir cuatro créditos dependiendo de que saquen en el examen AP en octavo grado. Si necesitan más información por favor de mandarme un correo electrónico a ecantu7@houstonisd.org

SPANISH NATIVE SPEAKER CLASS PLACEMENT EXAM

Dear Parents of 6th GRADERS-

If your son/ daughter would like to take the Spanish Native Speaker class next year we will have a placement test to see if he/ she qualifies for the class. The placement test will take place the week of April 29th during study lab. Please tell your son/daughter to inform his/ her study lab teacher that he/ she would like to take the test so we have enough copies.

The Spanish native speaker class is a high school credit class. They will continue to Spanish AP in 8th grade, also a high school credit class with a possibility of four credits depending on what they score on the Spanish AP test in 8th grade. For more information please email me at ecantu7@houstonisd.org

ALGEBRA 1 SUMMER CAMP

To all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students considering Algebra 1 next year-- Lanier will be conducting two different Algebra Summer Camps this summer. **The first Summer Algebra Camp will be offered July 29 – August 1 and the second Summer Algebra Camp will be offered on August 5 - 8.** Algebra 1 summer camp is a four day course that will be held at Lanier Middle School to provide students with the basic Algebra concepts to start off and succeed in high school Algebra 1.

The camp will cover algebraic concepts and terminology used in Algebra, problem solving with abstract concepts, use of technology to help solve algebraic problems, understanding assessment system used in high school Algebra, and learning study and time management skills needed for abstract concepts. The camp will use TI-84 graphing calculators along with hands-on manipulatives to describe exponents, variables and number concepts.

Limited space is available for morning or afternoon sessions. The cost is only \$125 for one week, all 4 days, of the 8:30-11:30 A.M. morning sessions or \$125 for one week, all 4 days, of the 12:30-3:30 P.M. afternoon sessions or \$200 for one week, all 4 days, of both morning and afternoon sessions. Financial assistance is available. **Please contact Mr. Wisniewski at the email bwisniew@houstonisd.org or ski.boyd@gmail.com** for application forms or you can download them at: <http://www.freewebs.com/lms-wisniewski/>

PARENTS AND STUDENTS: WE WANT PHOTOS!

Lanier's PTO is working hard this year to spread the good word about Lanier, and **YOU** can help! If your student is participating in any kind of school event, be it academic, artistic, athletic, technology-related, or anything else Lanier – please take a photo of your student (a group

photo, if applicable) and email it to Catherine Witte at Zimwits@aol.com. She will submit it to local media outlets! Please identify the students in your photo and include a brief blurb about the event. Feel free to email Catherine with any questions!

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE PURPLE PAGE

Please follow the guidelines below for any submission to the Purple Page:

- Submit your article to purplepageeditor@gmail.com.
- **All articles are subject to approval by Ms. Smith.**
- All submissions are due by **5:00pm on TUESDAY**, but **EARLIER is BETTER!!** Later submissions must have principal approval.
- If your submission needs to be translated, it must be submitted **by Tuesday 9:00am**.

Please create a Word Document (Font: Arial, size 10) for all submissions as an attachment to your email.

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