

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 April 5, 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 9 Race to Nowhere at Lanier 8:15a & 6:30p
Apr 11 Lanier Dance info mtg 6p
Apr 11 Cheer Clinic at Lanier 3:35-6p
Apr 15-19 Teacher Appreciation Week
Apr 16-17 Book Fair at Barnes & Noble 3:45-8p

PTO NEWS

FIRST AUCTION PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS!

Wow! Thanks to the generosity and efforts of Lanier faculty, teachers, and parents, along with the support of numerous local businesses, the inaugural "Party with a Purpose" was successful beyond our wildest dreams. Through the sale of auction items, tickets, and sponsorships, as of this writing after expenses, we have raised \$44,424! This is an AMAZING result for a first year event. Thank you so much to our auction chairs, Brittney and Max Tribble, for their generous underwriting and gracious hospitality, along with countless hours spent soliciting and organizing donated items and seeing to the countless tasks leading up to the party. Also, thank you again auction committee for your tireless effort toward this wonderful result. The proceeds from the auction will be used to upgrade the classroom technology at Lanier.

Michele Navratil
VP Fundraising

COME SUPPORT OUR WONDERFUL TEACHERS AND OUR LIBRARY AT THE SPRING BOOK FAIR

**Tuesday, April 16th and Wednesday, April 17th
3:45 – 8:00pm**

We look forward to seeing everyone at Barnes and Noble at 2030 West Gray where Lanier will have a table upstairs near the kids section. Each child will receive a flyer and purple voucher to bring to the book fair. The voucher will have the Book Fair ID # for Lanier to present at check out.

**"Free Dress Day" pass to every student
who attends the Book Fair!!!**

**The Literacy teacher with the greatest number of
students at the Book Fair will win a special prize!!**

Parking is not a problem – Barnes and Noble has a free parking garage connected to the bookstore just off of Shepherd.

We've made it easy with several ways to shop at Barnes and Noble so that Lanier earns a percentage of all sales!

You can purchase anything in the store (books, music, movies, and merchandise), or Café. You can even purchase on-line! On-line sales run from April 16th through April 22nd. The electronically attached Book Fair flyers have "shop on-line" instructions as well as additional information and Book Fair ID Vouchers.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maryann Mueller (maryann@useraid.com) and Mary Beth Yard (mary.yard@att.net)

PURPLE PUP SPORTS

LANIER GIRLS LACROSSE

The Girls Lacrosse team had a great game against Stratford last Thursday with a 15-7 victory. Goals were made by **Maddie Spence - 5, Nakeeya - 4, Meredith - 2, Christina - 2, and Erin Sheena - 2**. The defense held Stratford to 7 goals. Way to go girls! The next game is Sunday, April 7 at Klein.

IB CORNER

IB WORD OF THE WEEK

Week 30: Technology - This subject area is valuable for reinforcing and integrating skills learned in other disciplines, especially in the presentation and handling of data and the processes involved in the design and manufacture of a product. At the same time, it fosters awareness of the social and ethical implications of technological development. www.ibo.org

PURPLE PRAISE

PUPS SHINE IN LANIER'S GOT TALENT AND TOLERANCE

Last Wednesday, the student council and leadership program hosted the fourth annual Lanier's got Talent and Tolerance showcasing some of the best acts that Lanier had to offer. When the judges turned in their reviews, the results were as follows.

In the Individual Category, Honorable Mention was **Sarah Tin – U** singing "Skyfall."

3rd place winner was **Savannah Hoeffner** singing "When I was Your Man."

2nd place winner was **Liana Davis** singing "Jar of Hearts" And the Individual Winner was **Cameron Biggart** singing "Say it Ain't So."

In the Group Division the runner up was **Lekha Sunder** and **Grace Nguyen** with their rendition of "I'm Yours."

And the Group Winner was **Annabelle Wang** and **Ally Sun**, with the Butterfly Dance.

The final awards went to crowd pleasers **Andrew White** with his piano piece "*Acoustic Curves*" and **Atiana SanMiguel** "*Locked out of Heaven*."

All students mentioned in this article can stop by Mr. Giroir's room, T-23 after school for your prizes.

Special thanks to the administrators, the judges, the student council, the performers, and the audience who made this the best talent show yet.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/>

CHEERLEADING CLINIC

There will be a cheer clinic on Thursday, April 11, 2013 from 3:35-6:00pm in the Lanier gym. All students ages 4th grade and up are invited to learn cheers, chants, jumps, arm motions, and more! This clinic is optional but strongly encouraged for all 7th graders who will be trying out for the 2013-2014 squad. The clinic is \$20 pre-registration and \$25 at the door. Registration forms can be found in the dance room. Registration forms and checks made out to Lanier Dance Booster may be turned in to the dance room or Mrs. Wolfe's box in office B.

Have questions or need more information? Email swolfe1@houstonisd.org or see Mrs. Wolfe in the dance room. Bring your friends and join the fun!

INTERESTED IN LANIER DANCE?

If your child is NOT currently enrolled in dance at Lanier but wants to be in Dance Ensemble (a fee-based performance class) next year, she must audition for placement in April.

Kids who are NOT currently enrolled in dance at Lanier, but want to be in hip hop or breakdance may choose that option on their course selection sheets.

Kids who are already in dance at Lanier should have brought home an audition information sheet last week. Their need to audition is based on their current class and the class they want to be in next year- please consult the audition flyer.

All kids who plan to go through the audition process must have a parent or guardian at an information meeting to learn more about our program. The remaining parent informational meeting is **Thursday, April 11, 6:00pm, Lanier cafeteria.**

A parent or guardian must attend the entire meeting for a child to be eligible to go through the audition process.

Please contact Mrs. Wolfe at swolfe1@houstonisd.org if you have any questions.

CARNEGIE VANGUARD HS- TEXAS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PROJECT

Carnegie High School would like to invite Lanier parents, students, and teachers to see their juniors presenting their TPSP projects at Carnegie throughout the week of April 15th – 20th. During the fall semester, Carnegie juniors select a topic of interest to research, find a mentor in their chosen field, conduct research on their topic, and finally write a paper synthesizing their research. During the spring semester, they create a product that is real-world applicable, solves a problem, provides new information, and ultimately is truly unique. Students will be presenting their projects and you are invited!

The schedule is as follows:

Monday, April 15th – Friday, April 19th

4:30 – 8pm

Saturday, April 20th

8am – 4pm