

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 August 9, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 12-16 Pup Camp for 6th Graders	9-3p
Aug 23 Back to School Event	4-8p
Aug 27 First Day of School	
Aug 27 First Day PTO Welcome Coffee & 1st General PTO Meeting	8:15a
Sep 3 Labor Day Holiday	

PTO NEWS

Hello Purple Pup Parents,
My name is Sheryl Moore, and I am Lanier's incoming PTO President. I am very excited about this year and look forward to working with each of you to insure Lanier Middle School continues to be the outstanding institution it has always been. Our school has an exceptional faculty, staff, and administration that continuously return the very best education for our children, and I am so happy to be a part of a PTO that provides support to that excellence.

I invite you to become involved in your child's education and join and participate in the Lanier PTO. The 2012-13 schedule of our PTO events is posted on our PTO website: www.lanierpto.org. I encourage you to review the list and look for opportunities for your participation. Ultimately, each and every one of these events is designed to enhance your child's experience here at Lanier. Your help is not only appreciated but is vital to the success of the school.

Again I look forward to working with you on what I am sure will be another outstanding year at Lanier Middle School.
Sincerely,
Sheryl Moore, Lanier PTO President 2012-13

TEXTBOOKS DISTRIBUTION

Aug 21st 7th grade 10 a.m. – noon, 5 – 7 p.m. 2nd floor
Aug 22nd 8th grade 10 a.m. – noon, 5 – 7 p.m. 2nd floor
Aug 23rd All grades 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
(Wait times will be long at this event)

LANIER UNIFORM STORE

Back to School Hours for the Uniform Store and Lanier Gear:

Week of Pup Camp

August 13-16, 2012 from 2 - 3:30PM

Week Before School Starts

August 20-22, 2012 from 11:30AM-1:30PM

August 23, 2012 from 4-8PM

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AUGUST 23RD 4P-8P

Here comes the Back to School Bash for all Purple Pups and Parents. This one-stop-shopping event will fill all of your back to school needs!

The event will feature;

- music, snacks and fun in the cafeteria for the Pups
- School tours for the new Pups
- Lanier Uniform sales
- Lanier Gear sales
- PE uniform sales
- Yearbook sales
- Sign-up for the Washington DC student trip
- The opportunity to purchase tickets to upcoming PTO events like the Parent Teacher Party
- Show your schools spirit and support by donating to CTE, Great 8 or buying a Paver
- At 6:00 PM, an assembly in the Auditorium will provide valuable information for all students and parents about the upcoming year.

We hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please consider volunteering in the Uniform or Lanier Gear stores. It's a great way to meet people and get to know Lanier. Email Maria Marini at marinistefan@gmail.com or Laura Frank at laurafank50@gmail.com to let us know if you are able to help out either during Back to School Hours or during the school year. School year volunteers are needed for regular shifts once or twice a month Monday mornings 7:30-8:30AM or Thursdays 11:45AM-1:45PM.

Donations of gently used uniforms, including skirts and pants, are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in Office A.

LANIER PARENT - TEACHER SOCIAL

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 11, 2012. The annual Lanier Parent-Teacher social is a fun, casual gathering for teachers, staff and parents. This is one of Lanier's early events and gives you the opportunity to meet the teachers, staff and other parents. To make this event a success, we will need parent volunteers during the weeks before and on the day of the event. If you have any questions, please contact Anju Varadachary at anju12@gmail.com or Laura Fertak at murphtak@comcast.net. Hope to see you there.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS: WE WANT PHOTOS!

Lanier's PTO will be 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. Please identify the students in your photo and include a brief blurb about the event. Feel free to email Catherine with any questions!

GREAT 8 NEWS

Hello 8th grade students and families!! We are gearing up for an awesome year!!

Swing by the GREAT 8 table during the Back to School Night for more information!!!

GREAT 8 is the name for the end of year celebrations for Lanier Middle School's 8th grade graduating class of 2013!!

Dues are collected which cover the cost of the GREAT 8 events, a GREAT 8 t-shirt, and a class picture. Dues will be \$80 per student. The GREAT 8 events include a dance, field trip to Dave and Busters, and the Breakfast and Awards ceremony.

We will be sending more information out through the Purple Page and also through flyers.

Thank you,
Maryann Mueller, Mary Beth Yard and Kristin Helfand
Your GREAT 8 team

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Commitment to Excellence is Lanier Middle School's annual fundraiser. Every year that parents donate, their contributions benefit programs such as: new technology for classrooms, training for teachers and administrative staff, supplemental classroom curriculum and much more. Last year Lanier parents raised over \$32,000 for programs and materials.

This year's *Commitment to Excellence* theme is classroom equalization. Your gift will allow Lanier to purchase LCD projectors, smart boards, laptops, and smart system clickers to ensure that each and every child at Lanier gets the best education possible.

You can give any amount, every penny helps our school.

You can also choose to give at a predefined level (listed below) with benefits from the \$35 scholar level to the \$1,926 Sydney Lanier Leadership level to commemorate the year Lanier was founded.

Here are options for how to contribute:

Online at <http://lanierpto.myschoolvalet.com> using your MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover.

Make a check payable to Lanier Middle School PTO – CTE.

Make a donation of stock through Lanier Middle School's brokerage account by contacting Fumiyo Krall, PTO Treasurer, at fumiyokrall@hotmail.com.

Many companies sponsor matching gift programs. If your company participates, request a matching gift form from your employer and send it, completed and signed, with your gift. Lanier Middle School PTO will send both the donor and the company receipts for tax purposes.

Levels of Donation:

\$35 Scholar

Annual membership in the Parent Teacher Organization

\$100 Star

Annual membership in the Parent Teacher Organization
Recognition in the Purple Page newsletter

\$250 Super Star

Annual membership in the Parent Teacher Organization
Recognition in the Purple Page newsletter
Purple Pup car decal

\$500 Champion

Annual membership in the Parent Teacher Organization
Recognition in the Purple Page newsletter
Purple Pup car decal
Recognition on the Lanier Middle School PTO website

\$1,000 Poet Society

Annual membership in the Parent Teacher Organization
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Purple Pup car decal
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Your name on the Lanier Middle School marquee in January 2011

\$1,926 Sidney Lanier Leadership Society

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Your name on a paver on the front grounds of Lanier Middle School

Thank you for your support!

Jennie Biggs and Jodi Bash

Commitment to Excellence, Campaign Co-Chairs

Fall Book Fair & Literacy Festival: November 12-16

We will have a book fair at our library along with an essay/poetry contest, bookmark contest and poster contest with prizes in each category! More information coming about upcoming Book Fair and Literacy Festival Contest.

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

PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX

Meet the Coaches Football Orientation

The football orientation will be held on Friday August 24th from 3-7pm and August 25th from 8am to noon. Please bring completed athletic paperwork and a combination lock to get your equipment and football locker. You will also be able to purchase your 2012 Lanier Football Shirt. Football Practice begins on the First day of School

Football practice will begin on the first day of school (August 27, 2012). All paperwork must be completed before you can practice. Please bring shorts, t-shirts, and athletic shoes/cleats. Please email Coach Kirkpatrick.

Junior Assistant Football Coach

If you do not play football and need community service hours, or want to learn how to coach football, then becoming a junior assistant coach for the Lanier football team may be the thing for you. Junior assistants will understand positions, rules, fundamentals, play calling, scheduling, and will help assist the Lanier Football Coaching Staff where help is needed. Please fill out the Parent approval form and Insurance waiver in or to participate. Forms can be found on the football page in the www.purplepups.org website.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 2pm, August 8, 2012, and has been printed with the approval of Linda Smith, Lanier Principal.

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.