

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 February 10, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 16 Race to Nowhere 8:15a & 6:00p
SDMC Meeting 3:45p
PTO General Meeting 6:00p
Feb 18 Debate Tournament - Memorial High School
Feb 28 Drama Dept - *30 Reasons Not To Be In A Play*
Feb 29 Early Dismissal at 1:45pm
Mar 12-16 Spring Break

GENERAL INFO

REQUEST FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for some Lanier parents who are interested in hosting a coffee break at their house for potential Lanier parents. Many incoming parents have questions about what life at Lanier is like and would love to hear the answers from a parent's perspective. If you would be willing to host an informational coffee break between March 26 and April 8 please contact Ms. Terry at aterry@houstonisd.org.

THE RACE TO NOWHERE

If you haven't seen it, now is your chance! If you have seen it, come to this screening also!

The Race to Nowhere, a documentary that has parents, administrators and educators across the country talking, will be shown at Lanier!

The first two showings will both be on February 16th - 8:15am and 6:00pm. The evening showing will include a post film discussion with a panel of experts in the fields of education and mental health.

More information to come....stay tuned!!!!!! (2/3)

PURPLE PUP PRAISE

MATHCOUNTS

On Saturday, February 4th, David Alexander (8), Rachel Jama (8), Michelle Tang (7), and Sonya Tkachman (8) represented Lanier at the Chapter-level MathCOUNTS competition, which took place at the Fluor Corporation. The team competed against 200+ students and placed 14th (out of 30+ teams). Students interested in trying out for next year's MathCOUNTS team or competing in math contests should contact Ms. Wu (dwu@houstonisd.org) or stop by room 241 for more information.

PTO NEWS

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN – OUR PROGRESS

Thank you to all the dedicated parents who have generously contributed to our annual Commitment to Excellence campaign. As you know, the money we raise through this program goes to provide new tools for classrooms, offer training programs for teachers, and improve curriculum among other things. To date we have raised over \$31,000 dollars! What an amazing effort, especially in tough economic times. Thank you all!

We would still like to surpass last year's amazing total of \$60,000! Please consider making a donation if you have not already. We are ALWAYS accepting donations. The easiest way is to log onto www.lanierpto.org, click on Commitment to Excellence link at the top, and choose your level; it's that easy! If you prefer you can also mail a check into the school. Please be sure to note it is for the Commitment to Excellence campaign in the notes section.

On January 27th Pepper Lieberman of Encore Bank on Kirby hosted the traditional Principal's Reception. This fun evening cocktail party is a special "thank you" to those parents who contributed \$500 or more. We had another great event this year. Sydney the Purple Pup made an appearance with cheerleader Bennett Geston. We were lucky enough to have Ms. McDonald's orchestra quartet providing the music. Everyone was very impressed with Lanier's talent. The musicians were: Elisa Arango, Madelina Nguyen, Lauren Nyquist and Nia Prince. Thank you to the parents, PTO members, school administration, and of course Pepper and Encore Bank for helping make this a great evening.



Bennett Geston and Sydney the Purple Pup!



LEAVE YOUR PAW PRINTS AT LANIER
Only 1 month left to order!!

Purchase an Engraved Brick Paver

This is a great way to support Lanier and leave a legacy of your support

Parents, this is your chance to honor your son or daughter or give as a graduation present to your 8th grader. Give a wonderful thank-you for a favorite teacher or as a present to a friend or relative who attended Lanier.

Two types of pavers are offered:

\$150 for a 4 inch x 8 inch paver which will accommodate 2 lines, with 14 letters per line and

\$250 for an 8 inch x 8 inch paver which will accommodate 3 lines, with 14 letters per line

Please contact Yvette Ayala at yvette.ayala18@gmail.com or 832-891-0209 if you're interested in purchasing a paver.

SNACK SHACK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We are in need of Snack Shack volunteers for all days of the week! This is a very minimal commitment of 30-45 mins once a week or once every 2 weeks. The hours are from 3:15-4pm and the job involves selling snacks to the kids after school, counting the money (under \$100) and returning the cash box to the office. You can bring siblings and have your Lanier student help you. We are very flexible. PLEASE HELP!!!!

Please contact Betsy Furler at bfurler@sbcglobal.net or 713-542-8118 to sign up!!! Thanks! (2/3)

IB CORNER

THEME OF THE WEEK: ORGANIZATION

- having structure, especially to coordinate or carry out for widespread activities.

www.dictionary.com

LANIER LINES

Lanier Drama Department
 Presents

30 Reasons Not To Be In A Play

By Alan Haehnel

February 28th, 2012 at 4pm and 6pm

Pre-sale Tickets \$2

Door Price \$5

3RD ANNUAL LANIER'S GOT TALENT AND TOLERANCE

Do you like watching The Voice? Do you have a special talent? Then keep listening to the morning announcements for the times and dates of our 3rd Annual Lanier's Got Talent and Tolerance. We will have new judges, new prizes, but the same format and cause. Do you want to help out with planning or coordinating the acts? Come to the next student council meeting on Tuesday Feb 14th. We would LOVE to see you at 7:25am in room T-23, Mr. G's room.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Acceptance into NJHS indicates that students not only have high academic and personal standards; these students are also committed to helping others and making our world a better place.

If you are a 7th grader interested in applying for NJHS, the deadline for application submissions is **Monday, February 13, 2012**. Applications can be delivered to **Ms. Tobola's box in Office B**. Please visit our website (laniernjhs.weebly.com) for more information and to download an application.

Please remember that late or incomplete applications will not be considered! All applications must be received by 4PM on Monday, February 13th.

8TH GRADE DEDICATION AD DEADLINE

8th grade parents, there is still time to get your child's dedication ad in. The deadline has been extended until February 15th. This is the only extension that our yearbook publisher will allow. There are still spaces available, but are filling fast. Go to the following website to complete you ad online. (2/3)

www.jostensadservice.com

PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX

SWIMMING

Feb 16 Conference Meet at Lamar 5:00p

SOFTBALL

Feb 13 St Vincent de Paul at So. Campus 5:30p

Feb 14 SB Memorial at So. Campus 5:30p

TENNIS TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the 2012 tennis team will be held Feb. 16th for the girls and Feb. 21st for the boys, weather permitting. Tryouts will be at Lamar HS from 4:00-5:30, and we will walk from Lanier at 3:45. Interested athletes should come by Room 141 and pick up the required paperwork from Coach Huffman. Everyone needs to submit the completed paperwork and bring an unopened can of tennis balls to their tryout. Rackets will be provided if needed. The tennis team would like to encourage any interested 7th and 8th grade students to join us as we prepare for the 2012 tennis season. Thank You.

BOYS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL

The 8th grade boys played their last game of the year last night when they traveled to Rice. The Pups had a great team effort and had their highest scoring game of the season. The game was never in doubt as the Pups turned on their press and took advantage of numerous steals. The Pups were led in scoring by Andrew Malveaux with 22 points, Sean Folloder with 16 points, Jacob Young with 15 points, D'Andre Jones had 5 points, Phillip Tan had 4 points, Adam Dreyfus had 4 points, Rafe French, Brandon Chi, and Chase Fontenot added 2 points each while Cameron Carlin added one point. Ollie Harris played tough defense and had several defensive stops. The Pups won the game by a score of 73-57 and finished the season at 5-2 in zone by winning 4 in a row to end the season. Coach Sifuentes would like to thank the players for their great efforts on the court and in the classroom.

BOYS 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL

The Lanier 7th grade boys basketball team lost a tough game Wednesday night as Rice Middle School defeated the Purple Pups 56-31. Blake Bartlett led all scoring with 15 points. Tra'von Green added 10. Mitchell Bonte added 4 points and Jackson Carroll tossed in 2 points. Matt Fontenot, Bowen Song, Jesse White, Ethan Davis, and Josh Lewis each had an outstanding defensive game. The 7th grade boys finished with a record of 9-3 and 5-2 in district. Coach Kunz would like to thank all the boys for their hard work and a great season. Coach Kunz would also like to thank all the teachers, students, and parents for all of their support this season.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 8am, February 9, 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.