

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 February 22, 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 28 Girls Soccer @ West Briar MS 5p
Feb 28 Washington DC Info Mtg 3:30 & 6p
Mar 9-17 Spring Break
Mar 22 PTO Party with a Purpose
Mar 29 Spring Holiday

PTO NEWS

AUCTION PARTY NEWS

The first annual "Party with a Purpose" is **Friday, March 22nd** at the home of Brittney and Max Tribble, 3461 Piping Rock, 77027. Check in begins at 6:30. Come meet other parents and enjoy food, an open bar, and a silent auction while supporting the students and faculty of Lanier MS. The proceeds from this adult only fundraiser will be used to upgrade the much needed classroom technology at Lanier. **Auction highlights include vacation homes in Telluride and Breckenridge, Astros and Texan tickets, and a JJ Watt autographed football!** Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at www.lanierpto.org or drop off a check in the auction box in Office B. The last day to purchase tickets is Tuesday, March 19th. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

LANIER PAVERS – FINAL MONTH TO ORDER

Attention Parents of Purple Pups! The deadline for purchasing pavers is fast approaching. You have until Friday, March 15th to place your order. Please consider purchasing a paver for your son or daughter. Go to www.purplepups.org and click on Parents & Students, then PTO and select Pavers. There are two options, a 4X8 paver for \$150 or an 8X8 paver for \$250. **You can include an inscription on your paver.** If you have any questions, please contact Irene Donnelly at idonnelly67@me.com.

NURSE'S NOTES

Dear Parents of 6th Grade Students,

This is to inform you that state mandated spinal screening (scoliosis) will be done on all 6th graders during the student's P.E. or Drill/Dance Team class. The teachers involved will be given a screening schedule in advance. The screening will start this month. Scoliosis is a problem of the spine as the result of growth. As the pre-puberty growth spurt occurs, the spine may become curved. The curve can cause a tilt in the shoulders and/or the hips, which interferes with the space for the lungs and heart and

can impede their function. Scoliosis appears gradually and is not obvious to an untrained person or parent until the deformity becomes severe. As you can see, scoliosis screening is important for the well-being of your child. The bare back examining of the child easily accomplishes scoliosis screening. If necessary, after the initial examine a second examine will be done and if indicated a referral will be made.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this screening please do not hesitate to contact me,
Joan Lawrence, R.N., B.S.N.
713.942.1900 ext.324

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WASHINGTON DC SPRING TOUR MEETING

For all those attending the Washington DC Spring Tour in March we will have one final meeting on **Thursday, February 28th**. There will be two times to pick from, but you only need to attend one of these meetings. The times are **3:30** and **6:00** in the **Lanier Library**. This meeting will be for the students that are signed up for the trip and their parents. We will cover the following topics:

- Packing
- Money
- Details for the day of departure
- Details for picking up your student upon our return
- Itinerary
- How to prepare for sudden weather changes
- Expectations in terms of behavior:
 - In the airport
 - On the busses
 - On the tour itself
 - In the hotel

I will also answer any other related questions that may come up as well;

Washington DC Spring Tour
Thursday, February 28th

3:30 and 6:00 (attend only one time)

Lanier Library

Registered students and their parents only!

IB CORNER

IB WORD OF THE WEEK

Week 25: Planning – a scheme or method of acting, doing, proceeding, making etc., developed in advance. A specific project or definite purpose.

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/planning>

PURPLE PRAISE

LANIER STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL DEBATE TEAM

As a result of several debate tournaments this year the students listed below have qualified for the National Team to compete this summer. Awesome Job, Pups!

Maddie Muehlherr	Adele Lauzon
Lekha Sunder	Alex Hoyal
Amy Yao	Cameron Biggart
Olivia Cardenas	Dikla Taylor
Nikki Goldin	Maya Waterland
Erin Sheena	Stephanie Sonik
Alisa Lu	Maddie VanBrunt
Lyle Derden	Stephanie Oyolu
Robert Brown	Rukmini Kalamangalam
Michael Hoyal	Michelle Tang
Ali Potthast	Vishnu Narayana

PUP SPORTS

PUPS SEND HOGG, WEE WEE WEE, ALL THE WAY HOME

Last Friday, The Lanier Girls Soccer Team battled the Lady Warthogs from Hogg MS. IT was the first meeting of these two schools in a decade. The pups wasted no time by scoring in the second minute. **Grace Nielsen** scored on a kick that blew past the Hogg goalie. The pups continued the offensive attack with goals by **Jillian Thomas**, and two from **Dikla Taylor-Sheinman** assisted by **Apple Paulssen**, put the pups up 4-0 at the half. The pups continued to break down the Hogg defense as scores by **Allie Schachter**, **Natalie Festa**, and **Sydney Perkins** kept the hogs stunned. The lady pups continued to score with a goal from **Shelby Griffin** and two from **Maddie VanBrunt** put the pups up 10-0. Goalies **Natalie Knox** and **Kaitlyn Kelly** didn't even get to touch the ball because of the defensive efforts of **Selena Luis** and **Allison Taffet**. Great offensive passes from **Celia Sampaio**, **Marie Parra**, and **Morgan Levine** kept the strikers fed with opportunities to score and as the final whistle blew, the pups put a W in the win column. Great team effort was made by all. We will play Pershing @ home on 2/21, and West Briar on the road on 2/28. The pups are firing on all cylinders, Come Out and Get LOUD!!!

LANIER DANCE CONTINUES TO BEAT THE COMPETITION

On Saturday, February 16, Lanier Dance Company and Crew competed at Klein Oak High School.

The **Hip Hop Crew** beat out private studio dance teams to win both the small ensemble and the large ensemble categories.

The **Company Officers** won a Super Sweepstakes Award for their routines, which means they earned a score of 90 or above from all three judges on all of their routines.

They also won Choreography Awards for their Jazz, Prop, Lyrical, and Contemporary dances. They were named the Best in Class Officers, which means that they were the highest scoring middle school officers at the competition!

Dance Company and **Crew** won a Super Sweepstakes Award. They also won an Outstanding Technique Award for having one of the highest technique scores for all their routines. They received Choreography Awards for their Kick, Prop, Pom, Jazz, and Hip Hop routines. Company won the High Point Award for their Kick and Prop routines and Crew won the High Point Award for their Hip Hop routine. Dance Company and Crew was the first runner up for the Best in Class Middle School.

Great job, Dance Company and Crew!

On Saturday, February 9, Dance Team attended a competition in Katy.

They won a Super Sweepstakes Award for their routines, which means they received a 90 or above from all three judges on all three of their routines. They were the winners in the Prop category, the first runner up in the Jazz category, and the second runner up in the Pom category. **Dance Team** was the first runner up for Middle School Grand Champion.

The 8th grade ensemble was the winner in the large ensemble category and the 7th grade ensemble was the winner in the extra-large ensemble category.

Jolie Duong and **Laura Miles** were the middle school duet winners. **Delaney Biggs** and **Sara Wells** were the first runners up in the duet category, and **Grace Brudner** and **Elise Lanier** were the second runners up in the duet category.

In the middle school solo category, **Jordan Neikirk** was first runner up, and **Skyler Kelly** was second runner up.

Great job, Dance Team!

GREAT 8 NEWS

GREAT 8 NEWS – DUES NEEDED ASAP!!

We are trying to guarantee a memorable **GREAT 8** celebration, and we are working hard to collect the **GREAT 8** dues. We currently have 1/3 class participation towards our Great 8 dues. If we are unable to have full participation from the 8th grade class families, we will be forced to cancel some of the events. **GREAT 8** is solely funded by 8th grade families!! Please ensure that the students have a memorable send off from Lanier!!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us!! \$80 per student payable in **one lump sum** or **four installments** with the last due date:

Friday, March 1, 2013

Dues may be paid through the PTO online store at www.lanierpto.org or by submitting a check payable to Lanier PTO with your child's name/GSG teacher and "Great 8" on the memo line. You can drop off your check in Office B or mail it in to school.

Thank you for supporting **GREAT 8!!!!**

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GREAT 8 co-Chairs