

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 March 29, 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 29 Spring Holiday - No School
Apr 2-4 STAAR testing, 7 & 8th Grades 8a-12p
Apr 3 Lanier Dance info mtg 7p
Apr 11 Lanier Dance info mtg 6p
Apr 11 Cheer Clinic at Lanier 3:35-6p
Apr 16-17 Book Fair at Barnes & Noble

PTO NEWS

WHAT A NIGHT! PARTY WITH A PURPOSE EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

Parents and teachers gathered last Friday at the home of Brittney & Max Tribble for Lanier's inaugural auction. All the elements came together to create an unbelievable atmosphere that exceeded all expectations! The 120 party goers enjoyed an evening of socializing and raising money and as monies continue to come in, final results will be published in the next Purple Page!

Thank you again to the sponsors that stepped forward to bring our first inaugural auction to fruition:

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Many thanks also to **The Auction Committee** for pulling together such fantastic donations that resulted in the launch of what will undoubtedly be a long-lived Lanier tradition!

Auction Chairs, Brittney & Max Tribble

VP Fundraising, Michele Navratil

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A FEW SPOTS LEFT

If you weren't able to get to the Lanier Party with a Purpose, you're in luck! We still have a few spots available for some great parties (bowling, mani & pedi, Persian, etc...) and auction items (have your name in lights, pizza on the patio, martial arts, orthodontic, tea set, etc.). For available items please check the auction link at purplepups.org.

Minimum bids for non-party items have been reduced to start at \$10.00. Bids can be made online or with cash or check in Office B, just place in PTO box. Party spots will be sold until the party fills up or until April 5, 2013, whichever comes first. This part of the auction closes at 10 pm on April 5, 2013.

If you left the party without all your items, please contact Angie Techmanski at 713-882-2926 or email lanierptoauktion@gmail.com to coordinate a pick-up time, date and location. We respectfully ask that all items be picked up by April 7, 2013.

SPRING BOOK FAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE

Mark your calendar for the Spring Book Fair on Tuesday, April 16, and Wednesday, April 17, at the Barnes & Noble on West Gray. Since the fair is during Teacher Appreciation Week, Barnes & Noble is giving all teachers an additional 25% discount! We hope everyone can come out, stock up on your summer reading books, and support Lanier!

PURPLE PRAISE

NAME THAT BOOK TEAM TAKES 2ND PLACE!

On Friday, March 8th, the Lanier **Name That Book** team competed in the Finals of the HISD district-wide competition at the HISD Administration Building. The team competed against seven other middle school preliminary winners. The team, once again, made the Purple Pup family very proud by taking home the 2nd Place trophy! (cont'd. p.2)

Ms. Nelson would like to thank the team for their diligence in becoming experts on the 35 books they were required to read.

Team Members included **Veean Chen, Colton Maulsby Paolo Martinez, Cyrus Shafiei, Emma Semaan, Christina Wang, Charlie Wood.** We're so proud!

LANIER'S DANCE COMPANY AND CREW AMAZE AT NATIONALS!

Lanier earned the title of National Champion in the Team Hip Hop, Team Prop, Team Open, Officer Lyrical, Officer Prop, Officer Hip Hop, and Officer Contemporary categories. They were also the first runner up in the Team Jazz, Team Kick, and Officer Jazz categories and second runner up in the Team Pom category.

Both the officers and the team were awarded Outstanding Technique Awards because their scores for dance technique were some of the best at the entire competition. Both the officers and the team were named in the Winner's Circle, which means that when compared to groups of all ages, our scores were in the top percentage of the competition.

Overall, Lanier was the first runner up in the middle school category and out of 40 middle and high schools, Lanier was ranked 13th, which means that they scored higher than 25 high school teams. Very impressive!

Come watch our winning routines at our annual Spring Show on May 23!

IB CORNER

IB WORD OF THE WEEK

Week 29: Language B - The primary aim of language B is to encourage students to gain competence in a modern language other than their mother tongue, with the long-term goal of balanced bilingualism. www.ibo.org

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. These parent informational meetings are:

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00pm, Lanier cafeteria

Thursday, April 11, 6:00pm, Lanier cafeteria

Attendance only one night is necessary, but a parent or guardian must attend the entire meeting for your 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