

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 March 8, 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 9-17 Spring Break
Mar 19-22 TELPAS Testing
Mar 22 PTO Party with a Purpose 6:30p
Mar 26 Lanier Art Exposition
Mar 27 Lanier's Got Talent & Tolerance 5:30-7p
Mar 29 Spring Holiday

PTO NEWS

BUY AUCTION TICKETS NOW!—ONLINE AUCTION NOW OPEN!

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 Middle School.

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.** Remember: Tickets will not be sold at the door.

The online auction is now open! Go online to <http://auctionstar-online.com/Index.php?code=5023-1> and bid on fabulous auction items. Highlights include **socials, Dynamo tickets, hotel stays, jewelry, and designer sunglasses!** Donations are still being accepted; the auction box is in Office B.



Thank you to the sponsors that have stepped forward to support our first inaugural auction:

Brittney and Max Tribble, **Auction Chairs**

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It's not too late to help underwrite this event.

Students whose families donate an item or purchase tickets for the auction get a Free Dress Day on Thursday, March 28th! The following students are already eligible to participate:

Arline, Alexis

Baker, Emily

Ball, Alexis

Buks, Isaac

Buks, Joseph

Chong-Ahmed, Sophia

Dietrich, Julia

Flatt, Ava

Gregorcyk, Jordan

Jong, Jared

Kahanek, Jack

Kraynak, Jason

Lau, Sean

Lipper, Joe

Luftak, Loir

McCalla, Josephine

Miller, Sam

Miller, Wilson

Moore, Sydney

Mutt, Nicole

Mutt, Michelle

Nathan, Max

Navratil, Robert

Patterson, Oliver

Taylor, Seth

Techmanski, Evan

Tiscareno, Marisa

Tribble, Max

Wagner, Jackson

Wallace, Cameron

Weathers, Cierra

Willoughby, Candelaria

Yauch, Andrew

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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHINESE NATIVE SPEAKER CLASS

Are you a Chinese native speaker? We are looking for you! We need your help to start our first Chinese class designed for the native speakers! The assessment will be held in March. Date to be announced later. Contact Mrs. Lin at SLIN@houstonisd.org if you are interested.

PURPLE PRAISE

LANIER DANCE WOWS THEM IN DEKANEY

On February 23, Dance Team attended a competition near Spring.

Dance Team was the Academic Champion in the middle school division, which means that they had the highest GPA of any middle school dance team at the competition.

They also won a Sweepstakes Award and a Gussie Nell Davis Award of Excellence, which means that they received a score of 90 or above from all three judges on all of their team routines.

Dance Team won a Judges' Award for their Prop routine because their score was one of the highest at the competition. They also won an award for Overall Excellence in Choreography. They were the second runner-up for the Best in Class Middle School Team.

In the middle school duet division, **Laura Miles and Jolie Duong** placed as the second runners-up and **Grace Brudner and Elise Lanier** were the winners.

Meredith Cagley was the middle school solo winner! Meredith performed her solo in front of over a thousand people before accepting her trophy, sash, and tiara. Great job, Dance Team!

LANIER DANCE MAKES US PROUD AT STATE!

On March 2, Lanier Dance Company and Crew was named the Middle School State Dance Champion at a competition in The Woodlands!

They faced very tough competition from several other middle schools, but in the end, only one dance team could win the coveted State Champion hoodies. Lanier was the underdog and delivered awesome performance after awesome performance to bring home the State Champion title.

Dance Company was the winner in the Prop and Kick categories, first runner up in the Jazz category, and second runner up in the Pom category. Company also won awards for Outstanding Choreography for their Jazz, Prop and Kick routines and an award for Outstanding Technique for their Prop routine. Crew was the winner in the Hip Hop category and won an award for Outstanding Choreography in the Hip Hop category. Company and Crew was also the only middle school to win an Overall Technical Merit Award. They were named in the Elite Winners' Circle, which means that their routines had an average score of 95 or above.

The Hip Hop Crew was the winner in the Small Ensemble category and the Large Ensemble category. They also won a much sought after Crowd Pleaser award for their Team Hip Hop routine.

The Company Officers were the winners in the Prop category and the first runners up in the Contemporary and the Lyrical categories. They also won an award for Outstanding Choreography for their Lyrical routine. The Officers were named in the Superior Winners' Circle, which means that their routines had an average score of 90 or above. Overall, they were the second runner up middle school officers.

In the duet category, **Elise Lanier** and **Grace Brudner** were the second runners up and **Rea Golt** and **Francie Zenner** were the winners.

In the solo category, **Nia Prince** was the fourth runner up and **Jordan Neikirk** was the third runner up.

Congratulations, Texas State Dance Champions! Great job!

IB CORNER

IB WORD OF THE WEEK

Week 27: Prejudice - an unfavorable opinion or feeling formed beforehand or without knowledge, thought or reason. 2. Any preconceived opinion or feeling, either favorable or unfavorable. 3. Unreasonable feelings, opinions, or attitudes especially of a hostile nature, regarding a racial, religious, or national group.

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

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 9pm, March 6, 2013, and has been printed with the approval of Linda Smith, Lanier Principal.