

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 May 10, 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15 Spirit Night At Jerry Built	4-9p
May 15 Band Concert	6p
May 18 New Student Meet & Greet	9-11a
May 27 Memorial Day No School	
May 31 GREAT 8 Dance	7-10p
Jun 3 Choir Field Trip	
Jun 4 Dance Field Trip	
Jun 5 Dave & Buster's 8 th Grade Trip	
Jun 6 8 th Grade Breakfast & Awards	

PTO NEWS



SPIRIT NIGHT AT JERRY BUILT HOMEGROWN BURGERS!

Bring friends and family to **Jerry Built Homegrown Burgers** on Wednesday, May 15th, between 4 - 9pm for a great dinner with great benefits for our school. Jerry Built will contribute up to 30% of all dine in or carry out sales. No need to print a form, just drop off your receipt in the jar that will be on the counter. Enjoy and have fun!!
3501 W. Holcombe Blvd., Houston TX 77025

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HERNANDEZ SHINES LIGHT ON A "DARK" PROBLEM

A new "kickstart" fundraising project needs your help to enhance our renowned fine arts and debate programs! As an HISD Vanguard Magnet Middle School, Lanier has a reputation for providing outstanding academics, producing winners, and our fine arts departments have a growing list of national and local championship titles, awards and honors.

But one thing that hasn't kept pace with the honors is the lighting technology supporting the students. They strain to read their music on stage as 4 orchestras and a band use the auditorium as their classroom as well as a performance venue.

Theater Director Markos Hernandez recognizes that instruction and student effort can only go so far in nurturing and showcasing great art. Students also need to

experience and operate up-to-date backstage technology to be completely knowledgeable and skilled in stage craft. Markos created this Kickstarter project "Because I wanted our Purple Pups to stop working in the dark and start feeling the bright lights of success."

Our project will only get funded if we reach 100% funding by May 30th, so we need your help to get the word out! Join Lanier's campaign and Tweet, Facebook, e-mail, and text everyone who can help save Lanier's 87th performance season.

Visit www.kickstarter.com or click on this link:

<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1994536873/rescue-laniers-87th-season-and-let-our-artists-shine>

and get all the information on our project, and on how Kickstarter works.

As Mr. Hernandez puts it, "Lanier students deserve to work in a performance facility that can help them grow, be safe, and educate them for the next level of education." So why not pledge and be a part of the legacy?

YEARBOOKS ON SALE ONLINE SALES ENDS MAY 11

You can still order your 2012-2013 Lanier Yearbooks online, but that will end May 11th. The last day to reserve your copy of the 2012-13 yearbook with an online order will end soon and so will the special pricing. By ordering online you save \$2.00. Make sure you reserve your copy today and save \$2.00. Order online by May 11th at www.jostensyearbooks.com. After May 11th you will only be able to order a yearbook using cash or a check and the cost will be \$40.00.

"YOUR VOICE" COUNTS!

The Houston Independent School District has commissioned a confidential, third-party, district wide survey of students, parents, teachers, campus administrators, and community members to gather information on how we've progressed toward district goals, to better understand the needs of our school, and to foster a culture of community engagement that will help guide future initiatives.

The *Your Voice* survey will be conducted **May 1-20, 2013** for parents, teachers, campus administrators and community members. Student surveys will start **May 20 and end on May 31, 2013**. Parents and students will have the option of completing the survey online or on paper.

For more information on the Your Voice survey, go to www.houstonisd.org/YourVoice.

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/>

PUP SPORTS

2013 FOOTBALL ORIENTATION POSTPONED

Attention!!! All athletes interested in joining **the 2013 football team** will need to have all paperwork completed and attend this year's 2013 FOOTBALL ORIENTATION, but the orientation that was scheduled for last weekend has been postponed until mid August. All paperwork to join football team will not be due until August. Please contact Coach Kirkpatrick in person or by email at lkirkpat@houstonisd.org if you have any questions.

Summer Weightlifting/ Speed and Agility Camp open to all incoming 7th and 8th graders. The extended deadline for registration is May 10th and the cost is \$50. Please print a registration form/waiver from the football webpage (www.purplepups.org) or see Coach Kirkpatrick.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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.

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 9pm, May 8, 2013, and has been printed with the approval of Linda Smith, Lanier Principal.

PURPLE PRAISE

EMPLOYEES MUST WASH HANDS BEFORE MURDER CAST



NICE WORK, PUPS!

IB CORNER

IB WORD OF THE WEEK

Week 35: IB Diploma Programme - designed as an academically challenging and balanced programme of education with final examinations that prepares students, normally aged 16 to 19, for success at university and life beyond. The programme is normally taught over two years and has gained recognition and respect from the world's leading universities. www.ibo.org