

# The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 May 3, 2013

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6-10 Stanford Testing	8a-noon
May 9 NJHS Induction Ceremony	6p
May 10 2013 Football Orientation	4-8p
May 11 2013 Football Orientation	8a-noon
May 15 Spirit Night At Jerry Built	4-9p
May 15 Band Concert	6p
May 16 SDMC Meeting	3:45p
May 18 New Student Meet & Greet	9-11a
May 31 GREAT 8 Dance	7-10p

## PTO NEWS



### SPIRIT NIGHT AT JERRY BUILT HOMEGROWN BURGERS!

Bring friends and family to **Jerry Built Homegrown Burgers** on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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

### "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](http://www.houstonisd.org/YourVoice).

## YEARBOOKS ON SALE

The 2012-13 edition of the Lanier Yearbook has been completed. Orders will be shipped to the school that last week of May and distributed to students at the beginning of the last week of school. Place orders now to reserve your copy. You can click on the link on the Lanier website to place an order or go to the following website yourself to order on-line.

[www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)

If you want to pay by cash or check, print out the attached electronic order form and bring it to school, with payment, and place in my mailbox in Office B or have your son or daughter bring it by my room. Don't miss out on this year's memories. Order your yearbook today!

## DONATIONS REQUEST

The Lanier Uniform Store would appreciate donations of gently used uniform clothing in all sizes, especially larger sizes. Donations can be left in Office A. Questions regarding donations can be addressed to Rebecca Shukla at [ranneshukla@gmail.com](mailto:ranneshukla@gmail.com).

## ALGEBRA 1 SUMMER CAMP

To all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bwisniew@houstonisd.org) or [ski.boyd@gmail.com](mailto:ski.boyd@gmail.com)** for application forms or you can download them at: <http://www.freewebs.com/lms-wisniewski/>

## PURPLE PRAISE

### MS. WU, YOU'RE AWESOME!

Congratulations, **Ms. Wu**: 8th grade math and algebra teacher, MathCOUNTS sponsor, Morning DJ, and **Lanier's 2013 Teacher of the Year!**

### LANIER EARNS TOP-10 RANKING

In case you didn't see it, The Houston Chronicle reported that the respected advocacy non-profit group Children at Risk ranked the best schools in the greater Houston area. Lanier ranked among the top 10 middle schools for the third year in a row!

## IB CORNER

### IB WORD OF THE WEEK

**Week 34: IB Middle Years Programme** - provides a framework of academic challenge that encourages students to embrace and understand the connections between traditional subjects and the real world, and become critical and reflective thinkers.

[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

## 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](mailto: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 1, 2013, and has been printed with the approval of Linda Smith, Lanier Principal.

## PUP SPORTS

### 2013 FOOTBALL ORIENTATION

All athletes interested in joining the **2013 football team** will need to have all paperwork completed and attend this year's 2013 FOOTBALL ORIENTATION held on May 10<sup>th</sup> 4-8 and May 11<sup>th</sup> 8 to Noon.

**Summer Weightlifting/ Speed and Agility Camp** open to all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.purplepups.org)) or see Coach Kirkpatrick.

## LADY PUPS WIN HISD SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP!!

In the mud and rain on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, the Lady Pups played hard to win their semi-final and championship games, securing 1<sup>st</sup> place among HISD middle schools. The Lady Pups were #1 in the regular HISD season with a 10-1 record and won 3 additional games during the HISD tournament. This is the first championship win for the Lanier softball team.

Players for the 2013 Lady Pups were **Clarissa Almaguer (Team Co-Captain)**, **Annika Bohmann**, **Megan Cruz**, **Jolie Duong**, **Allison Ehret**, **Ava Flatt**, **Vanessa Flores**, **Marissa Gonzalez**, **Sydney Moore (Team Co-Captain)**, **Peggy Polydoros**, **Naomi Pryzant**, **Michelle Rodriguez**, **Jasmine Singh**, and **Gracie Wehr**. The team was coached by parents **George Polydoros**, **Peter Duong**, and **Arthur Cruz** and sponsored by Lanier's own **Dr. Aurora Terry**.

