

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 November 11, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 14-18 Fall Book Fair/Literacy Festival
Nov 17 SDMC Meeting 3:45p
Book Fair Dinner/PTO General Meeting 5-8p
Nov 22 Progress Reports
Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
Dec 1 Family Math Night
Dec 3 Debate Tournament at Oak Ridge HS
Dec 13 Orchestra Winter Concert
Dec 15 SDMC Meeting 3:45p
Choir Winter Concert
Dec 16 Report Cards
Dec 19- Jan 2 Winter Break - No School

PRINCIPAL'S PARAGRAPHS

NCEA RECOGNITION

Lanier was recognized as one of only twenty HISD schools that were rated higher performing in all subject areas by the National Center for Educational Achievement (NCEA). This higher performing schools list recognized schools that are raising student achievement levels more rapidly than schools that enroll similar student populations. In addition, schools must meet achievement targets established under the federal No Child Left Behind Act in order to be eligible for the list. Researchers at the NCEA used a value-added approach to analyze student performance on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills in math, reading, science, social studies and writing. This approach measure whether students performed at a higher-than-predicted level, based on their prior performance. As with all of our awards, congratulations to our students and staff for this huge honor!

YET ANOTHER AWARD!

The Texas Education Agency, TEA, announced today the Gold Performance Acknowledgments (GPA). This system acknowledges districts and campuses for high performance on indicators other than those used to determine accountability ratings. These indicators are in statute (Texas Education Code) or determined by the Commissioner of Education. Acknowledgment is given for high performance in Middle Schools for:

Attendance
Commended Reading
Commended Math
Commended Writing
Commended Science
Commended Social Studies
Comparable Improvement in Reading
Comparable Improvement in Math

Lanier Middle School received Gold Performance Acknowledgements in 7 of the 8 indicators. Congratulations to our Purple Pups! I am so proud of the hard work our faculty, staff and students do each day!

PTO NEWS

FALL BOOK FAIR/LITERACY FESTIVAL

Join us for the **Fall Book Fair November 14th – 18th** from 7:15am – 4:00pm in the library.

Book Fair gift certificates (vouchers) for students to use instead of money can be purchased on the PTO website.

RAFFLE! RAFFLE! RAFFLE! – 2 Raffles!

A Kindle eReader and a "Family Game Night" package will be raffled during the Book Fair. Please purchase your raffle tickets in the library during the Book Fair or at Family Night Dinner. Raffle tickets are \$1 each!!! Anyone can WIN!!!

Mark your calendars for the **Family Night Dinner Thursday, November 17th from 5:00pm – 8:00pm**. Come and have a tasty Italian dinner, be entertained by our wonderful students and shop the Book Fair!!

Gugliani's ... Just Great Italian Dinner
Penne Bolognese or Penne Mona Lisa (veggie), Italian salad, freshly baked Focaccia, cookie and drink for \$8
(Pre-order online at www.lanierpto.org)

Literacy Festival: October 24 – November 11

Enter the Literacy Festival Contest!! Write an essay about a book you have read within the last 6 months that inspired you or write a piece of Poetry that inspires readers. Create a poster or bookmark in celebration of the Literacy Festival! Create your masterpiece and drop it off in the marked box in the library.

The top three winners of the essay/poetry contest, bookmark contest and poster contest will win a \$75 gift card (first prize), \$50 gift card (second prize), and \$25 gift card (third prize)!

Winners will be announced the week of the Fall Book Fair.

Teachers win too!! The teacher whose student wins First Place in each category wins a prize!

If you would like to volunteer please contact Maryann Mueller (maryann@useraid.com) or Mary Beth Yard (mary.yard@att.net).

LOOK OUT! HERE COMES MATH NIGHT!

Mark your calendars, Thursday, December 1st, will be the Lanier Annual Family Math Night. The Math Department teachers design this program to be an entertaining and math engaging evening with pizza, plenty of fun and a big pile of prizes. Look for a registration form to come home with your student. If you would be willing to volunteer for this program we could really use your help. Sign-up at the PTO website or send an email to macpto@emaclaren.net. Thanks and see you on the 1st.

MAGNET TOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help lead the tours along with students for the following dates:

- 9:00am-10:00am on the following Tuesdays: November 15, 22, 29; December 6, 13; and January 3, 2012

Please email Scott Wagner at slwagner@earthlink.net if you're interested in helping out.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT FALL BOOK FAIR AND LITERACY FESTIVAL

Lanier's Fall Book Fair & Literacy Festival is coming up soon and we need volunteers to make it happen! Here are the volunteer needs:

- Volunteers from **1:00pm-3:00pm Friday, November 11** - Book Fair set up
- Volunteers from **8:00am-4:00pm November 14 - 18** - 2 hour shifts for the Book Fair
- Volunteers for Family Dinner, **4:30pm-8:00pm Thursday, November 17th**
- We could also use 1 or 2 volunteers for **Friday, November 18th** - Book Fair teardown

Anyone interested should contact Maryann Mueller (maryann@useraid.com) or Mary Beth Yard (mary.yard@att.net), for specifics. (11/4)

DO YOU HAVE A PTO QUESTION?

Email asklanierpto@gmail.com.

IB CORNER

THEME OF THE WEEK: PRINCIPLED

– Students act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them.

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PURPLE PUP SPOTLIGHT

KATY HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Senior Poetry

Rachel Jama - 3rd
Betsy Broaddus - Finalist
Alfred Grimaldo - Finalist
Mary Tindall - Finalist
Helen Salgi - Finalist
Tirthana Khedkar - Finalist

Storytelling

Rachel Jama - 1st
Amy Jia - 2nd
Alfred Grimaldo - 3rd
Maggie Wintz - Finalist
Jasmine Khadem - Finalist
Litzell Juarez-Palestino - Finalist
Eric Shi - Finalist

Oratory

Mahavir Bhakta - 1st
Luke Lawyer - 2nd
Mackenzie Aden - Finalist
Chan Golla - Finalist
Jason Lan - Finalist
Sophie Hernandez-Simeonidis - Finalist

Dramatic

Maddie Spence 1st
Eric Shi - 2nd
Amy Jia - Finalist
Alfred Grimaldo - Finalist

Senior Prose

Betsy Broaddus - 1st
Lauren Sonik - 2nd
Eric Shi - 3rd
Mary Tindall - Finalist
Helen Salgi - Finalist
Sophie Lanier - Finalist
Jamie Lin - Finalist

Duet Acting

Jessie Chen & Helen Salgi - 1st
Madline Muhlerr & Amy Yo - Finalists
Rachel Jama & Litzell Juarez - Finalists
Alfred Grimaldo & Eric Shi - Finalists

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Kierra Morris - 1st
Jason Lan - 2nd
James Feng - Semi-finalist

Public Forum Debate

Gregory Pauloski & Sam Tekie - 1st
Andrew Hollenberg & Bowen Song - 2nd
Miguel Covarrubias & Haydn Pugh - Semifinalists
Tirthana Khedkar & Tommy Yi - Semifinalists

Junior Poetry

Jillian Thomas - 1st
Madeline Mulherr - 2nd
Nia Reedy - 3rd
Jasmine Khadem - Finalist
Madison Black - Finalist
Michelle Tang - Finalist
Ali Potthast - Finalist

Duet Pantomime

Luke Mouton & Thomas Quintero - Finalists
Tirthana Khedkar & Daniela Ramos - Finalists

Duet Improv

Alfred Grimaldo & Eric Shi - 1st
Maggie Wintz & Mary Tindall - 2nd
Jasmine Khadem & Martina Khurana - Finalists
Cameron Biggart & Everett Lowenstein - Finalists
Luke Mouton & Thomas Quintero - Finalists
Megan Dickson & Ali Potthast - Finalists

Junior Prose

Jasmine Khadem - 1st
Maddie Spence - 2nd
Martina Khurana - 3rd
Xena Toumajian - Finalist
Maddie Van Brunt - Finalist
Rea Golt - Finalist

Humorous

Cameron Biggart - 1st
Luke Mouton - 3rd

Extemp.

Jason Lan - 1st
Connor Selna - 2nd
Andrew Hollenberg - 3rd
Tomas Arango - Finalist
Tirthana Khedkar - Finalist
Jasmine Khadem - Finalist
Dane Byrd - Finalist

Solo Improv

Nia Reedy - 1st
Michael Talanker - 2nd
Matthew Baker - Finalist

GREAT 8 NEWS

Second installment of Great 8 dues were due Nov. 5th. Please remit the \$20 installment if you have not already done so. Thank you! – McNair Johnson and Laurie Geston

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 7pm, November 9, 2011, and has been printed with the approval of Linda Smith, Lanier Principal.

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.

PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Nov 16 Lanier vs. Sharpstown 5:30p

BOYS BASKETBALL

Nov 16 Lanier at Sharpstown 5:30p