

# The Purple Page



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Nov 21-23 Thanksgiving Holiday**  
**Nov 29 Race to Nowhere Film 8:15a & 6:30p**  
**Nov 29 Magnet Tour 8:45a**

## PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Magnet season is now in full swing. Last week we welcomed large crowds for our day and night time tours. I love showing off the great work by our students and staff. Not only do we host tours at Lanier but we also make many school visits in the evening to share Lanier's great programs. While we are busy greeting prospective parents during this time, we also realize that our 8<sup>th</sup> grade pups are actively researching their high school options. I know that Lamar is asking for a STAAR letter with the raw scores for their high school application. If you have lost or misplaced your letter from the district that came this summer, we can get you a copy for those 8<sup>th</sup> grade applications. Anyone in the Attendance Office, Office A or Office B would be glad to print off a copy for you.

Speaking of high school, I will be hosting a coffee for parents that are interested in hearing about the cumulative score graduation requirements for students. No longer will students just need to pass an exit level exam in their core classes but with the roll out of the new STAAR, a student must have a certain cumulative score to graduate with the recommended diploma. If you are interested in learning more, please join me on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. in the Library.

By the end of the week, all students will have taken the District's Mid Year Assessment. This benchmark assesses the children's knowledge on skills that have been taught up to this point in the year. These assessments will provide our teachers with valuable information on where our students have or have not mastered the curriculum. The outcomes from this exam will enable us to make informed decisions on tutorials, study lab time and other interventions for a student.

Basketball season started last week. Our mighty pups are ready for a stellar season. If you are interested in coming out to support our teams, you can find the schedule on our website. You can also access all athletic schedules via the [www.houstonisd.org](http://www.houstonisd.org) site. Click on departments, athletics and lastly schedules. This will give you access to all HISD sporting events.

Thanksgiving holidays are just next week. Lanier students and staff will be off Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. During this short break I know that many of us will be cooking, traveling and re-energizing. I hope that you will find some time during the break to reflect on the things that are precious to you and be thankful for all that we have, when so many are less fortunate. I know that I am thankful for all of the Veterans that have put their lives on hold to serve our country; what a gift. I am also thankful for my family, friends, colleagues, and the wonderful students and staff that walk through the doors each and everyday.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!  
Ms. Smith

## PTO NEWS

### From the PTO President...

The Lanier PTO is offering two screenings of the *Race To Nowhere* film on Thursday, November 29, at 8:15 AM in the library and at 6:30 PM in the auditorium. The film explores the burnout happening to today's students and educators and challenges the assumptions many people make about how best to prepare students to become the bright, healthy, and contributing leaders of tomorrow. A suggested donation of \$5 will be accepted at the door.

Also, I wanted to remind everyone that many employers sponsor matching gift programs. If your company participates, you can request a matching gift form from your employer and send the completed and signed form with your Commitment to Excellence (CTE) donation. Lanier PTO will send both the donor and the company receipts for tax purposes. If you have already made a CTE donation and did not turn in a matching gift form, you can still turn in the completed matching gift form to the PTO mailbox in Office B. Please reference the date and amount of your donation so the CTE committee can match your gift to the matching gift form.

Thank you for your continued support of our school!  
Sheryl Moore  
2012-13 Lanier PTO President  
[lanierptopres@gmail.com](mailto:lanierptopres@gmail.com)

### STELLA & DOT FUNDRAISER CONTINUES

It is not too late to shop for Stella & Dot jewelry, candles, and more to benefit Lanier MS! Take a look at the cute paw print charm on the attached electronic flyer. Wear it on a necklace or add it to your charm bracelet to show your Pup pride! 25% of the retail value of your purchases will be donated back to the Lanier PTO. You

can shop on line from now until November 18. Simply paste this link into your browser,  
<http://www.stelladot.com/ts/mthk5>.

### **MENCHIE'S TREATS LANIER PTO**

Take your student for a frozen yogurt treat to raise money for the Lanier PTO! Through Sunday, Menchie's on Wesleyan will donate 20% of sales to Lanier PTO when you bring in the flyer and make a purchase! Thank you for supporting the Lanier PTO!

Lleva a tu estudiante por un dulce yogurt congelado para juntar dinero para Lanier PTO! Hasta este Domingo, Menchie's en la calle Wesleyan donara 20% de ventas para Lanier PTO cuando traigas este papel y compres algo! Gracias por supportar a Lanier PTO.

### **RACE TO NOWHERE COMES TO LANIER**

There will be two opportunities to see a film that calls us to challenge current thinking about how we prepare our children for success. The movie will be shown twice on November 29, at 8:15am in the library, and 6:30pm in the auditorium. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. A spring showing is also planned. Email Chrysi Polydoros at [gcpoyjr@aol.com](mailto:gcpoyjr@aol.com) or Joanna Watson at [jojandtim@att.net](mailto:jojandtim@att.net) for more information.

## **PURPLE PUP PRAISE**

### **LANIER IB AWARD WINNERS: 1ST 9 WEEKS**

The following students have been chosen by their teachers for best exemplifying a trait of the IB learner profile. The IB learner profile traits are what we at Lanier consider to be the most important characteristics necessary to becoming successful lifelong learners. We appreciate that these students portray the attitudes of an IB learner.

These students and their parent(s) or guardian(s) are invited to an awards ceremony in the Lanier Auditorium on Tuesday, November 20 at 8:00am. Congratulations!!

#### **Knowledgeable-**

6L Sam Frank  
6M Felix Carrasco  
6S Ross Selvaggi  
7A Skyla Carmon  
7B Aaron Chan  
7C Ian Matejka  
8A Navid Moaziniya  
8B Edward Swart  
8C Aileen Zhang

#### **Caring-**

6L Michelle Mutt  
6M Andrea Miller  
6S Isabella Lopez  
7A Grace Harrison  
7B Neda Azadi  
7C Ryan Balloun  
8A Sebastian Jiminez  
8B Joel Valdez  
8C JaDa Johnson

#### **Open Minded-**

6L Melika Nassizadeh  
6M Cyra White  
6S Elisabeth Lang  
7A Nicole Richburg  
7B Kaitlyn Kelly  
7C Alisa Lu  
8A Jack Gillispie  
8B Aiden St. Clair-Dean  
8C Olivia Cardenas

#### **Risk Taker-**

6L Jake Spivey  
6M Jacob McCabe  
6S Amin Abou-Gallala  
7A Michelle Coto  
7B Kolby Cowart  
7C Isabelle Vogt  
8A Krystopher Kyle  
8B Dikla Taylor  
8C Graham Curtis

#### **Reflective-**

6L Isabella Ascanio  
6M Teagan Ashworth  
6S Catherine Fang  
7A Joseph Willoughby  
7B Dylan Garcia  
7C Villa Matovu  
8A Rakiya McClure  
8B Jade Matusow  
8C Vedant Chopra

#### **Principled-**

6L Allie Bickart  
6M Alice Qui  
6S Ben Jacobs  
7A Cycy Willoughby  
7B Caroline O'Connor  
7C Morgan Levine  
8A Joey Shupe  
8B Veean Chen  
8C Truman Cervenka

#### **Communicator-**

6L Cecelia Coronado Perez  
6M Alexis Arline  
6S Adele Lauzon  
7A Luke Morrison  
7B Caleb Punch  
7C Joshawua Mayfield  
8A Nia Reedy  
8B William Ostdiek  
8C Robert Corpening

#### **Balanced-**

6L Nicole Mutt  
6M Carmen Graham  
6S Harry Craig  
7A Parker Ward  
7B Claire Coffman  
7C Brisa Betancourt  
8A Joshua Jandres  
8B Logan Shiller  
8C Emily Myers

**Inquirer-**

6L Steve Peralta  
 6M Avery Lack  
 6S Mohamad Talje  
 7A Harrison Kampf  
 7B Annika Bohmann  
 7C Lekha Sunder  
 8A Selena Luis  
 8B Jordan Hilder  
 8C Henryk Viana

**Thinker-**

6L Louis Toumajian  
 6M Marisa Tiscareno  
 6S Hanna Boucher  
 7A Luay Boulahouche  
 7B Angus McCarthy  
 7C Hugh Hajdik  
 8A Rathanaart "Minnie" Somphruek  
 8B Mitchell Krall  
 8C Max Tribble

**ATTENTION MATHEMATICIANS!!**

The SIGMA math contest consists of 8 problems to be solved in 30 minutes. If you are interested in participating in the second contest on Dec 3 – Dec 7, please stop by room 248 or e-mail Ms. Wu at [dwu@houstonisd.org](mailto:dwu@houstonisd.org).

**PURPLE PUP SPORTS****BOYS BASKETBALL NEWS**

The 7th Grade Boys won 31 to 27 against Hamilton on November 6! The entire team played well and contributed to the victory. Way to go, PUPS!

**GIRLS LACROSSE**

Reminder! This Sunday is another practice for Lanier Girls lacrosse players, including new players.

**Sunday, November 18, 2-4pm**

**St. Catherine's Montessori School**

**9821 Timberside Drive; Houston, TX 77025**

Be sure to bring any equipment you may have (goggles and mouthguard are REQUIRED) and enough water.

In addition, if you have not attended a previous clinic or practice, you must bring a signed copy of the HYLAX waiver, and a membership number from US Lacrosse [www.uslacrosse.org](http://www.uslacrosse.org) (\$25 fee).

Please contact [lanierlax@gmail.com](mailto:lanierlax@gmail.com) with any questions or for a copy of the HYLAX waiver.

ALSO - Spring Season registration is OPEN - check it out here: <http://www.hylax.org/page/show/342595-registration>

**IB CORNER**

**Week 13 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.  
[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

**LANIER LINES****LANIER SCHOOL TOUR DATES**

Lanier will be holding tours for prospective students and families on the following dates:

Thursday, November 29, 8:45 am

Thursday, December 6, 8:45 am

Thursday, January, 10 8:45 am

Questions? Contact Aurora Terry, Lanier's IB/Magnet Coordinator, at [aterry@houstonisd.org](mailto:aterry@houstonisd.org).

**MAGNET TOUR VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

Magnet Week is over (thanks to all who volunteered!) but we're still in need of Lanier parents to help lead tours. We could use a few more volunteers on Nov. 29 and January 10--tours run from 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Scott Wagner at [slwagner@earthlink.net](mailto:slwagner@earthlink.net).

**GREAT 8****8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DEDICATION ADS**

8<sup>th</sup> grade parents; do you want to honor your student in a way that will last a lifetime? Then purchase a dedication ad to be placed in this year's edition of our yearbook. What's nice about this is that you have full, creative control over what your ad will look like and can see the finished product before you pay for it. Simply go to the following website, create an account, produce your ad and pay for it online. It is a very simple process and your child will appreciate it for years to come. The deadline to purchase a dedication ad is mid-January.

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

**ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAMILIES....PLEASE  
TURN IN YOUR GREAT 8 DUES NOW**

GREAT 8 is the name for the end-of-year celebrations for Lanier Middle School's 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class of 2013. GREAT 8 events include a dance, a field trip to Dave and Busters, and a breakfast and award ceremony on the last day of school. In addition to these events, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students receive a GREAT 8 commemorative T-shirt and a panoramic class picture.

GREAT 8 dues are **\$80.00** per student to cover the cost of the events, T-shirts, and picture. Dues are needed **now** so the committee can make deposits and purchases related to GREAT 8. Please take a moment and visit the Lanier PTO Store to pay for your GREAT 8 dues ([www.lanierpto.org](http://www.lanierpto.org)). You can pay in installments or in one lump sum. For more information about GREAT 8 events and dates, visit the Lanier PTO website.

**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

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