

# The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 November 2, 2012

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 29 – Nov 9 Literacy Festival	
Nov 6 Orchestra Bake Sale	7a – 7p
Nov 5-9 Magnet Week daily tours	1p
Nov 12–16 Fall Book Fair	7:30a-4p
Nov 14 Early Dismissal	1p
Nov 15 Family Night @ Book Fair	5p
Nov 15 PTO General Meeting	6p
Nov 21-23 Thanksgiving Holiday	

## PTO NEWS

### FROM THE PTO PRESIDENT...

The Lanier PTO website now includes the minutes from recent general PTO meetings and executive committee meetings. Visit [www.lanierpto.org](http://www.lanierpto.org) and look under the **PTO Articles** section on the left-hand menu. Please plan to attend our next **PTO General Meeting on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM**. This is the same evening as the Fall Book Fair Family Night, so be sure to visit the Book Fair before or after the PTO meeting. The Book Fair will be open 5 to 8 pm.

And as a reminder....the \$1.89B HISD Bond Referendum is on the November 6<sup>th</sup> ballot. The bond would enable HISD to modernize outdated high school buildings, build new schools to meet students' needs across the city, and upgrade technology in all HISD classrooms. Early voting in Harris County is going on now and runs through Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your vote counts!

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## LANIER LINES

### LANIER ORCHESTRA BAKE SALE - NOV 6

The Lanier Orchestra will be holding a bake sale on Tuesday, November 6 from 7am to 7pm in the front vestibule of the school. Orchestra families will provide delicious baked goods for sale to Lanier students, families, staff and Lanier neighbors who will visit Lanier to cast their vote for the 2012 election. Treats will start at \$1.00, so bring your appetite and some spending money. If you would like to provide goods or volunteer, please contact Ms. McDonald ([lmcdona3@houstonisd.org](mailto:lmcdona3@houstonisd.org)).

### LANIER PTO WEBSITE FEATURES AMAZON LINK !!

With shopping season upon us, please remember to use the Amazon link on the Lanier PTO website when you shop. It's easy! Log in to [lanierpto.org](http://lanierpto.org). The Amazon link is on the top right on the main page of the website.

Lanier's PTO will receive a 4 – 8% rebate from Amazon purchases made through this link. Tell your friends and family to use our link when they do their holiday shopping too!

### CHAMPION ENERGY SERVICES

Lanier's PTO will receive a \$25 donation for each enrollment and renewal with Champion Energy Services. Enjoy competitive rates with no hidden fees! Use promotional code LANIERPTO when you enroll or renew using the following link

<http://www.championenergyservices.com/promotions/lanier.asp>.

### LITERACY FESTIVAL

#### OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> – NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

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/glogster 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 VISA gift card (first prize), \$50 VISA gift card (second prize), and \$25 VISA gift card (third prize)!

Winners will be announced the week of the Fall Book Fair. If you would like to volunteer please contact Maryann Mueller ([maryann@useraid.com](mailto:maryann@useraid.com)) or Mary Beth Yard ([mary.yard@att.net](mailto:mary.yard@att.net)).

### RAFFLE! RAFFLE! RAFFLE! – 4 RAFFLES!

A Kindle Fire eReader package and 3 \$25 Yogurtland gift cards 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 for the Kindle Fire and 50¢ each for the Yogurtland gift cards!!! Anyone can WIN!!!

### FALL BOOK FAIR/LITERACY FESTIVAL

Join us for the **Fall Book Fair November 12 – 16, 7:30 am – 4 pm in the library.** (Hours for Wednesday, November 14, 7:30am – 2 pm)

Mark your calendars for the **Family Night Thursday, November 15, 5 pm – 8 pm**. Come and shop the Book Fair and enjoy light refreshments!!

### LANIER SCHOOL TOUR DATES

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

Magnet Week Tours, November 5-9, 1 pm each day

Monday, November 5, 6 pm

Thursday, November 15, 8:45 am

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).

### SCHOOL OPTIONS SYMPOSIUM AT RICE UNIVERSITY

Parents are invited to attend a discussion about school options in Houston on November 15, 2012, at 6:30 PM at Rice University. The goal of this event is to improve awareness about the many and diverse school options available to parents including private, parochial, public, select public, charter, and Montessori schools. This approximately two hour event will include presentations from the knowledgeable individuals listed below and a "parent lessons learned" panel discussion from a diverse group of mothers and fathers who have already toiled through this process. The symposium is open to the public and is free to attend. To RSVP or for more information, visit <http://generalacademic.com/content/schoolorptions>.

### NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Acceptance into NJHS indicates that students not only have high academic and personal standards; these students are also committed to helping others and making our world a better place.

In order to submit an application, students must have an average of 93 in all classes for both 6<sup>th</sup> and the first semester of 7<sup>th</sup> grade (and first 9 week report card of 8<sup>th</sup> grade for 8<sup>th</sup> graders) and an average conduct grade of E. Meeting these criteria means you may submit an application, but does NOT guarantee acceptance!

NJHS is, at heart, a service organization; scholarship is only one component of the application so tell us every wonderful thing about you! Applications should include – copies of report cards, detail of leadership positions, community service performed and extracurricular activities.

- If you are a current 8<sup>th</sup> grade interested in applying for NJHS, you must submit a completed application by **Friday, November 2**.
- If you are a 7<sup>th</sup> grader interested in applying for NJHS, the deadline for application submissions is **Friday, January 25, 2013**.

Applications can be delivered to **Ms. Tobola's box in Office B**. Please visit our website ([laniernjhs.weebly.com](http://laniernjhs.weebly.com)) for more information and to download an application.

**Please remember that late or incomplete applications will not be considered so check them carefully!** For any questions, please contact faculty sponsor, Ms. Tobola, at [ktobola@houstonisd.org](mailto:ktobola@houstonisd.org).

### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to **all** contributors – you know who you are!  
All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 7pm, October 31, 2012, and has been printed with the approval of Linda Smith, Lanier Principal.

## IB CORNER

### THEME OF THE WEEK: THINKERS

**Week 11** - Students exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions.  
[www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

## PURPLE PRAISE

### LANIER ORCHESTRA STUDENTS MAKE THE 2012 REGIONAL ORCHESTRA

#### Symphony:

**Violin:** Benjamin Schwierking and Maddie Nguyen

**Cello:** Nia Prince

**Bass:** Grant Phillips

#### Philharmonic:

**Violin:** Bowen Song, Dorothy Zhan, Michael Prince, and Lucy Zhang

**Viola:** Zachary Roberts

**Cello:** Owen DeMarco

**Alternate Cello:** Aileen Zhang

**Alternate Viola:** Joseph Buks

Congratulations to these Lanier students!

## 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.