

# The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 November 4, 2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 5 Debate Tournament at Katy HS	
Nov 7-11 Magnet Awareness Week	
Nov 9 Early Dismissal	1:45p
Nov 10 Magnet Evening Tour	6-7p
Nov 14-18 Fall Book Fair/Literacy Festival	
Nov 17 SDMC Meeting	3:45p
Book Fair Dinner/PTO General Meeting	5-8p
Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday - No School	
Dec 1 Family Math Night	

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MAGNET OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Houston Independent School District  
Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center  
4400 West 18th Street, Houston, Texas 77092

- Information sessions and school booths for interested parents and students
- Visit All Magnet Programs!

### REUNIÓN A PUERTAS ABIERTAS, PROGRAMAS MAGNET SÁBADO, 5 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2011 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Houston  
Centro de Apoyo Escolar Hattie Mae White  
4400 West 18th Street, Houston, TX 77092

- Sesiones de información y puestos escolares para padres y estudiantes.
- ¡Visite todos los programas Magnet!

### MAGNET AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 7-11 2011

- Tours daily at 1:00 p.m. on all HISD Magnet Campuses
- Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. on all HISD Magnet Campuses

### FAMILY MATH NIGHT, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Please mark your calendar for free pizza and games during our Annual 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Family Math Night on Thursday, December 1. This will be an exciting and fun event for the family with plenty of prizes. Look for more information coming in the next few weeks and plan to attend.

## VIPS RE-VERIFICATION

Effective October 3, 2011 all returning volunteers are required go in person to the school of interest and show proof of identification to the school's Volunteers in Schools Information Tracking System (VISITS) coordinator for the resubmission of the criminal history background check. A returning volunteer is a person who has already registered online and has been cleared to volunteer in HISD prior to June 1, 2011. All new volunteers must register online at [www.houstonisd.org](http://www.houstonisd.org). Click on VIPS login under the Parents or Community link section then bring your proof of identification to Melva Suarez in office B. Once you are cleared to volunteer, you are eligible to volunteer throughout HISD for the 2011-2012 school year. Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Lanier and please remember to log all your volunteer hours at the VIPS website.

## PTO NEWS

### MAGNET TOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Magnet tours are coming up next week and we could still use more adults to help lead the tours along with students. Volunteers are needed for the following dates: (Please note that the tour times have changed.)

- 1:00pm-2:00pm on Monday and Tuesday (Nov. 7-8), and Thursday and Friday (Nov. 10-11). Also 6:00pm-7:00pm on Thursday, Nov. 10.
- 9:00am-10:00am on Wednesday, Nov.9
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:maryann@useraid.com)) or Mary Beth Yard ([mary.yard@att.net](mailto:mary.yard@att.net)), for specifics.

### FALL BOOK FAIR/LITERACY FESTIVAL

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

#### 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 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm – 8:00pm**. Come and have a tasty Italian dinner - 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 PTO website [www.lanierpto.org](http://www.lanierpto.org)). Be entertained by our wonderful students and shop the Book Fair!!

#### 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](mailto:maryann@useraid.com)) or Mary Beth Yard ([mary.yard@att.net](mailto:mary.yard@att.net)).

### COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN – THE SUPPORT CONTINUES!

Another big “Thank You” is overdue to our generous parents. Your support has been wonderful! The winter break is just around the corner, so if you want to get your contribution in before the holidays NOW is the time to do it. Remember we are trying to exceed last year's total of \$60,000. I know we can do it!

Contributions are always being accepted. The easiest way is to log onto [www.lanierpto.org](http://www.lanierpto.org), click on Commitment to Excellence link at the top, and choose your level; it's that easy! If you prefer you can also mail a check into the school. Please be sure to note it is for the Commitment to Excellence campaign in the notes section.

Below is a list of those who have contributed at the Scholar level and above, new names are listed in bold.

Please email [jodibash@gmail.com](mailto:jodibash@gmail.com) (Jodi) or [jgbiggs@gmail.com](mailto:jgbiggs@gmail.com) (Jennie) with any questions. Thanks again!

### CAMPAÑA DE COMPROMISO CON LA EXCELENCIA – EL APOYO CONTINÚA!

Un nuevo gran agradecimiento a nuestros generosos padres. Vuestro apoyo ha sido maravilloso!! Las vacaciones de invierno se acercan y si quieren contribuir antes de las fiestas el momento de hacerlo es AHORA. Recuerden que estamos tratando de superar el total del \$60, 000 donado el año pasado. Sé que podemos hacerlo!

Las contribuciones se aceptan siempre. La forma más fácil es conectarse a [www.lanierpto.org](http://www.lanierpto.org), seleccionar el link *Commitment to Excellence* en la parte superior de la página y elegir su nivel de contribución, es así de fácil. Si lo prefiere puede enviar un cheque a la escuela. Por favor asegúrese de indicar que es para la campaña *Commitment to Excellence* en la sección de las notas. A continuación hay una lista de las personas que han contribuido en el nivel *Scholar* y superior a éste, los nuevos nombres figuran en itálica.

Por favor mande un mensaje a [jodibash@gmail.com](mailto:jodibash@gmail.com) (Jodi) o [jgbiggs@gmail.com](mailto:jgbiggs@gmail.com) con cualquier pregunta. Gracias nuevamente!

#### Sidney Lanier Leadership Society

*Miles, Renee*  
Tribble, Brittney

#### Poet Society

Chambers, Beth  
Chi, Julianne  
*Hajdik, Heather*  
Helfand, Kristin  
Melo, Stella  
Nugent, Mary Flood  
*Van Kerrebrook, Mary*

#### Champion

*Baker, Natalie*  
Broaddus, Nancy  
*Geston, Laurie*  
*Giunta, Rick*  
Hollenberg, Gregg and Christine  
*Hwang, Jessica & Brent*  
*Hwu, Kathleen*  
Kennedy, Cammie  
Kohlhase, Janet  
*Risoli, Wayne*  
Wittig, Linda

### **Super Star**

Judah, Tonya  
Bickart, Stephanie  
Dietrich, Sarah  
Doughty, Dick

### ***Dunn, Marguerite***

Harrison, Kathleen  
Introligator, Michélie  
Kelly, William & Krystal  
Kennedy, Monica  
Klavers, Kristine and Rik  
Nathan, Mandy  
Perkins, Cerole  
***Tindall, Carol***  
Wagner, Scott  
***Watson, Joanna***

### **Star**

Aaronson, Lisa  
Allen, Shannon  
Assel, Nancy  
Barron, Mona  
Bash, Jodi  
Biggs, Jennie  
Breitbeil, Karen  
Cagley, Maureen & Chris  
Carroll, Kristine  
Collins, Patricia  
Dao-Jeanjean, Thu Hang  
Dreyfus, Helen  
Flatt, Ava  
Gay, Samuel  
Hennings, Kristen  
***Hughson, E. Jane***  
Jefferson, Eddricka  
Kinsella, Rocio  
Liu, Vivien

### ***Marsden, Christina***

Moreno, Susan  
Numata, Jodyl  
Orsak, Carol  
***Parra, Camilo***  
Redepenning, Allison  
Ross, Becky and Robert  
Rummel, Bay  
Selleck, Sarah  
Siegel, Bettina

### ***Schwierking, Cynthia***

***Selleck, Sarah***  
***Thompson, Anne & Peter***  
Vyner, Lainie  
Walker, Connie  
Yard, Mary Beth  
Yokley, Pam  
Yuanfang, Liu

### **Scholar**

Andrews, Robert  
Bonte, Vonda  
Carlin, Amanda  
Dong, Lei  
French, Cathy  
Hajovsky, Martin  
Kakadiaris, Ioannis

O'Connor, Kari  
Poet, Melynda  
Quen, Rachel  
Thomas, Jenna  
Williams, Lesley

### **DO YOU HAVE A PTO QUESTION?**

Email [asklanierpto@gmail.com](mailto:asklanierpto@gmail.com).

## **PURPLE PUP SPOTLIGHT**

### **SIGMA MATH CONTEST**

The SIGMA math contest consists of 8 problems to be solved in 30 minutes. The following students scored the highest in their grade level on the national SIGMA math contest, and their scores will be submitted to represent Lanier.

#### **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:**

##### **6 out of 8 correct**

Micheal Brown  
Jakín Cordova  
Ally Sun  
Sara Tin-U

##### **5 out of 8 correct**

Annika Bohmann  
Robert Brown  
Camille Calabreze  
Isaac Davidson  
Sabrina Koseki  
Morgan Levine  
Joe Lipper  
Jake Schachter  
Madeline Stern

#### **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:**

##### **6 out of 8 correct**

Aidan Antekeier  
Hadi Bourji  
Alexander Hahn  
Sofie Hernandez-Simeonidis  
Philip Kim  
Sophie Lanier  
Joie Ling  
Kasra Sedeghi  
Jennifer Teague  
Urica Wang  
Annie Wells

##### **5 out of 8 correct**

Sonya Tkachman

If you are interested in participating in the second contest on Dec 5 – Dec 9, please e-mail Ms. Wu at [dwu@houstonisd.org](mailto:dwu@houstonisd.org) or stop by room 241 to sign up.

## IB CORNER

### THEME OF THE WEEK: COMMUNICATORS

– Students understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication. They work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others.

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

#### PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Nov 9 Lanier at Hamilton

5:30p

##### BOYS BASKETBALL

Nov 9 Lanier vs. Hamilton

5:30p

### LANIER GIRLS LACROSSE..

Interested in playing girls lacrosse?? It is not too late to register. Lanier Girls Lacrosse is a club sport that is open to all interested 6th to 8th grade girls, no prior experience required. For more details, you may contact Helene Sheena at [RHMB@aol.com](mailto:RHMB@aol.com) or check out the website at [HYLAX.org](http://HYLAX.org).

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 7pm, November 2, 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](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.