

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 November 9, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov 12–16 Fall Book Fair | 7:30a-4p |
| Nov 14 Early Dismissal | 1p |
| Nov 15 Magnet Tour | 8:45a |
| Nov 15 Family Night @ Book Fair | 5p |
| Nov 15 PTO General Meeting | 6p |
| Nov 21-23 Thanksgiving Holiday | |
| Nov 29 Race to Nowhere Film | 8:15a & 6:30p |

PTO NEWS

From the PTO President...

Thanks to the generous gifts and support from Lanier families, the Lanier PTO is able to give back to the school and support **all** Lanier students, teachers, and staff. The PTO's fundraising efforts are ongoing, so it's never too late to get involved. Here are a few ways you can support Lanier financially:

- **Shop at the Fall Book Fair Family Night** this Thursday, November 15th, from 5 to 8 PM.
- **Shop at the Lanier Gear Store** for hoodies, spirit wear, car decals, and much more. The Lanier Gear Store hours are Mondays 7:30 to 8:30 PM and Thursdays 11:45 AM to 1:45 PM. You can also shop at the Lanier Gear Store during Thursday's Book Fair from 5 to 8 PM.
- **Support the Commitment to Excellence Campaign**—our primary fundraiser for the school. You can donate **any** amount—every penny helps our school. Visit the PTO website (www.lanierpto.org) for more information or to donate online.
- **Shop at local and online stores** that offer Lanier Corporate Donation programs. Participating stores include Amazon, Target, Kroger's, Randall's, and Office Depot. Visit the Lanier PTO website for details.
- **Order a paver** to honor your student. Visit the Lanier PTO website for more information.

Be sure to join us for the **Lanier PTO general meeting this Thursday, November 15, at 6 PM** in the auditorium. Hope to see you there!

Sheryl Moore

2012-13 Lanier PTO President
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LANIER LINES

STELLA & DOT FUNDRAISER CONTINUES

Start crossing names off of your holiday shopping list! It is not too late to shop for Stella & Dot jewelry, candles and more to benefit Lanier MS! 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>.

Questions? Feel free to call Vanessa Wodehouse at 281-685-3044.

MENCHIE'S TREATS LANIER PTO

Take your student for a frozen yogurt treat to raise money for the Lanier PTO! Beginning this Sunday and through the whole week, 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! Empesando 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.

LANIER DAY @ PANDA GARDEN!

Dine at Panda Garden on Tuesday, November 13 and Panda Garden located at 5534 Wesleyan, will donate 20% of Lanier sales to the Lanier PTO! Eligible sales include dine-in, pick up, and delivery (free delivery with a \$15 minimum and limited delivery area). Mention "Lanier" while placing your order to earn money for the PTO while enjoying a delicious meal! Hours are 11am to 10pm.

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. The cost is \$5 per person. A spring showing is also planned. Email gcpoyjr@aol.com for more information.

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. 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:

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.

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>.

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE WE STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

Thank you, supporters, for the nearly **\$32,000** that you have contributed to this year's Commitment to Excellence campaign. I know it's getting to be a busy time of year with holidays approaching – but we still need your support.

If you have not yet donated, please consider doing so before it gets too crazy with the end of 2012. We are still trying to meet a budget goal for the school year and every dollar helps. Log on to the LanierPTO site (Lanierpto.org). Use the "Donate Now" button on the right hand navigation. To ensure your names are displayed correctly you may want to use the "personalization" option. Use the banner on the front of the PTO page that reads, "*Click here to enter your personalizations.*"

Thank you for your contributions! If you have any questions please feel free to contact the campaign co-chairs at jodibash@gmail.com or jgbiggs@gmail.com.

Jennie Biggs and Jodi Bash

Commitment to Excellence

Campaign Co-Chairs

PURPLE PUP PRAISE

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.

8th Grade (Score out of 8)

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| Breandan Bascon | 8 |
| Isaac Davidson | 8 |
| Michelle Tang | 8 |
| Pavan Shukla | 8 |
| Aileen Zhang | 7 |
| Ashley Mueller | 7 |
| Graham Curtis | 7 |

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| Jeong Han | 7 |
| Nia Prince | 7 |
| Runlin Liu | 7 |
| Stacey Yard | 7 |

7th Grade (Score out of 8)

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| James Wei | 8 |
| Sabrina Koseki | 8 |
| Tommy Hayes | 8 |
| Ben Feldstein | 7 |
| Charlie Moot | 7 |
| Chris Levitt | 7 |
| Evan Sherer | 7 |
| Grace Q. Nguyen | 7 |
| Quinn Bello | 7 |
| Samuel Liu | 7 |

6th Grade (Score out of 8)

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| Damian Sanchez | 8 |
| Brian Toc | 8 |
| Caleb Jackson | 7 |
| Ze Chen | 7 |
| Mark Bezsonov | 7 |
| Owen DeMarco | 7 |
| Christina Wang | 7 |
| Sasha Ripley | 7 |
| Adele Tayzon | 7 |
| Dante Del Vecchio | 7 |
| Anna-Katia Batoum Bassong | 7 |
| Jodi Mitchell | 7 |
| Celeste Santos | 7 |
| Dhatchi | 7 |
| Neveh Harari | 7 |
| Allie Bickart | 7 |
| Katie Crabb | 7 |
| Ruth Davis | 7 |
| Joseph Dowdall | 7 |
| Isaac Facundo | 7 |
| Mikhaela Lazarraga | 7 |
| Jake Spivey | 7 |

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.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS: WE WANT PHOTOS!

Lanier's PTO will be working hard this year to spread the good word about Lanier, and **YOU** can help! If your student is participating in any kind of school event, be it academic, artistic, athletic, technology-related, or anything else Lanier – please take a photo of your student (a group photo, if applicable) and email it to Catherine Witte at Zimwits@aol.com. Please identify the students in your photo and include a brief blurb about the event. Feel free to email Catherine with any questions!

IB CORNER

Week 12 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

GREAT 8

8TH GRADE DEDICATION ADS

8th 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

ATTENTION 8TH 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 8th 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, 8th 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). 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

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.

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 7pm, November 7, 2012, and has been printed with the approval of Linda Smith, Lanier Principal.

PURPLE PUP SPORTS

GIRLS LACROSSE

Reminder! This Sunday is another new player clinic AND practice for returning Lanier Girls lacrosse players.

Sunday, November 11, 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 (\$25 fee).

Please contact 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>

BOYS BASKETBALL NEWS

The 8th grade Boys' Basketball team had its first game of the season Wednesday night at Hamilton Middle School.

The team played hard and dominated the action with their intense defensive effort. Devon Boone, Jackson Carroll, Tra'von Green, and Mitchell Bonte led the team in scoring. Alan Ho, Joshua Lewis and Matthew Fontenot helped keep the Hamilton offense from being effective.

In the end, the Pups missed free throws cost them to lose in a double overtime thriller by the score of 36-40.

Please join us next Thursday when the Pups take on Grady here at home.