

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 October 12, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 12 & 13 Debate Tournament at Univ. of Houston
Oct 17 ReadStep Exam 8th Grade
Oct 18 8th Grade Boys Basketball Tryouts 3:30p
Oct 16 Lanier v Pin Oak Butler Sr 5p
Oct 24 Early Dismissal 1p
Oct 25 Parent Magnet Choice Night 6-8p
Nov 12-16 Fall Book Fair
Nov 15 Family Night @ Book Fair 5p

PTO NEWS

From the PTO President...

I just wanted to share with you some of the improvements our PTO is making to Lanier with respect to technology. This year the PTO is purchasing for Lanier five interactive SMART Boards, twelve multimedia projectors, and a color LaserJet printer. Thanks to our fundraising efforts and the generous gifts from Lanier parents, the PTO is able to supply the school with technology tools such as these to enhance the education of all Lanier students.

Our Commitment to Excellence campaign is underway, and the response has been terrific. To date, we have received gifts totaling \$27,000, so we are well on our way to our \$40,000 goal. Thank you so much to all who have donated and to everyone who supports our PTO through our fundraising efforts. Your generosity enables us to give back to the school and support all Lanier students, teachers, and staff. If you'd like to contribute to our Commitment to Excellence campaign, visit www.lanierpto.org.

Sheryl Moore
2012-13 Lanier PTO President
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DO YOU HAVE A PTO QUESTION?

Email asklanierpto@gmail.com.

NURSE'S NOTES

Texas Heart Institute is providing a great opportunity for our Lanier families. THI is doing a research study to determine whether 2 types of medical imaging test can identify children who may be at risk of Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD). Approximately 2 – 5 % of children have undiagnosed heart abnormalities which can result in SCD. The problem is that there may be no symptoms and basic physical examinations will not detect these abnormalities. I feel strongly that any child participating in sports need to have a more comprehensive physical examination than

what is presently required. Regardless if your child is involved in sports or not, I encourage all our parents to take advantage of this opportunity.

Participation in the study is voluntary and there is NO CHARGE. The exam will consist of an ECG and an MRI. Both test are noninvasive, painless and no radiation.

Information packets were sent home the first week of school. If for some reason you did not receive the THI packet please contact me and I will gladly send home the packet. The packet contains information regarding the study and consent forms which need to be completed and signed by the parent and returned. The testing will be done during your child's PE/Dance class.

Regards,
Joan Lawrence, R.N., B.S.N.
713-942-1900 ext.324 email jlawrenc@houstonisd.org

IB CORNER

THEME OF THE WEEK: HEALTH & SOCIAL EDUCATION

Week 8: *How do I think and act? How am I changing? How can I look after myself and others?* This area of interaction deals with key aspects of development leading to complete and healthy lives. It encompasses physical, social and emotional health and intelligence. The aim is to develop in students a sense of responsibility for their own well-being and for their physical and social environment.
www.ibo.org

LANIER LINES

PURPLE PUP PARENT MAGNET TOUR GUIDES NEEDED

We are in need of purple pup parent magnet tour guides! We will be having a tour guide training at Lanier on Thursday, October 25th at 8:45am in the Teacher's Lounge. We would really appreciate your help in recruiting Houston's best students to join us at Lanier. If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions please contact Scott Wagner at SLWagner@earthlink.net.

IB PARENT STEERING COMMITTEE

This year is a big year for Lanier's IB Middle Years Program. The IB Organization will be sending representatives to evaluate Lanier this spring. If you are interested in helping Lanier prepare for the visit please come to our first IB Parent Steering Committee meeting

on Thursday, October 25th at 1:00pm in the Teacher's Lounge or contact Ms. Terry aterry@houstonisd.org.

FALL BOOK FAIR/LITERACY FESTIVAL

Join us for the **Fall Book Fair November 12th – 16th** in the library.

Mark your calendars for **Family Night Thursday, November 15th from 5:00pm – 8:00pm.**

Literacy Festival: October 29 – November 9

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/glogster 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) or Mary Beth Yard (mary.yard@att.net).

KROGER'S NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Good news Kroger shoppers! Lanier is now enrolled in Kroger's Neighbor to Neighbor Rebate Program. Kroger will donate \$1 million to local Texas and Louisiana organizations annually. Each organization will earn a percentage of the \$1 million equal to the percentage of total earned contributions attributable to that organization. To enroll your KrogerPlus Card in this program, present Lanier's Customer Letter to your Kroger cashier with your KrogerPlus Card (or when you enter your alternate ID) at the beginning of your next transaction.

UPCOMING MATHWORKS MATH CONTEST!

Mathworks at Texas State is holding its 11th annual Mathworks Math Contest (MMC) on **October 31st, 2012.** This contest is free and open to all middle school students in the state of Texas. The test consists of 15 open-ended questions that are designed by Texas State's very own math professors.

Unlike other tests, the MMC is graded by the student's shown work and not just the correct answer. The MMC is also a part of the selection process for Mathworks' Residential Junior Summer Math Camp. The high scorers in the Contest are invited to apply to this program. The top four scorers on the MMC are automatically accepted to the Residential Junior Summer Math Camp and then travel to Hong Kong later in the summer to participate in the international Primary Mathematics World Contest.

Mathworks seeks to provide students with opportunities beyond what schools traditionally offer. Mathworks camps and contests are engaging and provide high-level challenges to students of all mathematical backgrounds.

In addition to gaining enriched academic opportunities, students develop perseverance, build confidence, and discover how smart they really can be! If you are interested in taking the Mathworks Contest on **Oct. 31**, e-mail Ms. Wu at dwu@houstonisd.org or stop by room 248 to sign up. For more information, visit <http://www.txstate.edu/mathworks/>.

The AMC 8 is a 25 question, 40 minute multiple choice examination in middle school mathematics designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem solving skills. This school year it will be held **Tuesday, November 13, 2012.** Ms. Wu only has 10 tests, so stop by room 248 if you're interested in taking the AMC 8. For more information, visit <http://amc.maa.org/e-exams/e4-amc08/amc8.shtml>.

GREAT 8 NEWS

Hello 8th grade students and families!! We are gearing up for an awesome year!!

GREAT 8 is the name for the end of year celebrations for Lanier Middle School's 8th grade graduating class of 2013!!

We are collecting dues which cover the cost of the GREAT 8 events. Dues will be \$80 per student. The GREAT 8 events include an end of year dance, field trip to Dave and Busters, and the Breakfast and Awards ceremony, plus a GREAT 8 t-shirt, and a class picture. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

Thank you,
Maryann Mueller, Mary Beth Yard and Kristin Helfand
Your GREAT 8 team

PURPLE PUP SPORTS

8TH GRADE FOOTBALL

Oct 16	Lanier	Pin Oak	5p	Butler Sr
Oct 24	Lanier	Dowling	5p	Delmar

8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts will be held next week on **Thursday the 18th from 3:30 until 5:30pm.** Callbacks will be on Saturday the 20th from 8:00am until 10:00am. All paperwork must be turned in by October 17th in order to tryout. Please see Coach Sifuentes for questions or concerns.

GIRLS LANIER LACROSSE

Our first new player clinic will be **NEXT SUNDAY, October 21 from 12:00noon to 2:00pm** at the field in front of St. Catherine's Montessori School, 9821 Timberside Drive, Houston, 77025
YOU MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER TO PLAY:

- a membership number from US Lacrosse www.uslacrosse.org (\$25 fee)
- a signed HYLAX waiver (see below)

· -a mouthguard and goggles (sticks will be available for your use - you may bring one if you have one)
If you do not have the above items, you will NOT be allowed to play.

If you intend on participating, please email lanierlax@gmail.com with the following information:

- players and parents' names
- email addresses
- telephone numbers
- school
- grade
- USLacrosse membership number

Looking forward to seeing you all out there!

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE –UPDATE

To date, we have raised *almost* \$27,000! A great start to a great year, but still short of our CTE budget goal for the 2012-2013 school year. If you haven't given, there is still time. The easiest way is online via 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.](#)"

We would like to recognize the following supporters starting with the Sidney Lanier Leadership Society level; new donors are listed in bold.

Sidney Lanier Leadership Society

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Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the campaign co-chairs at jodibash@gmail.com or jqbiggs@gmail.com.

Jennie Biggs and Jodi Bash

Commitment to Excellence

Campaign Co-Chairs

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 7pm, October 12, 2012, 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.