

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 October 14, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 18 Philharmonic Hauncert at Lamar HS	6:00p
Oct 20 SDMC Meeting	3:45p
Oct 21 Report Cards go home	
Oct 21-22 Debate Tournament at Bellaire HS	
Oct 27 High School Choice Event	3:45-5:45p
Sinfonia Hauncert	6:00p
Oct 31 Drama Performance	6:00p
Nov 9 Early Dismissal	1:45p
Nov 14-18 Fall Book Fair/Literacy Festival	

CHERRYDALE

Cherrydale fundraising products will be delivered on October 19th 2011. Thank you everyone for another successful year of fundraising. Special thanks to all the PTO parents who volunteered their time to help process the orders.

We have an important change this year: If your son or daughter has ordered a large amount of items, especially frozen products, that they cannot carry home, we have arranged the following pick up times:

Wednesday, October 19th
10:00am-1:00pm and 3:45pm-6:30pm
Location: the gym in the back of the school.

It is important that parents pick up items not taken home by students as some of the products are FROZEN and there is no freezer space at school. All orders must be picked up on October 19th, 2011.

Thank you,
Lisa Arledge
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PTO NEWS

PARENT TEACHER SOCIAL A SUCCESS

Beautiful weather and an amazing venue were the backdrop for a fantastic and fun night for teachers, staff and parents on Thursday, October 6, 2011. A HUGE thanks to Asef Kofli for making The Grove Park Lounge available to us at a very reasonable price. Asef also owns Chatters (with multiple locations) - patronize these delicious venues with great atmosphere to support one of our own!!!

A big thanks also to all of those families who either "sponsored a teacher" or donated one of our many fantastic door prizes. Every teacher and staff member who attended the event went home with something - from

a Starbucks' gift card to a Disney Trip!!! We could not have done this without the generosity of so many!!! We also want to thank all of the volunteers who helped work the event, set up or clean up.

The conversations were abundant, food and drinks flowing with great music playing. The only complaint heard was that the teachers wished more parents would attend! We are looking for input so that next year's party will be bigger and better than ever. Whether or not you attended, your input is welcome to any of us below. For the 6th and 7th grade parents, we hope you will seriously consider attending next year. For all of the parents who attended this year, it was nice to visit - with other parents as well as with the teachers and staff who work with our kids every day.

Finally, there are many technology needs that we identified in preparing for this event. We gave parents an opportunity to donate technology which will significantly improve the resources of our teachers. Thanks to those of you who so generously completed the form at the party and made a donation. It is not too late!!! Go to the PTO website, www.lanierpto.org and click on Lanier Party Patron. Any amount is welcome!!! The technology need totals approximately \$100,000!!! Please dig deep to help our school meet this dire need.

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FALL BOOK FAIR/LITERACY FESTIVAL

Save the Date: November 14 - 18

Sharpen your pencils for the upcoming Literacy Festival!!! More information to come! If you would like to volunteer please contact Maryann Mueller (maryann@useraid.com) or Mary Beth Yard (mary.yard@att.net).

DO YOU HAVE A PTO QUESTION?

Email asklanierpto@gmail.com.

IB CORNER

THEME OF THE WEEK: INQUIRERS

- Students develop their natural curiosity. They acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. They actively enjoy learning and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives. www.ibo.org

PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX

FOOTBALL (8TH)

Oct 18 Lanier vs. West Briar at Butler Jr	5:00p
Oct 25 Lanier vs. Pershing at Butler Sr	7:00p

FOOTBALL (7TH)

Oct 17 West Briar at Lanier	5:30p
Oct 24 Lanier at Pershing	5:30p

CROSS COUNTRY

Oct 15 District Meet(TC Jester Park)	8:30a
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VOLLEYBALL

Oct 19 Dowling at Lanier	5:00p
Oct 26 Lanier at Welch	5:00p

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls basketball tryouts are coming soon. Here are the dates... 8th grade - Oct 31 and Nov 1. 7th grade - Nov 2 and Nov 3. All tryouts begin directly after school in the gym and are over at 5:30p. All paperwork needed to try out is posted at www.purplepups.org. It can also be found on the site by going to the "extracurricular" tab. All paperwork must be completed in order for you to try out. An explanation of paperwork is also on the website. For more info, email Amber Cabell at acabell@houstonisd.org or Stephen Cabell at scabell@houstonisd.org

BOYS SOCCER FUNDRAISER

The boys soccer program is growing every year. In order to better serve the needs of all the Lanier Soccer Fanatics, new uniforms are needed. Please help the team by donating money or items that may be sold as concessions such as small chip bags, water or juice drinks. Please contact Coach Sifuentes, bsifuent@houstonisd.org, for any additional details.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

This past Saturday, the Lanier Boys Cross Country team competed in the Pin Oak Middle School Cross Country Meet at Pin Oak Middle School.

The Lanier 8th grade boys won the team championship in the 8th grade division. The 8th grade boys had 10 medalists: Jinjie Ling (1st), Thomas Telle (4th), Cameron Carlin (6th), Dane Byrd (7th), Hadi Bourji (9th), Daniel Rosilez (11th), Alfred Grimaldo (12th), Phillip Tan (13th), James Feng (14th), and Bennett Johnson (15th). Other top performers were: Evan Morreale (16th), George Zhang (18th), and Jahlil Walker (19th).

The Lanier 7th grade boys finished 3rd in the 7th grade division. The 7th grade boys had 2 medalists: Miguel Covarrubias (6th), Blake Bartlett (15th). Nick Valero finished (16th), Benjamin Schwierking (19th), Sajjad Mia (20th), Graham Curtis (25th), Saul Cervantes (26th), and Hank Jares (30th).

The Lanier Cross Country teams will compete this Saturday morning at the HISD District Championship Cross Country Meet @ TC Jester Park. The action begins at 8:30am.

NEW GYM SCOREBOARD NEEDED

Lanier Middle School is in need of a new scoreboard in the gym. The current scoreboard is outdated and due to a lack of manufacturer technicians, repairs would be difficult. If you would like to donate or know of a business that would like to donate, please contact Joel Kunz at jkunz@houstonisd.org for more information. All donations will be recognized. Thanks!

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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