

# The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 October 26, 2012

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 29 – Nov 9 Literacy Festival	
Oct 28 Stella & Dot Fundraiser (see article)	2-5p
Oct 28-31 Lanier Nights @ CPK (see article)	
Nov 5-9 Magnet Week daily tours	1p
Nov 12-16 Fall Book Fair	7:30a-4p
Nov 15 Family Night @ Book Fair	5p
Nov 15 PTO General Meeting	6p

## LANIER LINES

### STELLA & DOT TRUNK SHOW & FUNDRAISER

Start crossing names off of your holiday shopping list while supporting Lanier MS! You're invited to the home of Vanessa Wodehouse on Sunday, October 28th, between 2 and 5 pm for a Stella & Dot Trunk Show. Address is 801 Merrill Street, 77009, in Woodland Heights. 25% of the retail value of your purchases will be donated back to the Lanier PTO. If you can't make it, 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 at 281-685-3044.

### 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<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am – 4 pm in the library.** (Hours for Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>: 7:30am – 2 pm)

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

### TARGET TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION®

If you use a Target credit card or Target debit card, designate Lanier (code: **98711**) to receive a percentage of your purchases (**1% of Target purchases and 1/2% of other purchases**). You will receive 5% off of Target purchases plus free shipping at Target.com when you use your Target credit or debit card. To apply for your Target card, visit [target.com/redcard/application](http://target.com/redcard/application).

### LANIER NIGHTS@ CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN!

Dine at California Pizza Kitchen in the River Oaks Shopping Center (1997 W. Gray) and CPK will donate 20% of Lanier sales to the Lanier PTO! Bring the attached flyer to CPK during this FUNdraiser which runs from Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup> to earn money for the PTO while enjoying a delicious meal! Hours are 11 am to 10 pm.

### Noches de Lanier en California Pizza Kitchen

Coman en CPK en el centro de compras de River Oaks (1997 West Gray) y CPK donara 20% a Lanier PTO! Traigan el papel que esta pagado para CPK o diganle de esta promocion de Domingo Octubre 28 asta Miercoles Octubre 31! Esta abierto 11 am alas 10 pm

### LANIER SCHOOL TOUR DATES

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

Thursday, November 1, 8:45 am  
Magnet Week Tours, November 5-9, 1:00 pm each day  
Monday, November 5, 6:00 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

For questions about these tours, contact Aurora Terry, Lanier's IB/Magnet Coordinator, at [aterry@houstonisd.org](mailto:aterry@houstonisd.org).

### LAMAR FRESHMAN ROUNDUP, PART 1

Date: October 30, 2012 - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Freshman Roundup is a two-part "series" held in October and January for students interested in attending Lamar High School. Part I is targeted toward the parents (student attendance is optional) as it gives an overview of

the academic programs and campus life at Lamar High School. Part II focuses more on student life with campus life, athletics, clubs & organizations being individually represented. Student attendance is recommended; parent attendance, optional. Dates and times are as follows:

Part I Tuesday, October 30 6 pm Lamar Gym

Part II Tuesday, January 29 6 pm Lamar Gym

### STUDENT COUNCIL

If you have a student who would like to be a part of the student council here at school, please have them come to our meetings. We meet every Thursday morning, from 7:30-7:50 in Mr. Giroir's room, T-23. If your child would like to be an officer, 8<sup>th</sup> graders can run for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. 7<sup>th</sup> graders can run for the positions of Secretary or Treasurer. 6<sup>th</sup> graders can run for the Historian. All students are invited to be a part of the student council. If you cannot make the meeting, please email Mr. Giroir at [mgiroir@houstonisd.org](mailto:mgiroir@houstonisd.org) for more details.

### 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).

### WASHINGTON DC FILLING FAST

Spots for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC Spring Tour are filling fast, but you can still get in on the fun. This all-inclusive trip takes place on March 8-12, 2013. This will be our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary trip and what makes this trip even more special is that the man who started it all will be going with us. Jim Henley, retired speech and debate teacher, started this trip 25 years ago. He will be joining us as a

guest tour director to share his many memories of trips past and his special insight into the workings of government. You will want to go just to hear the wonderful stories he has to tell. If you want more information about the trip just e-mail Gary Keese at [gkeese@houstonisd.org](mailto:gkeese@houstonisd.org)

### 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](mailto:dwu@houstonisd.org) or stop by room 248, or visit <http://www.txstate.edu/mathworks/>.

## PTO NEWS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT PTO MEETING

The next Lanier PTO General Meeting is 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 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

### FROM THE PTO PRESIDENT...

#### Which Store is Open When?

Lanier PTO volunteers staff and supply the school's uniform store, Lanier Gear store, and after-school Snack Shack. The stores are open during the following hours:

- The school uniform store and Lanier Gear store are open Monday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30 am and Thursdays from 11:45 am to 1:45 pm.
- The Snack Shack, located in the Uniform/Lanier Gear store, is open on Thursdays and Fridays from 3:30 to 4:00pm. Our goal is to open the store every day of the week. If you can help on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday afternoons, please

contact our VP of Volunteering, Scott Wagner ([slwagner@earthlink.net](mailto:slwagner@earthlink.net)).

- Our PTO Online Store is open 24 hours a day at [www.lanierpto.org](http://www.lanierpto.org). From the Online Store you can pay for PTO membership, make a donation to the Commitment to Excellence campaign, purchase a paver, and even pay Great 8 dues.

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2012-13 Lanier PTO President  
[lanierptopres@gmail.com](mailto:lanierptopres@gmail.com)

## **THE LANIER SDMC (SHARED DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE)**

### **What is the SDMC?**

The SDMC is a committee that sits at each public school and provides guidance to the school's administration on school-wide based issues. It is made up of the various stakeholders in that school. The membership composition of the SDMC is set by the state and the district which provide the following guidelines:

- Teachers to school-based staff: 2/3 to 1/3
- Non-Instructional personnel - 1 representative
- Parents - 2 representatives
- Local Community - 2 representatives
- Local Business – 1 representative

### **When and where does the Lanier SDMC meet?**

The Lanier SDMC meets the third Thursday of each month at 3:45 pm in the Lanier library.

### **Who calls the meetings?**

The meetings are scheduled, however the principal of the school calls and presides over the meetings.

### **Are meetings open to the public?**

A school community member may attend a meeting of any committee to discuss or present an issue, however the SDMC considers the matter and works toward a consensus.

### **How do parents submit issues to discuss at SDMC meetings?**

Parents may submit written issues or concerns (non-personnel) for the SDMC to consider to any SDMC member. The committee would like items to be submitted a week prior to the meeting however, the official cutoff is 24 hours before the meeting date and time. Please use the form in the Lanier website to submit items to be discussed.

### **How are results of SDMC meetings communicated?**

SDMC meeting minutes are posted on the Lanier website.

### **Are SDMC agenda items published ahead of time?**

Yes as much as possible and on the Lanier website.

### **Who are the Lanier SDMC members for the 2012-2013 school year?**

They are:

Linda Smith, Principal	<a href="mailto:lsmith5@houstonisd.org">lsmith5@houstonisd.org</a>
Aurora Terry, Campus Based Professional	<a href="mailto:aterry@houstonisd.org">aterry@houstonisd.org</a>
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Carrie Millican, Teacher	<a href="mailto:cmillica@houstonisd.org">cmillica@houstonisd.org</a>
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Kyle Stumpf, Teacher	<a href="mailto:kstumpf@houstonisd.org">kstumpf@houstonisd.org</a>
Melva Suarez, Non Instructional	<a href="mailto:msuarez@houstonisd.org">msuarez@houstonisd.org</a>
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Rebecca Kelly, Com Rep	currently unavailable
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Sheryl Moore (unofficial), PTO president	<a href="mailto:lanierptopres@gmail.com">lanierptopres@gmail.com</a>

## **COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE – A BIG THANK YOU!**

Thank you supporters for the \$31,249 that you have contributed to this year's Commitment to Excellence campaign. It is truly wonderful to see such a momentous show of support for our school and kids. If you have not yet donated please do, there's still time. 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](http://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**

#### **Renee Miles**

Philip & Michele Navratil  
David & Kelly Rose  
Kathleen & Ron Kahanek  
Michael & Beth Chambers  
Kristin Helfand  
Brittney & Max Tribble  
Molly Ward

#### **Poet Society**

#### **Cass & Mike Schwartz**

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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](mailto:jodibash@gmail.com) or [jbiggs@gmail.com](mailto:jbiggs@gmail.com).

Jennie Biggs and Jodi Bash

*Commitment to Excellence*

Campaign Co-Chairs

## **PURPLE PRAISE**

### **LANIER BAND DOMINATES AT ALL-CITY BAND AUDITIONS**

Congratulations to Band Director Ali Jackson and the twenty-eight LMS students who earned a position in the 2012-2013 All-City Band. Lanier Band members secured one-third of the places out of eight middle schools and took the highest number of first chairs.

#### **Flute**

1. Ruth Ling
4. Lindsey Walker
7. Runlin Liu
8. Michael Hoyal

10. Delaney Biggs

#### **Oboe**

1. Noah Mattiuzzi

#### **Bassoon**

1. Jade Matusow

#### **Clarinet**

1. Jeong Woo Han
2. Sarah Thompson
3. Cierra Weathers
6. Kolby Cowart
8. Camille MacLaren
19. Astra Sun (alternate)

#### **Alto Saxophone**

1. Alex Hoyal
2. Robert Corpening
3. Caleb Roark

#### **Tenor Saxophone**

2. Hank Jares

#### **Baritone Saxophone**

1. Mitchell Krall

#### **Trumpet**

10. Christopher Lam
11. Graham Curtis

#### **Horn**

4. Aidan Maples

#### **Trombone**

1. Ned Swart
8. Kenta Lindsay

#### **Euphonium**

3. Catherine Rosen
4. Adam Capfer

#### **Tuba**

2. Sajjad Mia

#### **Percussion**

1. Henry Rose
5. Charlie Wannall
8. Harvey Gao

## **IB CORNER**

### **THEME OF THE WEEK: KNOWLEDGEABLE**

**Week 10** - Students explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines. [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)

## **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](mailto:jlawrenc@houstonisd.org)

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 7pm, October 24, 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](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.