

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 October 05, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 9 Football Lanier v Westbriar Butler Sr.	5p
Oct 9 Boys Lacrosse Mtg Pin Oak MS	6:30p
Oct 11 Parent Teacher Fall Party	5-8p
Oct 12 & 13 Debate Tournament at Univ. of Houston	
Oct 17 ReadStep Exam 8 th Grade	
Oct 24 Early Dismissal	1p
Oct 25 Parent Magnet Choice Night	6-8p
Oct 26 Report Cards	

PTO NEWS

LANIER PARENT - TEACHER SOCIAL

The Annual Parent-Teacher Social is on **Thursday, October 11, 2012 from 5 to pm at ADDiX**. This casual gathering gives you the opportunity to meet teachers, staff and other parents.

Tickets are \$30 each or 2 for \$55 and include food and 2 drink tickets. Please consider sponsoring a teacher and/or staff member. We will have a raffle for an iPad, Kindle Fire and Sony PlayStation 3. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10 or 7 for \$20. All proceeds benefit our kids at Lanier. Tickets for the event and raffle may be purchased online at the Lanier Store <http://lanierpto.org>

Contact Anju Varadhachary at anju12@gmail.com or Laura Fertak at murphetak@comcast.net with questions or if you can volunteer at this great event.

RANDALL'S GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

6th grade parents – Are you still donating money to your child's elementary school's PTO? Please update your Randall's Remarkable card with the Lanier PTO Charity # **6169**. If you have more than one organization designated on the Remarkable card, the total purchase amount will be divided equally among the organizations. To maximize the contribution level, Randall's recommends choosing only one organization per household. You can get the Good Neighbor Program charitable designation form at http://shop.safeway.com/corporate/randalls/GN_HOUSTON_AUSTIN.pdf.

LANIER LINES

ReadStep Testing

All 8th grade students will take the ReadStep exam on Wednesday, October 17th in the Lanier Cafeteria. ReadStep is the first step on the College Board's College Readiness Pathway — an integrated series of assessments that includes the PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT.

WASHINGTON DC SPRING TOUR

Students and parents have already started signing up for this annual 6th grade trip. This will be the 25th year in a row that we have taken this trip. It will be a great opportunity to experience Washington DC during Spring Break. The dates for the trip are March 8-12, 2013. We leave on Friday, March 8, and return on Tuesday, March 12. This is an all-inclusive trip that includes hotel, air fare, food and all entry fees to venues that may charge them. If you missed the informational meetings you can still get information about the trip and sign up. Contact Gary Keese at the following e-mail address to get more information gkeese@houstonisd.org

YEARBOOK ON SALE NOW

Orders are now being accepted for this all-color yearbook that is now under "construction". You can purchase your yearbook now and save \$2.00 if you purchase online. If you want to pay by check or cash simply use the order form that was sent home a few weeks ago. Cash and check orders can be turned in by dropping them in Mr. Keese's mailbox, along with your payment, in Office B or drop them by his classroom, #234. Use the website address to order online www.jostensyearbook.com

LANIER SCHOOL TOUR DATES

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

Thursday, November 1, 8:45am
Magnet Week Tours, November 5-9, 1:00pm each day
Monday, November 5, 6:00pm
Thursday, November 15, 8:45am
Thursday, November 29, 8:45am
Thursday, December 6, 8:45am
Thursday, January, 10 8:45am

For questions about these tours, contact Aurora Terry, Lanier's IB/Magnet Coordinator, at aterry@houstonisd.org

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.

CHERRYDALE FUNDRAISER RESULTS

The grand success of Cherrydale's annual school-wide fundraiser is a result of parents and students outstanding sells and generous donations. On behalf of Lanier Middle School's faculty and staff, I want to thank you for your contributions as well as sharing your energy, talents and time.

Lanier School Total: \$56,000

Top three Classes

Bogert	211	\$ 2,650.00
Hughes	197	\$ 2,303.25
Keenan	157	\$ 1,887.50

Top Seller: Blake Modlin

2 kids get to do the President's Leap

11 kids get to Pick a Prize

79 kids get to go to Dave & Busters

106 kids get to do the Candy Bar Cash Game

226 kids get to do the DJ Party

288 kids get the light up spike bracelet

363 kids participated

Special thanks to our awesome PTO Volunteers Scott Wagner (PTO volunteer coordinator), Kristen Carroll, Krystal Kelly, and Shannon DeSouza. I appreciate the countless hours you put in last week to help Lanier during the collection and tabulation process of the 2012 Cherrydale Fundraiser.

Sincerely,

La Dora Matthews, LMS Counselor

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE – WOW!

With barely 5 weeks of school under our belt you have amazed us by showing your support to the Commitment to Excellence campaign. To date, we have raised over \$24,000! That money is so valuable to our kids. Thank you again for your generosity.

If you haven't given, there is still plenty of time to contribute. 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

Philip & Michele Navratil

David & Kelly Rose

Kathleen & Ron Kahanek

Beth Chambers

Kristin Helfand

Brittney & Max Tribble

Molly Ward

Poet Society

Tayyba Kanwal

Champion

Wayne Risoli

Curt & Sheryl Moore

Elizabeth York

Ted & Suzanne Barrall

Angela & Mike Wallace

Doug & Annette Van Brunt

Sarah Dietrich

Margie Neillirk

Jessica & Brent Hwang

Super Star

Lucy Lunt

Eleanor de Groot

Kelley Watson

Richard Knight

Eleanor de Groot

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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 jgbiggs@gmail.com.

Jennie Biggs and Jodi Bash

Commitment to Excellence, Campaign Co-Chairs

IB CORNER

THEME OF THE WEEK: ENVIRONMENTS week 7 -

Where do we live? What resources do we have or need? What are my responsibilities? This area of interaction aims to develop students' awareness of their interdependence with the environment so that they understand and accept their responsibilities. www.ibo.org

PURPLE PUP PRAISE

NEWS FROM OUR TECHNOLOGY & VISUAL ARTS (TAVA) DEPARTMENT AT LANIER

Mike Giroir will be a speaker for the sponsors at the No Place For Hate Rally, November 6th at the George R. Brown Convention Center. He will be speaking to the sponsors of the other No Place for Hate Schools that send students and teachers to learn more about keeping their status as NPFH schools and to learn about what other schools are doing for their projects. Mr. Giroir will be speaking about the Lanier Living Library Project.

ROBOTICS

Lanier's Competitive Robotics Teams are working hard to prepare for the First LEGO League 2012 Challenge. Entitled *Senior Solutions*, the four-part challenge consists of the robot game, the project, teamwork, & technical. The focus is to understand the issues surrounding life after age 60, and how society can respond to the challenges and opportunities longevity presents. Please congratulate the following team members on their hard work and dedication as they prepare to compete in *Senior Solutions*:

Dark Prodigy
Taahir Busaidy (6 th)
Nicolas Jeanjean (7 th)
Gan Liu (7 th) captain
Jose Valdez (7 th)
Devon Watson (6 th)
Shout Young (8 th)

LEGO Ladies
Veronica Blum (7 th)
Nicole Golden (7 th)
Zara Huerta (8 th) co-captain
Camille MacLaren (8 th)
Laura Miles (7 th) co-captain
Yaritza Serrano (7 th)

Los Robos
Gerald Canario (7 th)
Jovonny Flores (7 th)
Sudhanvan Iyer (6 th)
Nicholas Kramer (6 th)
Daniel Kim (6 th)
Canyon Schwartz (8 th) captain

Robospartans
Adam Capfer (8 th) captain
Andrew Contreras (6 th)
Robert Hooks (8 th) co-captain
Stone Lack (7 th)
Martin Logan (8 th) co-captain
Jake Spivey (6 th)

Alternate: Bill Li, (6th)

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! My goal this year is to spread the good news about Lanier by encouraging teachers, parents, and students to send me photos/articles that I can share with local newspapers like the Village News, Examiner, etc. 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!

HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE EVENTS

HISD Magnet High School Coordinators will be at Lanier on Friday, October 19th from 2:30-3:30 to speak to our 8th grade students and again on **Thursday, October 25th from 6:00-8:00pm** to speak to parents. HISD Magnet applications will be available from the district starting November 3rd. Lanier will have 8th grade student records available for pick up from Ms. Flores in the attendance office.

MAGNET PROGRAM DATES AND DEADLINES Recruitment for 2013-2014

AWARENESS ACTIVITIES	November 3, 2012	MAGNET PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information sessions for interested parents and students Visit school booths Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center (4400 West 18th Street) All Schools: 9:00 a.m. –12:00 (Noon)
	November 5-9, 2012	PARENT MAGNET AWARENESS WEEK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tours for parents available at each Magnet Program daily at 1:00 PM
	October, 2012 through December, 2012	MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL RECRUITMENT AT MIDDLE SCHOOLS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magnet high school coordinators make program presentations at all middle schools
APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED	November 5, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications for all Magnet programs accepted beginning November 5, 2012 Applications and brochures will be available at the Magnet Open House on November 3, 2012
APPLICATION DEADLINE	January 11, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications for Magnet programs must be postmarked no later than January 11, 2013 for guaranteed consideration in the first round Applications received after January 11th will be accepted on a space-available basis
PARENT NOTIFICATION	March 22, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application status information mailed to parents on March 22, 2013 (postmarked)
PARENT RESPONSE DEADLINE	April 5, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents must notify Magnet school of choice of student "intent to attend" by April 5, 2013 (postmarked)

For information and applications, please call the Magnet Department at 713-556-6947 or access our website, <http://www.houstonisd.org/magnet>.

PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX

8TH GRADE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Oct 9	Lanier	Westbriar	Butler Sr	5p
Oct 16	Lanier	Pin Oak	Butler Sr	5p
Oct 24	Lanier	Dowling	Delmar	5p

FREE FLU SHOTS

'Tis the season for sniffles, headaches, aches and pains. The FLU is here and Legacy Community Health Services is extending free flu shots for all kids under 18, for the month of October. For those interested in a flu shot over the age of 18, the cost is \$25.

Legacy Community Health Services, Montrose Campus
1415 California Street, Houston, TX 77006
legacycommunityhealth.org

Please call 832-730-4433 to set-up a special appointment. We are happily bilingual.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 7pm, October 3, 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.