

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 September 23, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 29 Fall Holiday – No School	
Sep 30 Progress Reports	
Oct 6 Parent Teacher Fall Party	5-8p
Oct 7-8 Debate Tournament at Univ. of Houston	
Oct 12 Early Dismissal	1:45p
Oct 13 Choir Fall Concert	6p
Oct 18 Philharmonic Hauncert at Lamar HS	6p
Oct 20 SDMC Meeting	3:45p
Oct 21-22 Debate Tournament at Bellaire HS	
Oct 27 High School Choice Event	3:45-5:45p
Sinfonia Hauncert	6p

PTO NEWS

VOLUNTEERISM

Merriam-Webster says the action is “to offer oneself to undertake a service”. Did you know that the HISD Board of Education Trustees are volunteers? These committed volunteers set the vision and policy that guides HISD in educating our children. These are serious commitments of time and energy for which there is no financial compensation. Did you also know that four of the nine trustee positions are up for election in November? I encourage you to learn all you can about the candidates and make an informed decision on November 8th.

I know you knew that Lanier has one of the most active and successful PTOs in HISD. This isn't about the pride of being part of the Lanier PTO, this is about giving our children and our children's teachers the best support we can. Join the Lanier PTO. Volunteer every chance you get. Your CHILDREN will thank you . . . someday.

Mac MacLaren
President – Lanier PTO

VOLUNTARIADO

Merriam-Webster dice que es la acción de encargarse de un servicio. Sabía que la junta directiva de HISD se compone de voluntarios? Esos comprometidos voluntarios establecen la visión y la política que guía a HISD en la educación de nuestros hijos. Son compromisos serios de tiempo y energía para los cuales no hay recompensa financiera. Sabía también que cuatro de las nueve posiciones de los directivos se elegirán en noviembre? Le animo a que se informe sobre los candidatos y haga una elección educada el 8 de noviembre.

Sé que usted sabe que Lanier tiene uno de los PTOs más activos y exitosos en HISD. No se trata del orgullo de ser parte del PTO de Lanier, se trata de dar a nuestros hijos y a los profesores de nuestros hijos el mayor apoyo que podamos. Unase al PTO de Lanier. Haga voluntariado en cada oportunidad que tenga. Sus HIJOS se lo agradecerán... algún día.

Mac MacLaren
Presidente – Lanier PTO

SNACK SHACK PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

Come volunteer in the Snack Shack! This is a great volunteer opportunity - you can work any afternoon from 3:30-4! You get to see the Lanier students and sell healthy snacks!!! Please volunteer for one afternoon a month, twice a month or once a week. We need a few more volunteers!

Email: Betsy Furler - bfurler@sbcglobal.net or Robin Owens - robinowens@sbcglobal.net for more information. Thanks!!!!



LEAVE YOUR PAW PRINTS AT LANIER Purchase an Engraved Brick Paver

This is a great way to support Lanier and leave a legacy of your support.

Parents, this is your chance to honor your son or daughter or give as a graduation present to your 8th grader. Give a wonderful thank-you for a favorite teacher or as a present to a friend or relative who attended Lanier.

Two types of pavers are offered:
\$150 for a 4 inch by 8 inch paver which will accommodate 2 lines, with 14 letters per line and \$250 for an 8 inch by 8 inch paver which will accommodate 3 lines, with 14 letters per line.

Please contact Yvette Ayala at
yvette.ayala18@gmail.com or 832-891-0209 if you're
interested in purchasing a paver.

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN – A BIG THANKS!

Thank you to all our VERY generous Purple Pup parents. So far this school year the Commitment to Excellence campaign has raised over \$16,000 dollars to benefit our teachers and students. It's early in the year, but we are quite a way from overtaking last year's stunning \$60,000. I know we can do it!

Contributions are always being accepted. The easiest way is to log onto www.lanierpto.org, click on Commitment to Excellence link at the top, and choose your level; it's that easy! If you prefer you can also mail a check into the school. Please be sure to note it is for the Commitment to Excellence campaign in the notes section.

Below is a list of those who have contributed at the Scholar level and above:

Please email jodibash@gmail.com (Jodi) or jgbiggs@gmail.com (Jennie) with any questions. Thanks again!

CAMPAÑA COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE- MUCHAS GRACIAS!

Gracias a todos los padres Purple Pup por su GRAN generosidad. En este año la campaña *Commitment to Excellence* recaudó más de \$16,000 dólares que benefician a nuestros maestros y estudiantes. Es temprano en el año pero estamos aún lejos de sobrepasar los impresionantes \$60,000 del año pasado. Sé que podemos hacerlo!

Las contribuciones son aceptadas siempre. La forma más sencilla de hacerlo es conectarse a www.lanierpto.org, seleccionar el link Commitment to Excellence en la parte superior de la página, y elegir su nivel de contribución; es así de simple! Si prefiere puede también enviar un cheque a la escuela. Por favor asegúrese de indicar en el espacio de notas del cheque que la contribución es para la campaña *Commitment to Excellence*.

Sigue una lista de las personas que han contribuido al nivel *Scholar* y superior a éste.

Por favor, envíe un email a jodibash@gmail.com (Jodi) o jgbiggs@gmail.com (Jennie) si tiene una pregunta. Gracias nuevamente!

Sidney Lanier Leadership Society

Tribble, Brittney

Poet Society

Chambers, Beth
Chi, Julianne
Helfand, Kristin
Melo, Stella
Nugent, Mary Flood

Champion

Broadus, Nancy
Hollenberg, Gregg and Christine
Kennedy, Cammie

Kohlhase, Janet
Wittig, Linda

Super Star

Judah, Tonya
Bickart, Stephanie
Dietrich, Sarah
Doughty, Dick
Harrison, Kathleen
Introligator, Michelie
Kelly, William & Krystal
Kennedy, Monica
Klavers, Kristine and Rik
Nathan, Mandy
Perkins, Cerole
Wagner, Scott

Star

Aaronson, Lisa
Allen, Shannon
Assel, Nancy
Barron, Mona
Bash, Jodi
Biggs, Jennie
Breitbeil, Karen
Cagley, Maureen & Chris
Carroll, Kristine
Collins, Patricia
Dao-Jeanjean, Thu Hang
Dreyfus, Helen
Flatt, Ava
Gay, Samuel
Hennings, Kristen
Jefferson, Eddricka
Kinsella, Rocio
Liu, Vivien
Moreno, Susan
Numata, Jodyl
Orsak, Carol
Redepenning, Allison
Ross, Becky and Robert
Rummel, Bay
Selleck, Sarah
Siegel, Bettina
Vyner, Lainie
Walker, Connie
Yard, Mary Beth
Yokley, Pam
Liu, Yuanfang

Scholar

Andrews, Robert
Bonte, Vonda
Carlin, Amanda
Dong, Lei
French, Cathy
Hajovsky, Martin
Kakadiaris, Ioannis
O'Connor, Kari
Poet, Melynda
Quen, Rachel
Thomas, Jenna
Williams, Lesley

**BUSINESS ADS AND SPIRIT ADS
DEADLINE : September 24th MIDNIGHT**

Parents, we need your support. Please purchase a spirit ad or business ad for the Lanier Directory!

The directory is free to all students. We are able to make this possible through our great advertisers. We are also selling Spirit Ads! It is a great way for you to give your kids some PUP SPIRIT!!

Business Ads: Full Page 4.5x7.5 \$200
Half Page 4.5x3.7 \$120

Spirit Ads: 1x2 inch \$10
2x2 inch \$18
½ Page \$120

Also, you can order a mini directory for \$5 each. Parents, get this for the car, your office, or your purse! All purchases may be done at the PTO online store www.lanierpto.org and art work sent to lanierads@yahoo.com. You may also submit checks with ads to Natalie Baker 3824 Villanova Houston, Tx 77005. (9/16)

**PARENT TEACHER FALL PARTY
NEW VENUE FEATURING DJ!!**

Join other parents and all of the great teachers and staff for the Fall Parent Teacher Party!!! You do not want to miss this event! A special thanks to Asef Maghsoudi Kofli for generously opening the doors of his newest business, The Grove Park Lounge, at a deeply discounted rate. This year's Parent Teacher Party will be better than ever at this chic venue with delicious food and refreshments. And, Blake Rasmussen will be our DJ!!! Whether you want to listen to good tunes or even dance, Blake will add a whole new dimension to this great party!!!

Go online and buy your tickets NOW! Please consider sponsoring a teacher/staff, so that all of these great people who are so dedicated to our kids can attend at no cost. We still need door prizes for the teachers and staff – gift cards or other items. We like to have a BIG raffle so that most of the teachers and staff leave with SOMETHING. Finally, if you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, please contact one of us.

Thanks and hope to see you there!!!

**The Grove Park Lounge
140 South Heights Blvd 77007
www.groveparklounge.com
Thursday, October 6, 2011
5-8 p.m.**

Laura Fertak murphtak@comcast.net
Gail Stalarow gstalarow@buffspec.com
Anju Varadhachary anju12@gmail.com
(9/16)

DO YOU HAVE A PTO QUESTION?

Email asklanierpto@gmail.com.

IB CORNER

THEME OF THE WEEK: HUMAN INGENUITY

– *Why and how do we create? What are the consequences?* This area of interaction allows students to explore in multiple ways the processes and products of human creativity, and to consider their impact on society and the mind. www.ibo.org

LANIER LINES

STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

If you missed the first student council meeting, do not worry, the next meeting will be Tuesday September 27th, from 7:25-7:40am in room T-23. We will be discussing upcoming events such as elections of officers, fall events, hot chocolate sales, and more. If you cannot come to the meeting, please email Mr. Giroir at mgiroir@houstonisd.org for more information.



The band is once again collecting Box Tops for Education! Start clipping and saving box tops from participating items. These include many products that you probably use every day, for example; Betty Crocker mixes, General Mills cereals, Pillsbury products, Avery paper, Hefty bags, Kleenex and many other products. (If you are interested in a complete list of products, or to find out how you can earn bonus box tops, sign on to www.boxtops4education.com)

The money that we earn from this can go a long way toward helping our band, and the 237 kids that participate in the band program, with the purchase of much needed instruments and supplies. There will be an envelope in each of the GSG classrooms for your student to leave the collected box tops. The class that collects the most box tops by October 15th will be treated to a popcorn party!

So bring in those box tops! Ask family, friends and coworkers to save as well. Each box top is worth 10¢ for your great Lanier band!

PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX

FOOTBALL (8TH)

Sep 27 Lanier vs. Pin Oak at Delmar	7:00p
Oct 4 Lanier vs. Dowling at Butler Sr	5:00p

FOOTBALL (7TH)

Sep 26 Lanier at Pin Oak	5:30p
Oct 3 Lanier vs. Dowling	5:30p

CROSS COUNTRY

Sep 24 Houston Christian	9:30a
Oct 1 HISD Invitational (TC Jester Park)	8:30a

VOLLEYBALL

Sep 28 Lanier vs. TH Rogers	5:00p
Oct 5 Lanier at Pin Oak	5:00p

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.

GREAT 8 NEWS

Great 8 Reminder....As the planning begins for a memorable Great 8 celebration, please note that the first installment is **due at the end of this month**.

Great 8 Dues: \$80 per student payable in **one lump sum** or **four installments** with due dates of:

- Friday, September 30, 2011
- Friday, November 4, 2011
- Friday, January 13, 2012
- Friday, February 3, 2012

Dues may be paid through the PTO online store at www.lanierpto.org or by submitting a check payable to Lanier PTO with your child's name and "Great 8" on the memo line.

— McNair Johnson & Laurie Geston - Great 8 Chairs.

Recordatorio para el Gran 8 ... Los planes han comenzado para la celebración del memorable Gran 8. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que la primera cuota debe ser abonada a fin de este mes.

Costo del Gran 8 : \$80 por estudiante a pagar en una sola cuota o en cuatro cuotas con fecha límite los días:

- Viernes, 30 de septiembre, 2011
- Viernes , 4 de noviembre , 2011
- Viernes , 13 de enero, 2012
- Viernes, 3 de febrero, 2012

Las cuotas pueden ser abonadas online en el sitio de la tienda del PTO en www.lanierpto.org o a través de un cheque a nombre de Lanier PTO con el nombre de su hijo y "Great 8" en la línea de memo.

—McNair Johnson & Laurie Geston - Encargados del Gran 8.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 9pm, September 21, 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.