

The Purple Page



Lanier Middle School 2600 Woodhead St. Houston, TX 77098 (713) 942-1900 August 26, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 30 Open House - 6th Grade	6-8p
Aug 31 Open House - 7th Grade	6-8p
Sep 1 Open House - 8th Grade	6-8p
Sep 5 Labor Day Holiday – No School	
Sep 29 Fall Holiday – No School	

PRINCIPAL'S PARAGRAPH

Wow! Monday morning was great! The teachers were ready, the students were excited and we had the largest parent crowd ever at our PTO coffee. I can tell it is going to be an outstanding year. Lanier is beginning its 85th year of existence. The 2010-2011 school year was my second year as principal of Lanier and what a great year it was. Lanier was once again named a TBEC Honor Roll School and named as one of the top 10 best public middle schools in the greater Houston area by the Children at Risk Organization. The teachers at Lanier Middle School continue to have high expectations for all students and it shows.

I do want to send out a couple of reminders to our parents. School doors open at 7:40 for breakfast. The tardy bell rings at 7:55 and school dismisses each day at 3:30. We will have five early dismissal days this year and they can be found on our website at www.purplepups.org.

We have hired several new teachers to our amazing staff this year. Each week I will ask our new teachers to introduce themselves to you in the Purple Page. I will also ask my new administrative team to introduce themselves as well.

Next week we will host our grade level open houses. Each night we will begin with a brief introduction in the Auditorium at 6 p.m. The dates and times are as follows:

6 th grade	August 30 th	6-8 p.m.
7 th grade	August 31 st	6-8 p.m.
8 th grade	September 1 st	6-8 p.m.

I am excited about the possibilities this year at Lanier and the academic excellence that we as a Lanier Community will achieve. Go PUPS!

—Linda Smith

Wow! La mañana del lunes fue genial! Los maestros estaban listos, los niños estaban muy contentos y había una gran cantidad de padres que asistieron al café del PTO. Este va a ser un gran año. Lanier cumple 85 años. El año escolar 2010-2011 fue mi segundo año como directora de Lanier y fue un año excepcional. Lanier fue nombrada nuevamente *TBEC Honor Roll School* y una de las mejores 10 escuelas medias públicas en la región del gran Houston de acuerdo a la organización Children at Risk. Los maestros de la escuela media Lanier siguen teniendo grandes expectativas con respecto a sus alumnos y eso se nota.

Quiero enviar un par de recordatorios a los padres. Las puertas de la escuela se abren a las 7:40 para el desayuno. La campana de entrada suena a las 7:55 y la escuela termina todos los días a las 3:30. Este año tendremos cinco días de salida temprano que pueden encontrarse en www.purplepups.org.

Hemos contratado nuevos profesores este año que se suman a nuestro increíble grupo de profesores. Cada semana les pediré a nuestros nuevos profesores que se presenten a ustedes en la Purple Page. También le pediré a mi nuevo equipo administrativo que se presente.

La semana próxima tendrán lugar las reuniones con los profesores para los diferentes grados. Cada día comenzaremos con una breve introducción en el auditorio a las 6pm. Las fechas y horarios son los siguientes:

6 ^o grado	agosto 30	6-8 p.m.
7 ^o grado	agosto 31	6-8 p.m.
8 ^o grado	septiembre 1	6-8 p.m.

Estoy contenta con las oportunidades que se presentan este año en Lanier y la excelencia académica que lograremos en la comunidad académica de Lanier. Vamos PUPS!

—Linda Smith

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR OBEDIENCE SMITH HISTORICAL MARKER

A historical marker in honor of Obedience Smith is being installed at Lanier Middle School. In 1838, Obedience Smith (1771-1847) was the recipient of a 5.26 square mile land grant from the Republic of Texas. The land extended from downtown Houston at Lamar and Louisiana, west to River Oaks, and south to Rice University. The Winlow Civic Club is holding a dedication ceremony for the historical marker on Saturday, September 10, at 10:00 AM at Lanier. RSVP now if you plan to attend this special event (Audrey Cook, audreycook@comcast.net, 713-522-9398).

PTO NEWS

School is back in full swing and if your household is like mine, things are quickly settling down into a regular schedule. The Lanier PTO however is in full gear-up mode and will be for some time. I would like to encourage all of the Lanier parents to get registered on the PTO website, www.lanierpto.org, and make sure that your information is correct so we can quickly begin the work of preparing the Lanier Directory. I would also encourage you to consider buying an ad in the directory for your business or organization. The deadline for ads is next Tuesday and the deadline for your contact information to be included in the directory is September 10.

I would also encourage all parents to consider showing your Lanier Pup support by donating to the Commitment to Excellence campaign. Last year we raised over \$60,000, which was used to support the students, facility and staff of Lanier. Our commitment as an organization is needed more than ever as our school faces the task of doing more with less. It is crucial that we find every opportunity to fill the gaps with our support. I encourage you to do whatever you can to support this important campaign.

Mac MacLaren
PTO President

La escuela ha comenzado y si su hogar se parece al mío las cosas se están organizando rápidamente. Me gustaría animar a todos los padres de hijos que asisten a Lanier a que se registren en el website del PTO www.lanierpto.org y se aseguren de que su información es correcta para que podamos rápidamente comenzar a preparar el directorio de Lanier. Quisiera también animarlos a que compren un espacio de publicidad para su negocio u organización en el directorio. La fecha límite para incluir su información es el 10 de septiembre.

Quisiera también animar a los padres a mostrar su apoyo a Lanier Pup donando a la campaña *Commitment to Excellence*. El año pasado obtuvimos más de \$60,000 y fue usado para apoyar a los alumnos, edificio y empleados de Lanier. Nuestro compromiso como organización es necesario más que nunca ya que nuestra

escuela se enfrenta a tener que hacer más con menos. Es crucial que encontremos cualquier oportunidad para "tapar los agujeros" con nuestro apoyo. Los animo a hacer cualquier cosa que esté a su alcance para apoyar esta importante campaña.

Mac MacLaren
PTO President

LANIER PTO DIRECTORY NEWS

The standard edition (5½" W x 8½" H) of the printed directory is distributed early October at no cost to all LMS students.

The mini-directory (half size) is also available for those who wish to purchase additional copies to give to their child or keep in the purse, car, office, etc. This edition can be pre-purchased online at the PTO Webstore for a nominal amount of \$5.

Will your family information be listed in the 2011-12 Edition? Go to www.lanierpto.org. Login, click on My Profile/ Directory in the left margin. One user account per family please, as duplicates will be removed prior to printing. Dual-household students can have two listings. **Deadline to be included in the printed editions: September 10th.**

You can choose to opt out of the printed version and still have your contact information available at the secure online site to other registered families and PTO members. It is important for the PTO to be able to contact all families.

If you have questions, please use the "Contact Us" link at the PTO Webstore or email support@myschoolvalet.com.

BUSINESS ADS AND SPIRIT ADS

Parents you can support your child and advertise in the Lanier School Directory. The directory is free to all students. We are able to make this possible through our great advertisers.

You can advertise your business, or publish a spirit ad with text and/or photo in BW. Starting from as little as \$10 for a spirit ad of 3 lines, it can be a message of encouragement for a new student, a graduation High-Five for an 8th grader, a Sports cheer, a thank you to a special teacher, you name it. Grab a flyer from office B or go online at www.lanierpto.org for more information.

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

Spirit Ads: 1inch square 2-3 lines \$10
2 inch Square \$18
½ Page \$120

All purchases may be done at the PTO online store and art work sent to lanierads@yahoo.com. You may also submit checks (payable to "Lanier PTO") with ads to Natalie Baker, 3824 Villanova Houston, TX 77005. **DEADLINE: September 10TH**

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 will kick off the Snack Shack soon! Please help make this possible!

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.

DO YOU HAVE A PTO QUESTION?

Email asklanierpto@gmail.com.

IB CORNER

THEME OF THE WEEK: GSG - GUIDANCE & SUPPORT GROUP

- the time of day that the school comes together in homerooms to discuss character education, acceptance of all issues that face the adolescent youth of today. The class is presented lessons by two student leaders selected by their peers and teacher.

LANIER CLUB INFO

ATTENTION DEBATE PARENTS!!!

There will be parent meetings next week prior to each grade level's Open House. Meetings will be in T-24 from 5:30p to 6:00p. 6th Grade Tuesday, August 30 - 7th Grade Wednesday, August 31 - 8th Grade Thursday, Sept. 1. I look forward to meeting you! - Franz Hill, Debate Coach

PURPLE PUP SPORTS BOX

FOOTBALL (8TH)

Sep 13 Lanier vs. Kipp at Dyer	5:00p
Sep 20 Lanier vs. Johnston at Butler Jr	5:00p

FOOTBALL (7TH)

Sep 19 Lanier vs. Johnston at Lanier	5:30p
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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All information contained in the Purple Page is correct as of 10pm, August 24, 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.