



FALCON NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL HOBBS



Dear Rice School Parents & Guardians,

We are dedicated to academic achievement and success for all Rice School Students. Attending school every day is key to this academic success.

In accordance with Texas Education Code 25.092 (Attendance for Credit 90% Rule), a student at any grade level from Kindergarten through Grade 12 shall not be given credit for a class unless the student is in attendance 90 percent of the days in which the class is offered. We need your help to ensure that your child is not absent, late, or leaving early from school. If your child is absent, please send a note explaining the reason for the absence. We appreciate your assistance as we work together to ensure success for our Rice School Students.

Principal Hobbs

MESSAGE FROM DR. CURTIS



As we approach Thanksgiving, we want to express our deepest appreciation for the trust and partnership you have extended to our school. We are thankful for the opportunity to play a role in your child's educational journey and for the privilege of serving your family. I want to express our admiration for the remarkable progress our students have made so far. In these early grades, every achievement, big or small, is a significant milestone. We are immensely proud of your children's hard work and dedication. For our primary scholars (K-2), the foundations of literacy and numeracy are crucial. Our dedicated teachers are focusing on developing strong reading and math skills in a nurturing and supportive environment. We encourage you to foster these skills at home through daily reading, math games, and conversations that spark curiosity. As we break for the holidays, may your Thanksgiving be filled with warmth, love, and the joy of togetherness. We look forward to the continued growth and success of your child in the coming months.

MESSAGE FROM MS. GILBERT



HAPPY THANKSGIVING! This is the time of the year that we pause from our busy schedules and gather to give thanks. Parents, I am thankful for your support and for sharing your most valuable possession with us. I appreciate your advocating to partner with us in your child's education, safety, and well-being. On this occasion of Thanksgiving, I extend warm wishes to all our students for being such hard working and dedicated scholars. Thank you for coming to school every day ready to learn. I am grateful for our teachers who inspire our students to think outside of the box, outside the classroom, and into the

future. In fact, I appreciate all our staff members, who serve in many roles, because they care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. This is a wonderful time of year to get together with family and friends to celebrate and be thankful for all the wonderful people in our lives.

May your Thanksgiving be full of love, peace, and joy!

MESSAGE FROM MS. CALLEGARI



Thanksgiving is a time for reflection, unity, and the recognition of the many blessings we share as a school family. I cannot let this time pass without expressing my gratitude and appreciation for the incredible school community we have here at The Rice School. I am truly grateful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn; they give us a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. I am also thankful for your unwavering support, trust, and dedication to your children's education. Your commitment to their growth and well-being has been essential in helping them succeed. As we break for the Thanksgiving holiday, I wish you all a peaceful and joyous celebration. It is my hope that you all have a warm and wonderful holiday, filled with love, laughter, and gratitude. May your holiday be a time of togetherness and reflection. Thank you again for being an essential part of our school community.

MAGNET & GT CORNER



Greetings, Rice Falcon Parents & Students,

GT - As we move into the holiday season, we have GT testing for grades Kindergarten – 8th grade: November 13, 2023 – December 16, 2023.

You will fill out a Request to Evaluate Form either on paper or online under Documents in HISD Connect/Special Programs. The deadline to request GT testing is December 8, 2023.

Magnet - The Office of School Choice is hosting 2 School Choice Fairs on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at Bellaire High School and December 2, 2023 at Milby High School both from 9:00am to 12:00pm. This is an excellent opportunity for our Rice 8th graders to explore high school options for next school year.

Wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday season!

WRAPAROUND



Hi Falcons! It's your new Wraparound Specialist, Rachel Lewis! Just a couple of quick reminders. If you have uniforms that are too small, please donate them to school for children that are in need. Your donations go a long way. Also, it's getting close to that time of year when it gets slightly cold in Texas, as you may know, some of our kiddos may not have jackets, if you have jackets that don't fit anymore, please donate those as well. As always, if you are in need, don't hesitate to put in a SAF.



Scan the QR code to submit a Student Assistance Form (SAF), and a Wraparound Services team member will contact you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/7	Election Day
11/10	Staff Development Day - No Students
11/13-11/17	Book Fair
11/17	Report Card
11/20-11/24	Thanksgiving Break - No School
11/30	Elementary Group Pictures
12/22/23 – 1/5/24	Winter Break – No School

PROGRESS REPORTS AND REPORT CARDS



Report Card – November 17, 2023
Progress Report – December 8, 2023

Parents can access grades, progress reports, and report cards through HISD Connect by PowerSchool at: <https://hisdconnect.houstonisd.org>

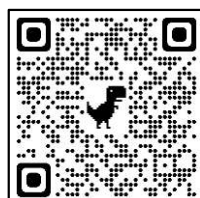
HISD ATTENDANCE POLICY



Houston ISD is dedicated to academic achievement and success for all scholars. Regular attendance is critically important, because students who are absent lose instructional seat time, thus creating a lost opportunity to learn, ask questions and engage in class activities. Poor attendance can be excused/unexcused absences and trancies, which ultimately impacts our students' academic performance.

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Scan the QR code to view HISD's Attendance Policy



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HISD ENROLLMENT
INFORMATION



ACADEMIC OUTFITTERS
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REQUEST RECORDS



EARLY RISERS & AFTER
SCHOOL PROGRAM

JOIN THE FUN! TITLE 1 PARENT FAMILY STEM ENGAGEMENT NIGHT

Activities will include Book Fair and Stem
Fun Activities for all ages



Mark your calendars for
November 16, 2023 from 5 to 7 pm!