



The Falcon Flyer

October 7, 2014 - Volume 15, Issue 3

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

This school year finds us celebrating 20 years of Teaching & Learning at The Rice School (1994-2014). We have wonderful students, parents, teachers, and staff who contribute to the success of our school. We greatly appreciate your support by attending Parent-Teacher Conferences, and communicating with your child's teacher when there are questions about class work, homework, conduct, attendance, and grades. Let's continue to work together and help all of our students achieve academic success this school year!

Principal K. Hobbs

Health and Fitness

Elementary students, don't forget to practice those push-ups and curl-ups at home. The only way to improve is to practice... Fitness gram testing begins after Thanksgiving for 3rd – 5th grade. The pacer test consists of jogging 20-meter laps. In order to build endurance and improve your number for the test practice these at home. Remember, walk, jog, or run for life! Make it easy and a family affair! We are learning about nutrition in HPE as well. Don't forget those veggies. Your plate should be ½ fruits and veggies, ¼ meat/protein, and ¼ starches/whole grains. Students are asked to look at what they are eating and analyze their plates. It is important to try new veggies, try cooked veggies different ways and avoid fast food restaurants as often as possible.

Nurses Notes

Cool weather will be here soon! 1) We love the cooler temperatures but it can trigger asthma attacks. If your child has asthma, please bring the medication, along with the Physician order form, to the clinic. The form must be signed by both the parent and Physician. It is extremely important that we have your child's medication here at school so we can treat when needed and avoid having to go home or to the ER! 2) Please remind your children to cough into their bent elbow and to keep their hands washed and to themselves! 3) If your child has a fever of 100 or over PLEASE keep him/her home. Your child will get well faster and it will help the other students stay healthy, too! A written note from you will excuse the absence.

SHOOTING FOR A CAUSE

Students 5-8th grade will Shoot for a Cause on October 25, 8am-noon. Support the annual 3 on 3 basketball and soccer tournaments held in the Rice School Gym. All proceeds will be go to Jimmy V.org, Foundation for cancer research. Parents we are asking for concession donations. Cost \$3 to participate or \$2 to attend. Registration due Oct. 17th. See Coach Serpa jserpa@houstonisd.org for more information. Hope to see you there! PE class. Trophies will be awarded.

Middle School News

With the generous support of our Rice School parent volunteers, the Student Council is raffling a Fall Holiday decorative item at the PTO Booth. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and proceeds will support the school yard habitat and garden. Student leaders will continue supporting other activities including building cleanliness and recycling, Anti-Bullying Campaign, STEM-Up Fall Festival, and Veteran's Day activities. The Middle School Food Drive in support of the Houston Food Bank will begin in November. Thank you for your continued support.

College and Career

On October 21 at 12:40PM Magnet Coordinators will be on campus to present information about their schools and all 8th graders and parents are invited. Grade 8 students will take the ReadStep Test on **October 29** that provides information on their college readiness.

7th Grade: Congratulations to the 7th grade students who qualified to participate in the Duke Tips program. Letters will be sent home with applications to take the SAT. They must be submitted by Oct. 24th for the district sponsored testing held Jan. 24, 2015 test date.

Volleyball News

The Lady Falcons played well in the first Welch Tournament. 7th grade won 3rd place in the Gold bracket and 8th grade won 1st place in their bracket. Both teams play on October 18th at the next Welch tournament. Our final home game will be October 13th. We will honor those whom we have lost to cancer with a moment of silence, sing the National Anthem, and donate half of the proceeds from concessions and admissions to the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research. Make plans to come out and support your Lady Falcons and support a worthy cause! **Wear your pink!**

Basketball Season

The Falcon Boys Basketball team will have open gym Friday, Oct. 10th from 3–5pm. Tryouts will be held Fri. October 17th from 3–5 PM. Girls' team Tryouts will be held Wed., Oct. 8th from 3–5pm.

October Focus

October is Drug Prevention Month. Red Ribbon begins with students across America committing to living healthy drug-free lives. The NJHS will host Red Ribbon Week October 27–31. This year's theme is "Be a Hero and Save Yourself from drugs."

Kinder & 1st Grade News

On the last Friday in October the Kinder and First graders are asked to dress as their favorite storybook characters. Students have a chance to be creative and share their love for reading. Come be a part of our special day.

Special Dates...

- October** Red Ribbon and College/Career Readiness Month
- 2 Red Ribbon Essay Contest Begins
- 3 **Holiday No School**
- 4 7 & 8 GR Cross Country Meet @ Herman Brown Park located I-10E
- 6 Vball Rice @ Johnson 5-7PM
- 11 MS All-Region Choir Auditions @ Holub Junior High 7:30-2:30PM
- 11 Gr 7 & 8 Cross Country Meet @8:30 am Herman Brown Park located at I-10 East Hwy 90
- 13 Vball Game Welch @ Rice 5-7PM
- 18 VBall Tournament @ Welch 8 AM
- 20 Vball Game @ Pin Oak 5-7PM
- 21 Magnet High School Fair @ Rice 12:40 PM -1:40 PM
- 24 End of Cycle 1
- 25 Shoot for a Cause Tournament 8-Noon @Rice Gym
- 27-31 Red Ribbon Week
- M We are too Bright for Drugs
- T Stay Smart—Say No to Drugs
- W Be a Jeaneous—Say Yes to life
- Th Team up against Drugs
- F Be a hero—Save yourself
- 29 Readistep Testing for Grade 8
- 29 **Early Dismissal @ 12:30PM**
- 29 Gr. 4 Musical-No Strings Attached
- 29 Parents @ 10:30 am-Auditorium
- 29 Readistep Test for Gr 8 @8:15
- 29 Final day to submit Essays
- 31 Grade Kinder & 1 Character Parade
- 31 Report cards go home
- November**
- 3-7 Magnet Awareness Week begins
- 4 Voting Elections

Celebration Kickoff

Many thanks all those who contributed as well as participated in the September 26th dedication ceremony. There was a Proclamation letter from the Mayor and a presentation of a special Scholar's Bench by Juanita Soliz. The ceremony ended by singing Happy Birthday to the Rice School. We hope you will stop by and see the beautiful new Scholar's Bench just outside the school that was donated by Tony Garcia, Jr. of SDC Construction. Special thanks to him and his crew for the beautiful addition to the school. Check the website for pictures and for information on how you can support our new Memorial Harmony garden by buying a brick. Let's continue to celebrate being at Rice.

Late Pick Up

School hours are 7:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Students are expected to be picked up at dismissal and due to safety concerns if not picked up will be brought to the afterschool program (ASP) at 3:30PM. A fee will be charged based on time.