



# Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter  
March 20, 2025



Dear Lyons Families,

We are hitting the ground running as we enter testing season. Our goal is for every Lyons student to succeed, and attendance will play a key role in making that happen. Please ensure your child is present and ready to give their best effort each day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Principal Nekia L. Petry



  
*Paw Message from Mrs. Petry*  
*Small steps lead to*  
*BIG outcomes!"*

## **E.A. "Squatty" Lyons Elementary School**

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<https://www.houstonisd.org/lyonses>

### **School Hours**

Monday- Friday  
7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

**Instruction begins at 7:30 A.M.**

**Tardy Slips begin at 7:40 A.M.**

**Dismissal begins at 3:00 P.M.**

### **Office Hours**

Monday – Friday  
7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

### **Social Media**

Follow us on Facebook:  
Lyons Elementary School-HISD

Follow us on Twitter:  
@LyonsElementary

### **Important Dates for the Week:**

#### **Friday, March 21**

- Band Performance at Waltrip HS
- 1<sup>st</sup> Gd Field Lesson

#### **Saturday, March 22:**

- Tutorials 8:00-10:00

#### **Monday, March 24:**

- Spanish Spelling Bee

#### **Wednesday, March 26:**

- GT EXPO 4:00-6:00

#### **Thursday, March 27:**

- Spanish Spelling Bee


# March 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17 Books Between Kids ~~~~~ <b>STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL</b> ~~~~~ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gd Field Lesson to Rodeo	18	19 Family Story Walk	20 Spring Pictures by Provine	21 PJ Day ~~~~~ 1 <sup>st</sup> Gd Field Lesson	22 <b>TUTORIALS 8:00 – 10:00</b>
READ ACROSS AMERICA – SEE FLYER IN MRS. PENA’S NOTE 					
PRE-K STORY 					
24 Spanish Spelling Bee	25	26 GT EXPO 4 – 6 PM	27 Spanish Spelling Bee	28 PK Field Lesson to Old McDonald Farm ~~~~~ Kinder Kite Day	29
KINDER STORY 					
31 <b>NO SCHOOL Chavez/Huerta Day</b>					

# April 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Bunny Hop 	5 <b>TUTORIALS 8:00 – 10:00</b>
7	8	9	10 Bunny Pictures	11 Field Lesson PK & K Disney on Ice	12 <b>TUTORIALS 8:00 – 10:00</b>
14	15 RLA STAAR	16	17	18 <b>NO SCHOOL SPRING HOLIDAY</b>	19

**BE HERE EVERY DAY – ALL DAY!**

## LYONS NEWS

Pawprints is a weekly newsletter that contains school information, news, and upcoming events. It is available online every Thursday.

<http://www.houstonisd.org/LyonsES>

If you do not have a computer or internet access, there will be some newsletters available in print at our Parent Corner outside the office.

### WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY:

***Hi Everyone!! Please join us as we help show support for our loved ones with Down Syndrome!! Wear Blue and Yellow tomorrow, Friday, March 21st!!*** ♥♥♥♥\*



### GT EXPO NIGHT:



Lyons' Annual GT EXPO will be held on Wednesday, March 26. Everyone is invited to come and support our GT students. The GT students will have projects on display. There will be prizes and raffles for those in attendance. GT students are NOT to stay after school. They are to return with their parent(s) at 4:00. All students must be accompanied by an adult or they will be turned away.

**NOTE: ALL CLUBS AND TUTORIALS ARE CANCELLED FOR THIS DAY!**

### KINDER KITE DAY:



Kindergarten students will have Kite Day on Friday, March 28 during their recess time from 10:35 - 11:05 a.m. Parents who are registered VIPs are invited to participate in flying kites with their child. Please let your child's teacher know that you will attend **no later than 1:00 Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**NOTE: STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR KITES ASSEMBLE AND READY TO FLY!**

### BUNNY HOP:



Pre-K team is sponsoring a Bunny Hop (Dance) on Friday, April 4 during students' ancillary time. Cost of the dance is \$2. Snack and trinkets will be sold— cost range is 50¢ - \$3. (cash only please) Order forms will be sent home next week.

***THIS DANCE IS FOR LYONS STUDENTS ONLY!***

### EASTER BUNNY PICTURES:



Get Ready!. . . .the Easter Bunny is on his way to Lyons to take a picture with you. He is really excited to meet you. Pre-K will be taking Easter Bunny pictures on Thursday, April 10. The cost is \$6 for 2 – 4X6" pictures – cash only please. Only one student per picture. You may choose to take the picture with or without the Easter Bunny. Order forms will be sent home soon. ***Please DO NOT send the picture money with the Bunny Dance order form***

### TUTORIAL DISMISSALS:



***PLEASE NOTE:*** ALL AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORIAL CLASSES ARE DISMISSED AT THE PRE-K/KINDER DOOR. CLUBS ARE DISMISSED FROM THE CAFETERIA/MP DRIVEWAY.

**PLEASE**  
**BE RESPECTFUL OF OUR NEIGHBORS.**  
**DO NOT PARK IN OR BLOCK DRIVEWAYS!!**  
***Residents have the right to have police resolve the issue.***

## FROM MRS. PEÑA, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN:



### What a GREAT week we have had!!

- ♥ Thanks for all who participated in our Lyons' Read Across America week-long event. The library sponsored activities each day and held our Books Between Kids Book Celebration. Each child was awarded 6 free books of choice as a result of this amazing grant. Our long-standing partnership with Books Between Kids supports our students' love of reading while assisting to develop at-home library collections. We are so thankful for this partnership and our supportive learning community.
- ♥ A special THANKS to our amazing parent volunteers for all the support offered in the library and supporting the Story Walk also...we could not do what we do without you. THANK YOU all!
- ❖ 36 students participated in our first Story Walk featuring "There's a Goat in the Garden", a Puerto Rican folktale. During this Community of Readers event students with their families walked the stations to read this incredible story retold by Laurel Dee Gugler.
- ❖ Congratulations to our February recipients of the Pleasure Pier Book Adventure park passes. Passes were given out on Friday, March 21. Please complete your Pleasure Pier reading log

Adeline Soria  
Ana Aguilar  
Junior Zamparripa  
Madison Castro  
Freddi Encino  
Cesar Amador  
Juliana Salazar  
Nathaniel Pacina  
Karla Ayala  
Genesis Meza  
Alejandra Rodriguez

Leyhla Toledo  
Andre Lee  
Maya Bilton  
Estela Elizondo  
Jocelyn Rodea  
Emma Contreras  
Savannah Saldivar  
Riley Celestine  
Camila Caldron  
Anthony Perez  
Ezra Canales

Axel Rojas  
Erick Zelaya  
Baldemar Agostadero  
Mayte Rodriguez  
Eber Valle  
Damian Gaitan  
Julian Torres  
Esteban Porras  
Jonathan Ayala  
Aitana Molina  
Mia Moncada

The next Pulse Check is Thursday, March 27th



**POSSIP**  
FOR PARENTS

## Get to know Possip!

- Recurring Pulse Check surveys
- Sent via text & email
- No app or login needed
- Families respond in their home language
- Actionable data for schools & districts
- Stronger school communities



## HOW FAMILY VOICES WILL HELP

Families receive a Pulse Check via text or email.



Possip provides HISD with a report of family responses.



Families respond to the Pulse Check.



HISD responds to family feedback and shares praise!





## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**March 21**

**March World Down Syndrome Day – Wear Blue & Yellow**

1st Grade Field Lesson to Rodeo



**March 22**

**Saturday Tutorials 8:00-10:00**

March 24-28

Kinder Story Hour



March 24

Spanish Spelling Bee

March 26

GT EXPO 4:00-6:00

March 27

Spanish Spelling Bee

March 28

PK Field Lesson to Old McDonald Farm 8:00-1:30



Kinder Kite Day



**Parent Notification Day for School Choice - PREK 3 & 4**

**March 31**

**NO SCHOOL – Chavez-Huerta Day**

April 4

Bunny Hop

**April 5**

**Saturday Tutorials 8:00-10:00**

April 10

Bunny Pictures

April 11

PK & Kinder Field Lesson to Disney on Ice

**April 12**

**Saturday Tutorials 8:00-10:00**

April 15

RLA STAAR

**April 18**

**NO SCHOOL – SPRING HOLIDAY**

Approved

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Nekia L Petry, Principal

NLP/vc

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### **Why is March 21 Down Syndrome Day?**

**World Down Syndrome Day is on March 21st (3/21) because it symbolizes the triplication of the 21st chromosome, which causes Down syndrome, a condition where individuals have three copies of chromosome 21 instead of the usual two.**