



# Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter  
April 10, 2025

## Greetings Lyons Families,

STAAR testing begins **next week** for our students in grades 3–5, starting with their **Reading assessment**. As a reminder, **NO VISITORS** will be allowed on campus during testing days, and we kindly ask that you avoid **early pick-ups** to ensure minimal disruptions.

Please help your child come to school well-rested and ready to **SHINE** and **GO BIG** on their exams! We are encouraging all students to show their **GROWTH** and approach the test with confidence — we know they're ready and capable!

Be sure to check the school calendar for specific testing dates and subjects. Thank you for your continued support!

Kind Regards,

Principal Nekia L. Petry



*Paw Message from Mrs. Petry*

*"Great things come from three things. . .*

- *Commitment*
  - *Hard work*
  - *Strong finishes!"*

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

800 Roxella Street  
Houston, TX 77076  
(713) 696-2870

<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:

**Thursday, April 10:**

- Lyons Band Spring Concert  
6:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 11:**

- PK & K Field Lesson to  
Disney on Ice

**Saturday, April 12:**

- **SATURDAY TUTORIALS 8-10:00**

**Tuesday, April 15:**

- STAAR Test Reading  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades

**NO SCHOOL – SPRING HOLIDAY**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 18**  
**STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY, APRIL 21**

**NO  
SCHOOL  
FOR  
STUDENTS**


# 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.

## STAAR TEST CALENDAR:

E. A. "Squatty" Lyons Elementary School						
STARR						
APRIL 2025						
Friday, March 28: Mock STAAR – READING – 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> GRADES						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4 MOCK STAAR SCIENCE 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Only	5 Saturday Tutorials 8:00-10:00 a.m.	
7	8	9	10	11 MOCK STAAR MATH 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	12 Saturday Tutorials 8:00-10:00 a.m.	
14	15 STAAR READING 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	16	17	18 SPRING HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	19	
21	22 STAAR SCIENCE 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Only	23	24 STAAR MATH 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	25	26	

**PLEASE NOTE: Dead Week – There will be no Clubs or Tutorials on Monday, April 14 - Tuesday, April 15 and Monday, April 21 – Thursday, April 24. Please limit early pick-ups – once testing begins, the building will be closed to visitors.**

## STAAR READING TEST:



Next Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades will be administered the STAAR Reading Test. It is important for the students to be in attendance on testing day. Please see the following tips:

- ❖ Ensure that your child has a good night's rest – go to bed at a reasonable time.
- ❖ Have clothes laid out the night before so your child does not have to think about what to wear in the morning
- ❖ Eat a good breakfast (*Breakfast is available in school cafeteria from 7:00-7:20*)
- ❖ If your child usually brings a lunch from home, please see that he/she remembers to bring it to school. We cannot contact teachers for students' lunches!
- ❖ Come to school on time – **DO NOT BE TARDY!**
  - *School begins at 7:30*
- ❖ Give your child a hug, tell him/her that you love them and you know that they will do well on the test.
- ❖ Avoid making appointments on test days – appointments should be made on non-testing days, after school hours. *Please limit early pick-ups – once testing begins, the building will be closed to visitors*



# NO SCHOOL

## FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

### STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

### SPRING HOLIDAY



## 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 are available in the front office. Please bring correct change – change is not available in the office.

### BUNNY HOP:



The Pre-K team and students thank everyone who attended the Bunny hop last Friday. They had a great turn out. Your participation made this fundraiser a success!

A special thanks goes out to our terrific VIPS who assisted with the dance. Your help was greatly appreciated!

### CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL:



Cinco de Mayo is right around the corner. Lyons will hold its annual Cinco de Mayo Festival on Thursday, May 1, 2025 from 3:30-5:30. Kindergarten is accepting cake donations for their Cake Walk – must be store bought (please bring on day of festival). Fifth grade is accepting donations of 2 liter sodas for their Soda Ring Toss. Parents can check with their teachers to see if assistance is needed – remember all volunteers must be approved VIPS. Please below for list of booths:

GRADE	BOOTH	COST
<b>Pre-K</b>	Water Balloon Ice Cream Sales	Balloons 2 for \$1 Ice Cream \$2@
<b>Kinder</b>	Cake Walk	\$2
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Loteria Mother's Day Flowers	Loteria \$1 Flowers \$6
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Tattoos Hair Spray (Colors)	Tattoos \$1 @ Hair Spray \$2 @
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Pinata Raffle Mexican Candy Bags	Raffle 2 for \$5 Candy \$2 @
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Skee Ball Painting with a Twist	Skee Ball \$3 Painting \$5
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Soda Ring Toss	\$1
<b>Ex. Ed.</b>	Lollipop Tree Photobooth (instax)	\$1 \$3
<b>Ancillary</b>	Basket Ball Hoops Cornhole Game	3 tries for \$1
<b>Office</b>	Food	25¢ - \$3.50

### RESCHEDULED BAND CONCERT:



The cancelled Spring Band Concert has been rescheduled to **tonight**, Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:05 P.M. in the multi-purpose room. Parents and the community are invited to come support our Lyons Band students. See you there this evening!

### **SPECIAL ED FUNDRAISER:**



Lyons Special Ed team and students thank everyone who ordered a SPED t-shirt. Your support for their fundraiser is greatly appreciated!

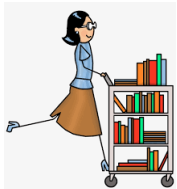
### **COMMUNICATION:**



Update your  
contact info!

Have you changed your phone number recently? Did you remember to update your phone number with Lyons? We depend on working numbers to be able to contact parents/guardians in case of an emergency, checking on students who are absent, etc. Please remember to contact Lyons and update your phone numbers and email addresses. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **FROM MRS. PEÑA, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN:**



- ❖ Lyons Elementary soars above all HISD elementary campuses in Accelerated Reader this year. Students have passed more than 23,000 AR quizzes as of April 07. The next closest elementary campus has passed almost 8,000 AR quizzes. Ask your child about their AR goals in the 5<sup>th</sup> grading period.
- ❖ Library-sponsored Pre-K Story Hour has been a big success this year. Thank you to all families who attended the April Pre-K Story Hour event this week. And special appreciation for the sponsorship of this event, Books Between Kids, who donated the wonderful books being sent home during the story hour events. We have such a wonderful and supportive learning community. Watch for more story hour events next year.

### **BUCKNER – HOPE SHINES HERE:**



Family Hope centers meet families where they are by taking a holistic approach to equipping and elevating each family member. Buckner empowers families to become independent of the system, advocates for themselves and successful in their future. Please see the following fliers for more information.



## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### • COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

- ✓ Jobs for Life classes
- ✓ Support Groups (Recovery and Mindful Mondays)
- ✓ Health Fairs & Testing
- ✓ Computer Lab
- ✓ Free Resources, School Supplies, Clothes & Food
- ✓ Free Zumba Classes
- ✓ Physical, Social, Spiritual and Educational Classes

### • CHILDREN AND TEEN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- ✓ Ages 6-18
- ✓ Homework Help
- ✓ Spiritual Enrichment
- ✓ STEM Activities
- ✓ Snacks & Supper
- ✓ Character Development
- ✓ Field Trips

### • FAMILY COACHING

- ✓ Individual/Family Coaching
- ✓ Plan & Support Goals/Personal Development
- ✓ Nurturing Parenting Classes
- ✓ Counseling

### • FAMILY PATHWAYS

- ✓ Exclusively for single parents pursuing an education
- ✓ Affordable Housing
- ✓ Mentorship
- ✓ Counseling

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**Family Hope Center  
Director:  
Whitney Nico**

**Community Coordinator:  
Mary Chong**

**Children's Program:  
Charlena LaBome**

**Teen Program:  
Aaron Smith**

**Family Coach:  
Vilma Nolasco  
Eliana De Sa**

**Pathways Director:  
Jameka Dunn**

### **BUCKNER CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES**

8600 Sweetwater Lane  
Houston, TX 77037  
(281) 449-4828

[www.buckner.org](http://www.buckner.org)

Office Hours:  
Mon-Fri 8am to 6pm

June 9th-August 1st

AGES 6-12

**BUCKNER**

**SUMMER**

**PROGRAM**

FREE Registration

PRICES PER  
WEEK:  
\$25/ Child  
\$45/ 2 Children  
\$60/ 3 Children

ACTIVITIES:  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
INDOOR/OUTDOOR SPORTS  
DAILY MEALS/SNACKS  
SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT  
SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS  
WEEKLY FIELDTRIPS



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Hope shines here.®

MON-FRI  
10:00A.M.-4:00P.M.  
\*SPACES ARE LIMITED\*





T-Shirts  
\$5

BUCKNER FHC-NORTHSIDE  
8600 SWEETWATER  
HOUSTON, TX 77037  
281-449-4828





## DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 10	Bunny Pictures Lyons Band Concert 6:05 P.M. March Book Reading Adventures Logs Due (with 20 min. per day)	
April 11	PK & Kinder Field Lesson to Disney on Ice	
<b>April 12</b>	<b>Saturday Tutorials 8:00-10:00</b>	
<b>April 15</b>	<b>RLA STAAR Reading Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>April 18</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – SPRING HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>April 22</b>	<b>STAAR – Science 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	
<b>April 24</b>	<b>STAAR – Math Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>April 28-May 2</b>	<b>Last Week for Tutorials</b>	
April 28	PK Field Lesson to Old McDonald Farm 8:40-2:00 <i>RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 28<sup>th</sup></i>	
May 1	Cinco de Mayo Festival 3:30 – 5:30	
<b>May 2</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY, MAY 5</b>	
<b>May 5-9</b>	<b>Last Week for Clubs</b>	
<b>May 26</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY</b>	
<b>JUNE 4</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>	



Approved

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Nekia L Petry, Principal

NLP/vc

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**PLEASE**  
**BE RESPECTFUL OF OUR**  
**NEIGHBORS.**

**DO NOT PARK IN OR BLOCK DRIVEWAYS!!**  
*Residents have the right to have police resolve the issue.*