

# Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter  
November 16, 2023



## Greetings!

Next week is Thanksgiving week – there will be **NO SCHOOL** from Monday, November 20 to Friday, November 24. Students are to return to school on Monday, November 27, 2023.

**I wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving!**



Parents/guardians, please remember to have correct phone #'s on file with the school. Telephone mailboxes need to be set up to accept phone calls. There are a lot of times, the nurse, administrators or office staff need to reach parents and are unable because the phone # has been changed or the mailbox has not been set up.

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE SCHOOL  
IS ABLE TO REACH PARENTS/GUARDIANS!**

Have a GREAT week!

Olivia A. Cásares



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Lyons



## 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:

Monday, Nov. 13-17

- Generation TX Week
  - Thurs: Show Me the Money
  - Fri: What A JeanIUS Idea

Friday, Nov. 17

- **REPORT CARD DAY**

Monday, Nov. 20 - Friday, Nov. 24

- **NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break**

Thursday, Nov. 30

- Coffee with Principal/Parent Engagement Meeting 8:15 a.m.

November 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
13 Cartoons for College	14  Class Pictures / Retakes  Step Up for Education	15 Your Future Starts Here  <b>Generation TX Week</b>	16 Show Me the Money	17 Report Card Day  What a Jean(ius) Idea	18	
20	21	22	23 	24	25	
<b>NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>						
27	28	29	30 Coffee With the Principal / Parent Involvement 8:15 A.M.			
December 2023						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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4	5	6 Cheerleader Fundraiser @ Chik Fil A 5:00-8:00 p.m.	7	8	9 Hope for Christmas 8:00-1:00	

*Every school day counts!*

## LYONS NEWS

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

<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.



# NO SCHOOL

## NOVEMBER 20 - 24, 2023

*(Monday-Friday)*

### Thanksgiving Break

***STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023***



## REPORT CARD DAY TOMORROW FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023

*Report cards will be sent home with students*



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER:

November is **Generation Texas Month**, a statewide movement to ensure students have the information and resources regarding post-secondary options such as college, career, and military. **Generation TX Week is November 13-17th**. Houston ISD schools will celebrate the week with college and career activities such as college fairs, college visits (virtual), college application drives, and FAFSA drives. High school Counselors and college advisors will also focus on helping seniors complete college applications on **Go Apply Texas** and financial aid applications through **FAFSA**. All HS seniors are required to apply to at least one college during this week.

Thurs., Nov. 16	<b>SHOW ME THE MONEY</b> <i>Wear green to promote financing my future dreams and goals of going to college</i>
Friday, November 17	<b>WHAT A JEAN(IUS) IDEA</b> <i>Wear your jeans and college t-shirt or college colors that you would like to attend</i>

## CONGRATULATIONS!:



**CONGRATULATIONS Mrs. Ampudia!!** Mrs. Ampudia is Lyons Employee of the Month for November. Mrs. Ampudia is a teacher assistant who works primarily with Pre-K. She has been employed at Lyons for the past 2 years. She is a very hard worker and always steps in when needed.

## 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE T-SHIRT SALES:



The 5<sup>th</sup> grade team will be ordering their 5<sup>th</sup> grade class t-shirt for the 2023-2024 school year very soon. The cost is \$15 per shirt – cash only, please – no checks. Order forms are being sent home with students. Please complete the form and return it with payment to a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher by **TOMORROW, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023.**



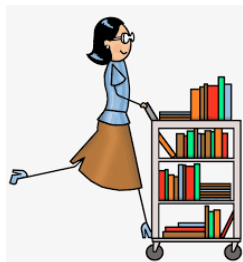
## GT TESTING FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS:



We are currently accepting applications for our Vanguard Neighborhood Gifted and Talented Program for students in Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades (NOT 2<sup>nd</sup> graders). If you would like to have your child tested, please complete the GT application that are available at the school front office. Complete application before November 10, 2023. Applicants will be tested during the window of November 13 – December 16, 2023. Please contact

Mr. Buitrago if you have any questions or concerns. [hbuitrag@houstonisd.org](mailto:hbuitrag@houstonisd.org) or at (713) 696 2870.

## FROM MRS. PEÑA, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN:



## VACCINATIONS:



Parents of students who still require some of their mandatory vaccinations need to update all required vaccinations. Please see the list below for locations, times and dates where parents can take their children for vaccinations. Cost is **FREE!** Please take your child's immunizations records.

Region	School Name	Date of Clinic	Time of Clinic	Providing Clinic
West	Sylvan Rodriguez	Tuesdays	9-2:00	Texas Children's Mobile
West	Pilgrim Academy	Wednesdays	9-2:00	TCH mobile

**NOTE: Letters have been sent home with Lyons students who still need immunizations and as such, these students are provisionally enrolled. To prevent your student's case from being sent to the Student Enrollment Department, please have your child vaccinated over the Thanksgiving break. Per HISD policy: ALL students must be current with their vaccinations by December 1, 2023. Please bring the immunization record to the school so his/her records can be updated. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**

## POSSIP PULSE CHECKS- SHARE YOUR VOICE:



HISD started Possip Pulse checks on Thursday, October 19, 2023. Parents will receive a Pulse Check via text or email and will be asked to respond to the Possip Check. Possip provides HISD with a report of family responses. The HISD responds to family feedback and shares praise. How does Possip help support schools:

- Recurring pulse Check Surveys
- Sent via text & email
- No app or login needed
- Respond in your home language
- Actionable data for schools & districts
- Stronger school communities



## CODE OF CONDUCT BOOK:



Parents who requested a copy of the Student Code of Conduct Book may access the book online – unfortunately, we do not have any copies available.

Code of Conduct – English:

<https://www.houstonisd.org//cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/7905/2324%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20English.pdf>

Code of Conduct in Spanish

<https://www.houstonisd.org//cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/7905/2324%20Codigo%20de%20Conducta.pdf>

## PHONE CALLS:



Have you been receiving phone calls from Lyons ES or Houston ISD? The office calls parents of absent students on a daily basis, Mrs. Cásaes does a weekly call out on Sundays, teachers, staff and the nurse make calls to parents. If you have not received any calls, that means we do not have the correct phone number on file for your child. Please call the school to update your number.

## BEGINNING OF YEAR PACKETS:



If you have not sent in your child's beginning of the year packet, please do so NOW. They are over-due. It is very important that every form is completed, signed and dated. Staff has been returning incomplete forms home that need to be filled out. Please complete and return. Remember to use blue or black ink – NOT PENCIL. The enrollment card needs to be filled out **completely** not just the top portion. For security and safety of your children the information has to be updated and on file.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:



Nov. 17	Report Card Day
Nov. 20-24	Thanksgiving Break – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Nov. 27	<b>STUDENTS &amp; STAFF RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>
Nov. 30	Coffee with the Principal / Parent Engagement Meeting 8:15 a.m.
Dec. 6	Cheerleader Fundraiser at Chik Fil A 5:00-800 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 9	Hope for Christmas 8:00-1:00
Dec. 22- Jan. 8	Winter Break



**Thanksgiving** is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. New England and Virginia colonists originally celebrated days of fasting, as well as days of thanksgiving, thanking God for blessings such as harvests, ship landings, military victories, or the end of a drought. These were observed through church services, accompanied with feasts and other communal gatherings. The event that Americans commonly call the "first Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days and was attended by 90 Native American Wampanoag people and 53 survivors of the Mayflower (Pilgrims).

Source: Wikipedia



Approved:

*Olivia A. Casares*

Olivia Casares, Principal  
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