

Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter

October 19, 2023



Greetings!

Next week is Red Ribbon Week. We are asking parents, students and staff to participate in the daily activities. Please see the article posted in Pawprints for the list of activities.

We look forward to seeing parents here for our Honor Recognition celebration tomorrow, Friday.

Please join me next Thursday, October 26th for Coffee with the Principal and Parent involvement Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Please do not block the entrance or exit gate to the staff/teacher parking lot.

Have a GREAT week!

Olivia A. Cásaes



Olivia Casares
Lyons



Paw Message from Mrs. Petry

*"Remember, no matter how fast you run,
you can't be the winner if you don't finish!"*



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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-Friday, Oct. 12-27

- Pick a Treat Candy Gram Orders
Taken (Delivery Oct 31)

Friday, Oct. 20

- Honor Roll
3rd-5th 8:15 a.m.
1st-2nd 9:05 a.m.

Monday-Friday, Oct 23-27

- **RED RIBBON WEEK**

Thursday, Oct. 26


- Coffee with the Principal 12:30

Friday Oct 27

- Trunk or Treat
- Trunk or Treat Fall Dance
- Last Day to order Pick a Treat Candy Gram

October 2023



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 Band Practice Begins Basketball Tryouts 3:30-4:15 – Must attend every day	4	5	6 REPORT CARD DAY	7
9	10 PICTURE DAY Soccer Tryouts 3:30-4:15 – Must attend every day Universal GT Testing 2 nd Grade 10/09 – 10/20	11	12	13 NO SCHOOL	14
16	17	18	19	20 Honor Roll Celebration 3 rd -5 th 8:15 a.m. 1 st & 2 nd 9:05 a.m. Character Counts! Week – Dress Up Days Baseball & Whiffle Ball Tryouts 3:30-4:15 – Must attend Universal GT Testing 2 nd Grade 10/09 – 10/20	21
23 WEAR RED	24 WEAR HIGH WATER PANTS OR ROLL UP PANTS	25 WEAR NECKTIE OR HAIR TIES	26 WEAR CRAZY SOCKS Coffee with the Principal 12:30	27 WEAR COSTUME OR WEAR CLOTHES INSIDE OUT Trunk or Treat Dance Trunk or Treat 7:30-10:00	28
30	31 HALLOWEEN 				

Be here everyday – all day!

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.

CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK:

Thank you to everyone who participated in this week's Character Counts activities. Everyday students, parents, & staff were asked to dress in a different color that represented a good character trait. We had great participation!

RED RIBBON WEEK:



Next week is **RED RIBBON WEEK**. Red Ribbon Week consists of different activities that educate on the danger of drug use and encourage everyone to be drug free. We are asking parents, students, and staff to participate in the following daily activities

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HISD | Counseling & Student Services
EMPOWERING STUDENTS. PROMOTING SUCCESS.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Be Kind to Your Mind, **Live Drug Free**

OCTOBER 23–27, 2023

MON 23	Kick Off Red Ribbon Week, I'm Proud to be Drug Free WEAR RED
TUES 24	High Water Pants, Don't take a Chance ROLL UP YOUR PANTS OR WEAR HIGH WATER PANTS
WED 25	Don't Get Tied into Drugs WEAR NECK TIES OR HAIR TIES
THURS 26	Socks to Your Knees, Say No Please WEAR CRAZY SOCKS AS HIGH AS THEY WILL GO
FRI 27	Don't Let Drugs Turn You Inside Out/Hide From Drugs TACKY DAY OR WEAR CLOTHES INSIDE OUT OR WEAR YOUR COSTUME

HONOR ROLL CELEBRATION:



Parents are invited to our Honor Roll Celebration tomorrow, Friday, October 20, 2023.

3rd – 5th Grades 8:15 a.m.

1st & 2nd Grades 9:05 a.m.

While we understand that you may want to do something special with your child for making honor roll, we ask that you **PLEASE** refrain from taking your child home after the celebration – they still have a whole day of learning ahead of them.

TRUNK OR TREAT:



On Friday, October 27, 2023. The Pre-K team is sponsoring “Trunk or Treat” from 7:30-10:00 a.m. The cost is \$2.00 per ticket. It will be held in the visitor parking lot in front of the school. VIPS are needed to help in this family-friendly event by donating their vehicles, decorating them, filling them with goodies, and distributing candy. If you are available to help, please email Mrs. Perez-Carrizal at yperezca@houstonisd.org. Spots are limited. Pre-K is also accepting candy donations – NO PEANUTS PLEASE & MUST

BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED. Everyone – parents, students, staff - is invited to wear costumes on that day. (no masks or weapons, please. Thank you in advance for your help.

GT TESTING FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS:



We are currently accepting applications for our Vanguard Neighborhood Gifted and Talented Program for students in Kinder, 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades (NOT 2nd 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 or at (713) 696 2870.


PICK A TREAT:



Third grade is sponsoring “Pick a Treat” from October 12-27th. For \$2 per candy gram, you may send a candy-gram treat and message to a friend or family member in any grade to welcome the fall. Pick a Treat: choose either a Starburst, Ring-Pop, Blow Pop, or Fruit Roll-Up. Order forms have been sent home and are due back no later than Friday, October 27. Delivery will be made on Tuesday, October 31st.

FROM MRS. PEÑA, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN:





Join your child's library Dojo community to learn the latest Library Scoop like Pleasure Pier passes and to view their library portfolio.

Circulation


322 Books

Data Searches

64 Gale

Library Sponsored Events

- *Fall 2023 Read-A-Thon fundraiser
- *Jorge Cham author visit 10/24 (2nd-5th)
- *Character Pumpkin (2nd-3rd)
- *Hispanic Heritage Ofrenda celebration (4th-5th)



Lyons Library Statistics/ Announcement

Week 7

10/09-10/13

LESSONS

During library ancillary we began our focus on A/R reading comprehension quizzes.. *2nd - 4th-grade classes will read and take 7AR quizzes during library ancillary.

*PK-1st continue to focus on 2x2 reading

*5th continue our digital database investigation for information - Week 7: Christopher Columbus posting citation in Canvas

Mrs. Peña is sponsoring the following fun activities:

VOLUNTARY 2ND & 3RD GRADE PUMPKIN CHARACTER PARADE

TURN IN VOLUNTARY PROJECT TO THE LIBRARY BY OCTOBER 23

DUE BY 10/23

[HTTPS://DRIVE.GOOGLE.COM/FILE/D/1PG4FZE60UTHENGJCSNGR_2PjGJDCRWN7/VIEW?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pG4FZE60UTHENGJCSNGR_2PjGJDCRWN7/VIEW?usp=sharing)


CHECK YOUR LIBRARY DOJO FOR MORE DETAILS



Voluntary

Hispanic Heritage/





Day of the Dead Ofrenda



QUESTIONS/ PREGUNTAS MESSAGE THROUGH LIBRARY DOJO

TURN IN TO THE LIBRARY BY **OCT 23**


STUDENTS MAY WORK IN GROUPS... START TODAY

COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL!

JORGE CHAM

Brought to you by Brazos Bookstore



Jorge is the best-selling and Emmy-nominated creator of "PHD Comics", the popular ongoing comic strip about life (or the lack thereof) in Academia. He is the co-creator and co-Executive Producer of the celebrated animated series Elinor Wonders Why, which airs on PBS Kids and in 78 countries around the world. He is the co-author of the award-winning book We Have No Idea (and its follow-up FAQ-U), and the co-host of the iHeart Radio show Daniel and Jorge Explain the Universe. He is also the co-founder of PHDtv, a video science and discovery outreach collaborative, and the author of the upcoming books Oliver's Great Big Universe and Out of Your Mind.

Jorge earned his Ph.D. in Robotics from Stanford University and was an Instructor and Research Associate at Caltech from 2003-2005. He is originally from Panama.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

CLASSICAL BALLET CLUB:



Classical Ballet Club will begin next Monday, October 23, 2023. The sponsor is Ms. Adams. Meeting days will be on Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursday s from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. The club is open to students in 2nd – 5th grades. Flyers are being sent home. If your child is interested in joining, please fill out the attached form at the bottom of the flyer and return it to school.

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>

VACCINATIONS:



Parents of students who still require some of their mandatory vaccinations need to update all required vaccinations by the end of October. To support students who need vaccinations, HISD campuses will be providing vaccination opportunities on site over the next few weeks. In addition, campuses will be sharing information about health care providers around the District who provide vaccination services. Students who are in the process of seeking required vaccinations will be able to attend school as normal. Campus leaders will follow up with families of students who are not fully vaccinated by the end of October. Please see the list below for locations, dates and times.

Source: HISD News: Family Update

Region	School Name	Date of Clinic	Time of Clinic	Providing Clinic
North	Osborne Elm	10/26/23	9-1:00	Harris Health Troubleshooters
South	Gregg	10/20/23	9-12:00	Texas Children's Mobile
South	Cornelius	10/30/23	9-2:00	Texas Children's Mobile
South	Bonner	10/11 & 10/25	9-2:00	Texas Children's Mobile
West	Energized for Excellence	10/19/23	9-2:00	Texas Children's Mobile
West	Bonham Elm	10/20/23	9-1:00	Harris Health Troubleshooters
West	Mistral ECC	10/26/23	9-2:00	Texas Children's Mobile
West	Liberty HS	10/30/23	9-1:00	Harris Health Troubleshooters
West	Sylvan Rodriguez	Tuesdays	9-2:00	Texas Children's Mobile
West	Pilgrim Academy	Wednesdays	9-2:00	TCH mobile

DO NOT BLOCK!:



Please do not park in front of the school's exit gate on the McGallion side of the school. The gate has to be free of obstruction so that staff and visitors may exit.



Please do not block the McGallion entrance gate – teachers and staff need to be able to enter and park without hinderance. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter!

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENES MONTH:



October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month



PHONE CALLS:



Have you been receiving phone calls from Lyons ES or t3:30-4:10e district? 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 overdue. 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.

WANTED: CROSSING GUARDS:



The role of crossing guards is crucial in ensuring the safety of students as they navigate busy streets on their way to and from school. Crossing guards are in shortage for our schools. If you are interested in or know of someone who would be interested in working a couple of hours in the morning/afternoon please apply at [HRCrossingGuardlink](#). This is ideal for retirees, parents, grandparents, volunteers, etc.

CLUB SCHEDULES:

Please see the following list of after-school clubs:

CLUB	SPONSOR(S) LOCATION	DAY(S) ✓ THE DAYS OF CLUB	TIME GRADES
BALLET - CLASSIC	Miss Adams	✓ MONDAY ✓ TUESDAY WEDNESDAY ✓ THURSDAY FRIDAY	2 nd -5 th Grade 3:30-4:30 Start date: 10-23-23
BALLET FOLKLORICO	MS. Kerschen	MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Will Begin in January Dates to be announced
BAND	Mr. Page	✓ MONDAY ✓ TUESDAY ✓ WEDNESDAY ✓ THURSDAY ✓ FRIDAY	Practice begins Oct. 3 Refer to schedules sent home 3:20-4:40
BASKETBALL	Mr. Sanchez	MONDAY ✓ TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Tryouts Begin Oct 2 – 6 Must attend every day 3:15-4:15
CHEERLEADING	Mrs. Nzei Mrs. Ampudia	MONDAY ✓ TUESDAY ✓ WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	2 nd – 5 th Grd 3:15-4:15
CODING & ROBOTICS	Mrs. Maya	MONDAY ✓ TUESDAY WEDNESDAY ✓ THURSDAY FRIDAY	Tues: 2 nd & 3 rd Gd 3:20-4:10 Thurs. 4 th & 5 th Gd 3:30-4:10 Begins week of Oct 9
MATH UIL University Interscholastic League	Mrs. Ampudia Mr. Acosta	MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY ✓ FRIDAY	3:30-4:30
GIRLS Who Code	Mrs. Maya Ms. Escoto	MONDAY TUESDAY ✓ WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	3 rd -5 th Gd Girls 3:20-4:20
SOCCER	Mr. Sanchez	MONDAY TUESDAY ✓ WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Tryouts 10/9-10/12 3:15-4:15



CLUB	SPONSOR(S) LOCATION	DAY(S) ✓ THE DAYS OF CLUB		TIME GRADES
NAME THAT BOOK	Mrs. Peña		MONDAY	Kinder – 2 nd Grd 3:15-4:30 Begins 10-16-23
			TUESDAY	
			WEDNESDAY	
		✓	THURSDAY	
		✓	FRIDAY	
NAME THAT BOOK	MS. Kerschen	✓	MONDAY	3 rd – 5 th Grd 3:15-4:30 Begins 10-16-23
			TUESDAY	
			WEDNESDAY	
			THURSDAY	
			FRIDAY	
UIL	Mrs. Peña		MONDAY	3:15-4:30 Begins 10-3-23
		✓	TUESDAY	
		✓	WEDNESDAY	
			THURSDAY	
			FRIDAY	
CHESS	Mr. Sanchez	✓	MONDAY	Oct 30- May 20 3:15-4:15
			TUESDAY	
			WEDNESDAY	
			THURSDAY	
			FRIDAY	
SPORTS CLUB <i>Volleyball, Bowling Frisbee Golf, Kickball, Hockey, etc.</i>	Mr. Sanchez		MONDAY	3:15-4:15 Begins Nov. 3
			TUESDAY	
			WEDNESDAY	
			THURSDAY	
		✓	FRIDAY	

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Oct. 16-20 Character Counts Week
- Oct. 23 2nd & 3rd Grade Pumpkin Parade Project Due *turn in to Mrs. Peña*
Hispanic Heritage Day of the Dead Oprenda Due *turn in to Mrs. Peña*
- Oct. 24 Visit by Jorge Cham, Author
- Oct. 23-27 **RED RIBBON WEEK** “*Be Kind to Your Mind – Be Drug Free*”
- Oct. 26 Coffee with the Principal 12:30 
- Oct. 27 Trunk or Treat *Sponsored by Pre-K*
Trunk or Treat Fall Dance
-  Oct. 31 Halloween
Pick a Treat Candy Gram Delivery
- Nov. 5 Time Change 2a.m. – Fall Back 1 Hour
- Nov. 20-24 Thanksgiving Break – **NO SCHOOL**

Approved:

Olivia A. Casares

Olivia Casares, Principal
OAC /vc

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