

Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter

October 27, 2023



Greetings!

Please welcome Susana Bazan to Lyons. Mrs. Bazan is our new Dean of Instruction. We look forward to working with her.

Free immunizations will be given to uninsured students on November 6. Please refer to the article for more information.

Thank you to everyone who attended Coffee with the Principal and Parent Involvement meeting yesterday, Thursday, October 26th. It was good to see so many of the parents here.

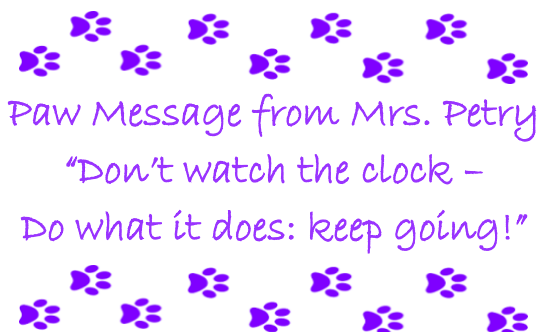
Please do not block the entrance or exit gate to the staff/teacher parking lot.

Have a GREAT week!

Olivia A. Casares



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Lyons



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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. 27

- Progress Reports Go Home
- Pick a Treat Candy Gram Orders Due
- Trunk or Treat Fall Dance
- Trunk or Treat 7:30 a.m-10:00 am

Tuesday, Oct. 31

- Halloween
- Pick a Treat Candy Grams Delivered

October 2023					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 ~~~~~ Progress Reports Go Home 	28
RED RIBBON WEEK OCT 23-27 					
30	31 HALLOWEEN 				
November 2023					
		1	2	3	4 SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR @ MIDNIGHT
6 Immunizations 9 am - 2 pm	7	8	9	10 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	11
13	14	15	16	17	18

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.



PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME TOMORROW, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

If parents have questions or concerns, please reach out to the teacher.

WELCOME TO LYONS:



Welcome to Lyons Elementary Susana Bazan!! Mrs. Bazan is our new Dean of Instruction and we are very excited to have her join our Lyons family. A note from Mrs. Bazan:

My name is Susan Lomeli Bazan and I have served as an instructional para professional, bilingual teacher and in leadership positions for a total of 24 years. As your proud Dean of Instruction, I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to continue making a positive impact on our students' lives and contributing to the growth and success of our school.

On the personal side, I have 3 children and I was born and raised in California. As a child I was enrolled in ESL classes, and lost my Spanish while in high school. Fast forward, I arrived to Houston in 99' and relearned my Spanish while attending the University of Saint Thomas to become a bilingual educator.

I believe in the power of biliteracy, bilingualism and bicultural learning. Feel free to reach out to me at Susana.bazan@houstonisd.org for any questions, concerns, or ideas you might have.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS:



Halloween is a fun time for children and in their excitement they do not think about safety. Please see the last 2 pages for Halloween safety tips by the Institute for Childhood Preparedness.

RED RIBBON WEEK:



Thank you to everyone who participated in Red Ribbon Week this past week. Tomorrow is the last day – students, staff and parents are asked to participate by doing the following:



TRUNK OR TREAT:



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

TRUNK OR TREAT FALL DANCE:



Tomorrow will also be our Trunk or Treat Fall Dance. The cost is \$2 per student. Refreshments and novelties will be sold for a cost of 25¢ - \$2.00. The dance will be held during the students’ ancillary times. This dance is for Lyons students only.

PICK A TREAT CANDY GRAM:



Tomorrow, Friday, October 27, is the last day to place a “Pick or Treat” candy gram order. For \$2 per candy gram, you may send a candy-gram treat and message to a friend, family member, or staff member in any grade to welcome the fall. Pick a Treat: choose either a Starburst, Ring-Pop, Blow Pop, or Fruit Roll-Up. Delivery will be made on Halloween day, Tuesday, October 31st.

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	Cornelius	10/30/23	9-2:00	Texas Children's Mobile
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
North	Lyons Elementary	11/06/23	9-2:00	Texas Children's Mobile



Ronald McDonald will be at Lyons with the Texas Children's Mobile unit on Monday, November 6 to administer vaccinations to uninsured children and to children with Medicare. They will be here from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended but they will receive walk-ins. Please bring all immunization records with you. For eligibility requirements and to schedule an appointment, call 832-824-6355. To schedule an appointment, please call between 9:00-3:00.

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.

CLASSICAL BALLET CLUB:



Ms. Adams thanks everyone who signed up for her Classical Ballet Club – she has a great turn out. Unfortunately, she has reached her maximum number. However, She has accepted the late applications for the future. At midterm, if there are openings, she will accept them on a first come, first served basis. Ms. Adams will reach out to the parent to let them know.

CODING & ROBOTICS CLUB:



Mrs. Maya is canceling Robotics on Tuesday for lack of members. Club will continue on Thursdays for 4th-5th grades from 3:30-4:10.

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>

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENES MONTH:



October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month



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. Cásares 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.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 23-27 **RED RIBBON WEEK** “Be Kind to Your Mind – Be Drug Free”

Oct. 27 Trunk or Treat 7:30-10:00 *Sponsored by Pre-K*

Trunk or Treat Fall Dance

Pick a Treat Candy Gram Orders Due (delivery Oct. 31)



Oct. 31 Halloween Please see last 2 pages for safety tips

Pick a Treat Candy Gram Delivery

Nov. 5 Time Change 2a.m. – Fall Back 1 Hour

Nov. 6 FREE Immunizations for Students 9:00-2:00

Nov. 10 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**



Nov. 14 Class Group Pictures & Retakes

Nov. 17 Report Card Day

Nov. 20-24 Thanksgiving Break – **NO SCHOOL**

Approved:

Olivia A. Casares

Olivia Casares, Principal
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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

It's not surprising that Halloween is a favorite for parents and children! Kids love to dress up, go trick-or-treating, and eat candy. But, Halloween night can also be dangerous. Make sure to follow these safety tips to ensure a safe and fun evening!

COSTUME SAFETY



APPLY non-toxic face paint instead of a face mask.



AVOID swords and canes with sharp edges.



CHOOSE a safe, flame-retardant costume.



HAVE children carry glow sticks or flashlights so they can see the road ahead.

MAKE sure your child's costume fits properly.

Loose clothing can be a tripping hazard. It can also catch fire, or unintentionally cause strangulation.



MAKE SURE children carry a bright-colored trick-or-treating bag.



DRESS children in weather-appropriate layers.



If your child's costume is dark, **ADD** reflective tape or bright-colored materials.

CANDY SAFETY



PARENTS: thoroughly examine all candy before children indulge.

TELL children not to share candy with friends that have food allergies.



TEACH children to ration candy to avoid tummy aches.



MAKE sure children know not to accept any baked goods.



Large candies are a choking hazard. **KEEP** them away from young children.



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