



The Falcon Flyer

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents:

Spring is here and our students are actively engaged as they work to achieve their academic goals. The month of April finds our students taking the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) tests. The week of the 20th, our students in Grades 3-8 will be tested in core subjects. We know our boys and girls will do well as our teachers have equipped them with all the right tools. The success of our students depends on the commitment of students, teachers, and parents working together. I thank you for having your child here every day for Teaching & Learning at The Rice School/La Escuela Rice.

Principal Hobbs

Nurses Notes

According to *Kidshealth.org*, students say their high stressors include testing, grades, school/homework, family and friends, gossip and teasing. The signs of stress could be mood swings, changes in sleep patterns and/or academic performance. Recommended strategies to help cope include taking time to play, listening to music, and talking to a friend or a parent. Parents can help by listening with interest to show that you are there with and for them. It is also a good idea not to crowd the daily schedule with too many activities. To prepare your child for testing, make sure he/she gets to bed early and eats breakfast with protein for long-lasting brain power.

Name That Book

Name that book is officially over for this school year. For the first time ever, our Middle School team made it to the finals. It was an exciting year for all of our teams and the program was filled with great books. Next year's Name that book list will be unveiled on Saturday, May 2nd at two Barnes & Noble locations. Please email Ms. Henry, phenry@houstonisd.org, for more details.

NJHS News

NJHS will sponsor Cafeteria and Custodian Appreciation April 27th - May 1st to show our gratitude to the amazing service both staffs provide our school. NJHS will also show appreciation to the work of the Rice School teachers May 4th -8th with daily raffle prizes.

Rising Star

The Astros are stepping up to the plate and rewarding students for their achievements. The Houston Astros **Rising Star** program rewards students for achieving success in academics, attendance and character. Call 713-259-8500 or email astros.com to nominate your school to participate in the program. Let's go to the ball game on May 2nd to watch the Mariners play our Astros. For more information contact the counselors.

Sports News

Congratulations Falcon Track Teams! All represented the school in great fashion. A big congratulations should be given to our 7th grade boys, who won 1st place in the 2015 HISD Zone 4 District Meet. Check the website for pictures of the event.

Growing with the Habitat

What's growing in our Habitat? We have 2 cabbages, a huge bunch of parsley, and our Swiss Chard cannot be contained. We have 10 tomato plants all with fruit. We harvest and eat everything that we grow. Our habitat will soon be fitted with automatic irrigation so our plants will continue throughout the summer. You are invited to come and take a look whenever you are on campus.

Student Council

Student Council: Our student leaders saw the HISD School Board members in action at the HISD Board Meeting on April 9th. Students also enjoyed a Spring Celebration at Jerry Built Burgers. Some of our students will participate in HISD's Student Congress event on May 16. We are very excited about these opportunities.



Back: Kristin Beatty, Victoria Montes, Ethan Gilmore, Christopher Jones, Anthony Curtis, Carissa Arrazolo
Front: Alex Curtis, Ethan Arrazolo, Zoe Gilmore, Julianne Rojas, Jorna and Jasmine Khan

Special Dates...

April

- 3 **Holiday No School**
- 16 Grade 2 Musical @ 1:10 p.m. for parents in the Auditorium
- 20 STAAR Math Test for Gr. 5,8
- 21 STAAR Math Test for Gr. 3,4,6,7
- 21 STAAR Social Studies for Gr. 8
- 22 STAAR Reading for Gr. 3,4,6,7
- 22 STAAR Science Gr. 5 8

May

- 3 STAAR Algebra EOC for Gr. 8
- 4-12 IOWA Achievement Test Gr. 1-8
- 1 Fine Arts Festival 5:00-7:30 pm
- 15 Gr. 8 Dance 6:00 - 9:00 pm
- 15 Field day Gr 1 @ 8:25 - 10:45
- 15 Field day Gr 4 @ 11:30 - 3:00
- 18 Field day Gr 2 @ 8:25 - 10:45
- 18 Field day Gr 5 @ 11:30 - 3:00
- 19 Field day Gr K @ 8:25 - 10:45
- 19 Field day Gr 3 @ 11:30 - 3:00
- 28 Last School day. Report cards go home.

April Autism Month

Join us in celebration for 2015 National Autism Awareness Month! National Autism Awareness Month represents an excellent opportunity to promote autism awareness, autism acceptance and to draw attention to the tens of thousands facing an autism diagnosis each year. You could sign up for e-newsletter *Autism Matters* to continue sharing ideas on how to make a better world for autism. To learn more about Autism Awareness visit our classes and check out the website www.autism-society.org.

Friendship Writing Contest

Thank you for the great participation in the annual Writing Contest. All participants earned a special pencil for their efforts. Our PTO has sponsored the event by providing gift certificates from Target to the winners. Prize winners will be announced. Stop by the main hallway to see pictures and read their essays. Thank you for making the Rice School a healthy and welcoming place.