Greetings!

Hope everyone had a restful 3 day weekend!

Student handbooks were distributed to students this week. Parents, please remember to take off the last page, sign it, and return it to your child’s teacher.

If you have not returned the beginning of the year packet yet, please do so as soon as possible. These are required documents that have to be filed in your child’s permanent records. Remember to completely fill out each page and sign/date. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

We ask those students who prefer to bring lunch from home, bring it with them to school. We cannot interrupt instructional times by calling the classroom for students to come pick up their lunches.

School begins at 7:30 and dismisses at 3:00. All students arriving before 7:30 are to enter into the building through the cafeteria doors. The tardy bell rings at 7:40 – students arriving at that time or later will have to obtain a tardy slip.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual Open House on Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 4:00-6:00. This is an opportunity for teachers to give parents an insight of expectations for the 23-24 school year. Also, parents will be able to visit the Fall Fook Fair and sign up their children for various after-school clubs.

Please visit our website for our weekly newsletter, Pawprints, and other school information and events.

**TEXT “YES”:** one of the ways Lyons Elementary and Houston ISD communicates with parents is through text. To receive text message communications from Lyons & HISD, simply text “Yes” to 67587. You MUST have the correct phone number on file. If you have not already received a message from Lyons, we do not have your number on file. Please remember to contact the office if your phone number changes.

Have a wonderful week!
Principal Olivia Casares

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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, Sept. 14
- Open House 4:00-6:00
- Book Fair Open 3:30-5:30
- Club Sign-up

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Paw Message from Mrs. Petry
“Every day is a chance to learn!”
# September 2023

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**Every school day counts!**

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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.

FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE:

Parents have three days to turn in written excuses/emails to school concerning their child’s absence. After three unexcused absences parents will be contacted for a conference and to sign an attendance contract. Excessive tardies, taking children out early and unexcused absences may affect participation in clubs and extra-curricular activities. It is important to communicate with teachers/administration/school regarding your child’s attendance in school. Instructional time begins at 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Every minute counts!

PLEASE NOTE: Call the school office if your child is absent – the office calls parents of absent students on a daily basis. If you call beforehand, this will save time and an interruption of your daily routine.

TARDIES:

It is very important that students come to school on time everyday! School begins at 7:30 a.m. The Tardy bells rings at 7:40. When students come to school late, they lose valuable learning time and it causes an interruption in the classroom. Students with more than 3 tardies will not be able to participate in any extra-curricular activities or clubs. This time will be used for the student to complete the work that was missed from being tardy. Tardy slips will be given to students beginning next week.

OPEN HOUSE:

Open House will be held on two separate days and will be in person:

- **Thursday, September 14** 4:00-6:00 p.m.
  For parents of Kinder – 5th grades and SLL classes only. Parents will not be able to visit with teachers in Pre-K

- **Tuesday, September 19** Pre-K 101 4:00-6:00
  For parents of Pre-K and ECSE students only. Parents will not be able to visit teachers in any other grades.
Open House is a great opportunity for teachers to give parents an insight of expectations for the 23-24 school year. Also, parents may sign up their children for various after-school clubs. Some clubs are only open to specific grade levels. Sponsors welcome everyone to stop by their table and talk to them about their clubs.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Lyons Fall Bookfair will be open both nights from 3:30-5:30 for parent to visit. This is a good opportunity to visit the bookfair with your children.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF OUR PARENTS ON THESE TWO NIGHTS!

**CLASSROOM PARTIES:**

Birthday parties will not be celebrated in the classrooms (please refer to the student handbook for policy). Do not send cakes, cupcakes or goodie bags with candy or food. You may send goodie bags with non-edible trinkets only which will be distributed at the end of the day. This is for the safety of our students.

**FALL BOOK FAIR:**

Lyons annual Fall Book Fair will be from Friday, September 15 to Tuesday, September 19. Only students will be allowed to shop at the book fair during the school day. Flyers will be sent home. Parents will have the opportunity to visit the book fair on two evenings during Open House.
- Thursday, September 14 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 19 Pre-K 101 from 3:30-5:30

**FROM MRS. PEÑA, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN:**

![Image of Mrs. Peña with a book cart]

![Image of a library with 536 Books and Library Statistics/Announcements]

- Lyons Library Statistics/Announcement
  - Week 1
  - 08/28-09/01
- Conducted 35 library lessons this week about library expectations and collaboration
- Join our Class Dojo TODAY

FROM MRS. PEÑA, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN:
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.

HISD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS:

Houston ISD will host a series of community events to meet with community members and share more about their vision for the 2023-2024 school year. At each meeting, community members will have the opportunity to meet the school board members in-person and provide feedback on the board’s goals and constraints. Please refer to the calendar and Dates to Remember for dates, times, and locations.

MEDICATIONS:

All students requiring medication during school hours **MUST** have a NEW 2023-2024 medication form completed by their physician on file. Please contact the office for the form. Medication **MUST** match indications on medication form. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Please note that school personnel are not allowed to administer any non-prescribed medications to students such as aspirin, cough drops, creams, etc. please do not send any kind of medicine to school with your child. This is for the safety of your child and other students.

VISITORS:

Houston ISD requires **ALL** visitors who come to our campus to enter through the main entrance and register at our reception desk. A valid driver’s license, ID or passport is required to sign in, you **must register** every time you visit our campus. A volunteer or visitor pass must be worn and be visible at all times while of campus. Any other doors are not to be used as an entrance or exit. This is for the school’s security and our students’ safety.

VOLUNTEERS:

Houston ISD requires **ALL** school volunteers to pass background checks. The background checks may take up to 2-3 weeks so if you wish to volunteer for a field lesson, help out with a school event, and/or attend a classroom event, you **MUST** be a registered VIP. **All parents must register online at** [www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin](http://www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin)
HISD TEXT MESSAGING:

At HISD, communication is one of our top priorities. We all must work together to ensure that our students are successful, which is why we believe it’s so vital for our parents to stay informed. Text messaging is a great way for us to quickly and efficiently contact you about campus emergencies and other import district and campus events. Signing up for HISD’ text message alerts is simple. Simply text the “YES” to 68453 from each cell phone on which you wish to receive text messages. Make sure all cell phone numbers are registered with the school your child attends. When you no longer want this service, just text "STOP” or “NO” to 68453.

PHONE CALLS:

Have you been receiving phone calls from Lyons ES or the district? 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 11: HISD Community Meeting @ Energy Institute HS  6-7:30 p.m.
- September 12: HISD Community Meeting @ Rodriguez ES  6-7:30 p.m.
- September 13: HISD Community Meeting - Virtual  6-7:30 p.m.
- September 14: Open House  4:00-6:00
  Fall Book Fair open from 3:30-5:30
- September 15: HISD Community Meeting @ T.H. Rogers  6-7:30 p.m.
- September 16: HISD Community Meeting @ Highland Heights ES  10-11:30 p.m.
- September 18: HISD Community Meeting @ Wayside HS  6-7:30 p.m.
- September 19: Pre-K 101 Open House  4:00-6:00
  Fall Book Fair open from 3:30-5:30
  HISD Community Meeting @ Madison HS  6-7:30 p.m.
- September 25: NO SCHOOL – FALL HOLIDAY return to school Tuesday 9-26-23
- September 26: HISD Community Meeting @ Kashmere HS  6-7:30 p.m.

Approved:

Oliva A. Cásares
Olivia Casares, Principal
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It is the policy of the Houston Independent School District and E. A. “Squatty” Lyons Elementary School not to discriminate on the basis of age, color, handicap, or disability, ancestry, national origin, marital status, race, religion, sex, veteran status or political affiliation in its education or employment programs and activities, as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

**REMINDER:** The latest a student can be checked out of school early is 2:15. The end of the day is just as important as the beginning of the day! Teachers are reviewing, wrapping up, passing out notices, etc.