Greetings!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House today—we had a great turn out. Reminder that next Tuesday, September 19 will be Pre-K 101 Open House for Pre-K and ECSE students. Pre-K 101 Open House will be held in the multi-purpose room. This is a great opportunity for parents to learn what this school year’s expectations are. Curriculum, attendance, tardies, classroom rules, etc. will be discussed. The Fall Book Fair will be open for parents to purchase books.

Students should be in their classroom at 7:30. Students who arrive at 7:40 or later are tardy. If your child is tardy, you will need to park your vehicle and come into the building with your child for the tardy slip. Beginning next week, tardy slips will be issued to all students arriving late. Tardies will impact students participating in non-instructional activities. Please bear with us concerning dismissal, we are working to resolve the issues. Thank you for your patience.

Have a GREAT week!
Olivia A. Cásares

Paw Message from Mrs. Petry
“Stay positive!
Work hard!
Make it happen!”

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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

Friday, Sept. 15
- HISD Community Meeting 6:00-7:30
  @ T H Rogers

Saturday, Sept. 16
- HISD Community Meeting 10:00-11:30
  @ Highland Heights ES

Monday, Sept. 18
- HISD Community Meeting 6:00-7:30
  @ Westside HS

Tuesday, Sept. 19
- Open House 4:00-5:30
- Book Fair Open 3:30-5:00
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Make every day count!
Pawprints is a weekly newsletter that contains school information, news, and upcoming events. It is available online every Tuesday. [http://www.houstonisd.org/LyonsES](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:**

Students must be present 90% of the time regardless of excused or unexcused absences. If students are absent more than 10% of the time, then they will be required to attend summer school to make up that lost time. An excused absence allows a student to make up missed work. The excuse must be provided within 3 school days of the date of absence.

**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:**

We look forward to seeing parents of Pre-K and ECSE students next Tuesday.

叁 Tuesday, September 19  Pre-K 101  4:00-5:30
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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Lyons Fall Book Fair will be open from 3:30-5:00 for parents to visit. This is a good opportunity to visit the book fair with your children.
FALL BOOK FAIR:
Lyons annual Fall Book Fair will be from Friday, September 15 to Thursday, September 21. 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 during Open House.

- Tuesday, September 19 Pre-K 101 from 3:30-5:00

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.

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**

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:

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Approved:

**Olivia A. Cásares**  
Olivia Casares, Principal  
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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.