Greetings!
Thank you parents for bringing your children to school on time. Letters are being sent home for students who have excessive tardies. The letter will inform parents on the next discipline steps for tardies per Student Code of Conduct. School begins at 7:30 a.m. Students who arrive at 7:45 a.m. and later are tardy. Tardy students are missing valuable instructional time.

Have a GREAT week!
Olivia A. Cásares

Paw Message from Mrs. Petry
“Keep doing your best every day and if no one is proud, be proud of yourself!”

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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
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Social Media
Follow us on Facebook:
Lyons Elementary School-HISD
Follow us on Twitter:
@LyonsElementary

Important Dates for the Week:
Friday, Feb. 2
➢ Lyons Spelling Bee
➢ Progress Reports Go Home

Friday, Feb. 9
➢ Valentine’s Day Picture $6.00
Saturday, Feb. 10
➢ District Spelling Bee
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.

LOST & FOUND FRIDAY:

Tomorrow is Lost & Found Friday. A table will be set up at the reception desk with lost items. Please remind your children to look for anything they may have lost this week. Parents are welcome to look, also.

REMINDER: Yesterday, Wednesday, was the last day of the month. All items still in Lost & Found have been donated to a charitable organization.

CONGRATULATIONS:

GREAT JOB, Nurse Perkins and Ms. Lopez! Lyons ES received a banner for achieving 95% school-wide immunizations thanks to the diligence of these two ladies. Thank you to the parents for their cooperation in turning in their children’s immunization records.

FROM THE NURSE’S DESK:

Reminder: Medicine cannot be administered to students without doctors’ orders on file. You may obtain the required form from Ms. Perkins, our school nurse. We cannot administer ANY non-prescription medication to students (cough medicine, aspirin, creams, etc.) If your child needs to take any non-prescription medication, you may come to the school, with proper ID, and administer it to your child.

VALENTINES DAY PICTURES:

Second grade is sponsoring Valentine’s Day pictures on Friday, February 9. The cost is $6 for 2-4”X6” pictures. No group pictures will be taken - only one person per picture.

CASH ONLY, PLEASE – SEND EXACT AMOUNT – NO CHANGE WILL BE MADE

VALENTINES DAY DANCE:

There will be a Valentine’s Day Dance on Wednesday, February 14. The cost is $2 per person. Snacks and novelties will be sold from 50¢ - $3.00. The dance is for Lyons students only.
THOUSAND DAYS OF SCHOOL PICTURES:

Wednesday, February 14th will be the 100th day of school. In celebration of this day, the Lyons' Special Ed. department is sponsoring 100 Days of School Pictures on Wednesday, February 14. The cost will be $6.00 for 2-4"x6" pictures. Only one person per picture. Order forms will be sent home shortly.

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GT EXPO:

ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS!!!

Our Neighborhood Gifted and Talented program is well on its way to success! On March 27th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm, you are invited to our annual G/T Expo. This exhibition is produced every year in an effort to showcase projects created by the Gifted and Talented Students here on our great campus. This year we will have it at our school’s Multipurpose room. We hope to see everyone that day supporting our GT students. We will have activities, raffles and prizes for those who attend.

FROM MRS. PEÑA, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN:

Please don’t forget to join your child’s Library Dojo. There is a lot of exciting things happening in the library that I post on Dojo to share with parents. Don’t miss out on this opportunity.

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2024 Lyons Classroom Spelling Bee listed below: These students are advancing to Round II, our campus spelling bee will be tomorrow, Friday, February 2nd.

2nd Grade Classroom Spelling Bee Winners (multiple names signify a tie)

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4th Grade Classroom Spelling Bee Winners (multiple names signify a tie):

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<td>Bugg</td>
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5th Grade Classroom Spelling Bee Winners (multiple names signify a tie):

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ZOO CREW:

The mobile Zoo Crew will be coming to Lyons on Thursday, February 15, 2024. Zoo Crew is similar to “Build A Bear”. Boys and girls will have a chance to purchase an animal and stuff it. There are two packages that are being offered: Silver costs $35 and Gold costs $45. Order forms are being sent home today.

2024-2025 PRE-K ENROLLMENT UPDATE:

Are you planning to enroll in pre-kindergarten in Houston ISD in the 2024-2025 school year? There is a new Pre-K application and enrollment process for the new school year. This applies to current families as well as new families interested in applying to Houston ISD with students who will be 3 or 4 before September 1, 2024. Please refer to the following important dates:

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<td>February 28, 2024</td>
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<td>April 22, 2024</td>
<td>Phase I Pre-K application closes</td>
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<td>May 10, 2024</td>
<td>Families are notified of their student(s) campus</td>
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<td>Phase 2 Pre-K space available and waitlist begins</td>
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<td>May 30, 2024</td>
<td>Families MUST accept their student(s) placement</td>
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HISD will host family events to provide an overview with questions and answers on the
Pre-K application process.

**IN PERSON: Wednesday, February 7, 2024  5:30-6:30 p.m.**

- Farias Early Childhood Center (ECC)
- Ninfa Laurenzo Early Childhood center (ECC)
- Martin Luther King Early Childhood Center (ECC)
- Shadowbriar Elementary School (Cafeteria)

**VIRTUAL: Thursday, February 8, 2024  5:30-6:30 p.m.**

- 5:00-6:00 p.m.
  - Session 1 – Passcode 2222
- 6:30 – 7:30-6:00 p.m.
  - Session 2 – Passcode 2222

**HISD SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

Houston ISD is an open enrollment district where a family can apply to any school in the
district that meets a student’s needs. The School Choice process allows families to
choose among hundreds of neighborhood and specialty school options in a singl
application. Please refer to the following important dates.

- **January 18:** Application opens. Parents rank up to 10 choices in the application.
To be considered in the lottery, applications must be submitted before application
   closes. Date of application does not influence result as long a choices are
   submitted before application close.
- **February 23:** Application closes. All rankings and required documents must be
   submitted.
- **March 26:** Parent Notification Day. Families offered on seat based on lottery
   results.
- **April 9:** Deadline for families to accept seat offered in Phase 1
- **Starting March 26:** Parents will be able to apply for schools with space available.
   They will also be able to add themselves to a waitlist if a school is full.

Question: The School Choice Phoneline is open 8:00 am.-8:00 pm during the first week
of launch. Please call 713-556-6734. Families may also submit questions via email at
schoolchoice@houstonisd.org

**SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATIONS FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Each neighborhood has a feeder pattern, connecting an elementary
school to a middle and high school. The continuity allows for
aligned learning from grades K-12. Students that are in 5th grade
are to transition to 6th grade (middle school) and depending on the
home address is the neighborhood school they will be zoned to. If you are interested in
your child attending a Vanguard or Magnet Program, an application for transfer for those
programs will need to be filled out. Please go to https://choosehisd.my.site.com to complete one application per each student in your household that will be attending middle school and/or high school if you have another student that is in 8th grade. For more information regarding the different programs available through HISD, please visit https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/31464. Phase 1 opens on Thursday, January 18, 2024 and closes on Friday, February 23, 2024. Notification of Lottery Results is on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 (student matched to school). For more questions or concerns, please contact School Choice Department at HISD at https://www.houstonisd.org/SC and/or call (713) 556-6734.

**Reminder:** Students can earn free passes for Pleasure Pier and Schlitterbahn. Complete the reading logs and return them to the library. December reading log/calendar for Pleasure Pier passes are due this week.

**AFTERNOON MESSAGES:**

Parents, if you need to get a message to your child at the end of the day, please do so no later than 2:30. When you call after that time, there is a good possibility that the message cannot get to your child in time. There being only one staff member in the office who cannot leave the office unattended and classrooms have already begun the dismissal process and may not be in the classroom to receive the message. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**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.

**ATTENDANCE REMINDER:**

“A student in any grade level from kindergarten through 12th grade shall not be given credit for a final grade for a class unless the student is in attendance 90% of the days the class is offered. This restriction does not affect a student’s right to excused absences. In order to receive credit or a final grade for a class, a student is required to attend class 90% of the days class is offered regardless of whether the student’s absences are excused or unexcused. All absences, excused and unexcused, are counted for the purpose of determining attendance for credit.” *Atty. Gen. Op JC-0398 (2001)*
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Feb. 14 100th Day of School
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Feb. 15 Zoo Crew visits Lyons
5th Grade Field Lesson to Burbank MS
Feb. 22 PK Field Lesson to Arranda’s  8:30-2:00
Feb. 27 5th Grade Field Lesson to Houston Symphony  10:00-1:15
March 8 Report Card Day

Approved:

Olivia A. Cásares
Olivia Casares, Principal
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