



The Falcon Flyer

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We had a successful opening of a new school year! Our students are eager to learn so we need them in attendance every instructional day. The mission of The Rice School is to support Teaching and Learning while Creating a College and Career Ready Culture. As a high performing school with talented teachers in every classroom, we have high expectations and standards. I encourage you to keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher. The daily planner is a great tool for keeping up with your child's progress. We have Parental Involvement days scheduled throughout the year for conferences with teachers. We need your support as we work together to achieve great things in the 2016-2017 school year!

Principal Hobbs

Important Information

Before school: Students are to be dropped off in the proper carpool lane, not in the street or at the corner no earlier than 7:15 AM.

Absences: Send the Attendance Clerk a written excuse stating the reason for the absence and a phone number for verification. The excuse must be turned in within 3 days of the absence.

Tardy: The bell rings at 7:45 AM. After that time your child is late for school and must get a pass at the attendance window before going to class.

Late Pick Up: School hours are 7:40 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Early Dismissal release time 12:30pm) Students are expected to be picked up at dismissal. Students not picked up by that time will be taken to the After School Program (ASP) where a late pick up fee will be assessed.

Nurse's Notes

Welcome back! We have some changes in our clinic this year. Fortunately, we will see nurse D. Boedeker, working part time and she will be joined by our new Nurse Winston. We hope you will help her feel welcome. Let's begin a healthy year by remembering the following:

- With a fever of 100 or above, your child needs to stay home and this includes diarrhea or vomiting or an undiagnosed rash. Before returning to school, your child should be fever-free for 24 hours without medication
- A doctor's order MUST accompany any medication your child is to be given during school hours. The form is available in the clinic or through the portal.
- Please make sure your child has your current phone number! You also need a plan in case illness or injury occur and you are unable to pick him/her up within an hour of notification.

Open House

Join us on Wednesday, September 14th for Open House for K- 4th grade. Open House for 5-8th grade will take place on Thursday, September 15th. Come and hear about grade level expectations and goals for your child's success this school year. Hours for Open House will be from 5:00–7:00 pm. We hope to see you!

PTO Info

Become a **volunteer**, register online at www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin. If you have already registered with VIPS it is necessary to register every new school year. Please make sure to check that your status is current. Once your status has been approved, please submit a legible copy of your driver's license to the Main Office and allow 2 to 3 weeks for the background check to process. This is also required to attend field trips. See Falcon Flyer September calendar dates for upcoming PTO meetings.

Counselor's Corner

Come join our Uniform Swap and meet the counselor during Open House. We will have gently used clothing on display in the main hallway. You might find just the right size and item for your child. We are also accepting donations of your child's uniforms. Come save and share.

Name that Book

We are happy to announce that we will have 3 Name that book teams, K-2, 3-5, and Middle School. Check our next Falcon Flyer for dates and please email Ms. Henry with questions, phenry@houstonisd.org.

Change for Change

This is our **seventh** year supporting Tumwesigi from Tanzania, Africa. We ask students and their families to share some change. If each student just shared 5 cents, we would collect around \$60. All collections will be from 7:15AM to 7:40AM. The next event will be October 4th. See Ms. Henry with any questions, comments.

Cross Country

The cross country season is off to a fast start. Interested students in 7th and 8th grade, contact Mr. Obinyan or B. Llorens. See Falcon Flyer calendar for upcoming Cross Country Meets and locations.

September Dates...

- 5 Labor Day Holiday-No Classes
- 6 School Day Students Return
- 6 Change for Change Contribution
- 9 Grandparents Day Celebration 8-9 AM
- 9 PTO Meeting 9:00 AM-Cafeteria
- 12 Vball Game vs Lanier @ Rice 5-7 PM
- 14 Open House -K-4th @ 5-7 PM
- 15 Open House 5th-8th @5-7 PM
- 19 VBall Game vs West Briar @ Rice 5-7PM
- 21 Early Dismissal 12:30 PM
- 22 PTO Meeting in the Library 6:00 PM
- 24 Cross Country Meet at Willow Waterhole Greenway arrive @ 8:30AM
- 26 VBall Rice vs Lawson Away 5-7PM
- 27 K-8 Individual Picture Day (wear uniform)

October

- 3 Vball Rice @ Pershing Away 5-7PM

Grandparents

We hope all grandparents will feel welcome to visit the classrooms from 8:00-9:00 AM on Friday, Sept. 9th. We look forward to hearing about the experience when you join us in the main hallway for a light brunch before leaving our campus.

Go Falcons

Congratulations for making the 2016 Lady Falcon Volleyball teams: We welcome these 7th graders Kendle Coleman, Jazzmyn Drumgoole, Myrical Ford, Alani Forouzan, Giselle Garza, Iliana Garza, Jy'Aira Goodman, McKenzie Hobson, Anaya Humphrey, Tryiana Lister, Allison Perez, Sydney Sam, practice squad Dana Bofil, Kylah Harrell, India Caldwell. The 8th grade team includes: Jazzmyn Lewis, Tryniti Ernest, Ja'Miah McIntosh, Kharizma Johnson, Jasmyn Vara, Ashlyn Cokes, Kelwina Berry, DeAnna Gilmore, Erin Bailey, Shawnique Johnson, Julia Jones and Kamryn Kizzine. Our first game is home September 12th vs. Lanier. Come out and support your Falcon Volleyball Teams!

Kudos to Cadence Bank

We want to thank Cadence Bank for making the *Tools for School* event such a huge success. The students had fun shopping and we learned wonderful lesson about the strength of positive community partners.