



A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The month of November finds us engaged in several activities. We invite families to join us at our annual Fall Festival which will be held Thursday, **November 17th** from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the school. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities will be sponsored by our teachers, staff and partners of the Rice School. While you are here be sure to visit the Book Fair which will be taking place in the Library. The Thanksgiving Holiday break will be November 23-25, 2016. We hope to see you at our annual STEM/ Fall Festival.

Principal Kimberly Hobbs

Science Club

Middle school students are invited to come and join the Science Club. Our first meeting was Monday, November 2. You are not required to attend the science club to compete in Science Fair, however the meetings are designed to help with the projects. Individuals or groups of two may enter the Science fair. Come join us.

Health and Fitness

'Tis the season to over eat...Americans enjoy many "whoa" foods between October 31st and January 2nd. Serving size is important to understand and can involve math. Always read the labels and calculate the nutrition facts for the food you are consuming. That means measuring out servings. Have fun with fractions and measurements at home and this will help in the classroom! You only live once, so make it the best life it can be with exercise and nutrition. You should exercise for 1 hour every day. And remember, your plates should be half full of fruits and veggies!

National Art Honor Society

The National Art Honor Society had their official induction ceremony on November 2nd. This organization emphasizes outstanding artistic ability and service to the school and community through development of artistic endeavors together with a strong moral character. We welcome all the new members. We congratulate our 6th grader Priscilla Lozano, National Junior Art Honor Society Member, on being a finalist out of 80 students in HISD's Winter Holiday Greeting Card Contest. Priscilla received complimentary prints of her artwork at the reception. Prints can be purchased at 713-566-6041 through HISD printing Services. See pictures on our website.

PTO Meeting

Join us in the cafeteria at 8:30am on November 10th, 2016. for our Rice PTO meeting. Check our website at ricepto.org for events. Thank you.

Fall Festival

Come and enjoy an evening full of fun on Thursday, November 17th, at 4:00-7:00PM! Our annual Evening Book Fair is in the Library, wonderful activities and yummy treats are in the hallways, and fantastic science experiments, technology, math, and engineering activities and games are in the cafeteria. Come join us for all the festivities.

VIPS needed: If you are able to assist during the festival, please contact the **PTO**

Magnet Dates

The Rice School/*La Escuela Rice* is hosting tours on Thursdays through December 8th at 9:00 AM, for new applicants. On Nov. 17th there will also be a tour at 1:00 PM. Applications are available at www.HISDchoice.com.

Correction: Phase 1 application deadline is December 9th. Please mark your calendar to submit applications by the Dec. 9th date. Packets are in the office.

Gifted and/or Talented Info

Students in Kindergarten and Grade 5 will take the CogAT test the week of November 14-17. During the second week of December they will take the Iowa/Logramos. Both tests are used to identify students for GT program participation. For more information about the GT program and/or the testing, please contact Mrs. O. Gomez-KN and Mrs. T. Hill Kennedy-Grade 5th.

Come to Bookaneer

Like a pirate searching for treasure, stop by our annual book fair, which will take place in the library from November 14th through noon on the 18th. Our late night will coincide with our big STEM-Up night and PTO Fall Festival on Thursday, November 17th, so we hope to see you.

Math Teacher Award

Our Second Grade Teacher, **Meghan Murphy**, was honored at a luncheon on Wed. November 9th and presented with an Excellence in Science or Mathematics award. In recognition of fine educators in Houston, the Houston Museum of Natural Science awarded the Wilhelmina C. Robertson Excellence in Science or Mathematics Teaching Award of \$2,000 to one K-5th grade science or math teacher, and one 6th-12th grade science or math teacher. Meghan Murphy was selected as the K-5 teacher due to her demonstrated ability and dedication to teaching. We celebrate her success.

Special Dates...

- November-** Magnet Awareness Month
 - 3 NJAHS Induction 3:30-4:30 in Art Room
 - 8 Voting Elections
 - 10 PTO Meeting 8:30 AM in the Cafeteria
 - 14-18 Book Fair @ Library
 - 14-17 KN/5th GT Testing 8:30-10:00AM
 - 16 **Early Dismissal 12:30 PM**
 - 16 Bball Girls vs Pershing @ Rice 3:30-5:30PM
 - 17 **Fall Festival @ 4:00 -7PM**
 - 17 **STEM Night in Cafeteria 4:00-7:00 PM**
 - 21 Bball Boys vs West Briar @ Rice 5:30-7:30
 - 22 Kinder Family Feast Lunch with Parents 10:00 AM in the cluster
 - 23-25 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS**
 - 28 **Students Return to School**
 - 28 Bball Girls v Lanier @ Rice 5:30PM
- December**
 - 1-2 IOWA/Logramos Testing KN and 5th Grade
 - 5 IOWA/Logramos Testing KN and 5th Grade
 - 5 Bball Girls vs Pin Oaks @Rice 5:30-7:30PM

Counselor's Corner

We want to thank everyone who helped make our Red Ribbon month a success with a special thank you to Ms. Tappen and the Honor Society for making it so much fun to live a healthy life. We also thank the PTO who provided prizes to the winners of the Red Ribbon writing contest. We received many great contest entries. Thank you all for participating in our events. We will announce the winners of the Eassy contest next month.

Shooting for a Cause

We raised and donated over \$680 to The V Foundation for Cancer Research from money collected during our Dodgeball contest We're very proud of our Rice School Family for supporting such a worthy cause! Go Rice.

Girls Sports News

Congrats to the Lady Falcon Volleyball Teams for an excellent season.! Basketball begins with our first game Wednesday, November 16th vs Pershing. Our 7th grade team includes Tyriana Lister, Sydney Gregg, McKenzie Hobson, Alejandra Beccerra, Kelsea Guidry, Kenide Coleman, Serenity Brooks, Alani Forouzan, Iliana Garza, Kennedi Guidry and India Caldwell. Our 8th grade team includes Tryniti Ernest, Kamryn Kizzine, Erin Williams, Kelwina Berry, Ja'Miah McIntosh, Makua Monube, Alexis Moore, Daniella Grande and Adione Nwokobia. Come out and support the Falcon Basketball teams!