



The Falcon Flyer

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We hope our Rice School Families enjoyed the holidays and Winter Break. We have started 2017 with our teachers assessing student progress, and helping students achieve their academic goals. We need your support as we team together for an extraordinary year of Teaching and Learning at The Rice School/La Escuela Rice.

Principal K. Hobbs

Annual Spelling Bee

The Rice Elementary school-wide spelling bee to be held January 31, 2017 at 8:30. Middle School students will compete at 10:00. Both events will be held in the Auditorium. Parents are invited to attend. Spell On!

PTO News

To assist your child in being ready to learn, our campus store will be open on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30am.

The next PTO Meeting is on Thursday, January 26th at 5:30pm. We hope to see you there.

PTO Appreciation

The 6th grade students created thank you cards for the PTO to express their appreciation for the holiday goodie bag distributed to each Rice School student in December. Check our website to view the pictures.

Late Pick Up

Report cards were distributed on Friday so if you did not receive one from your child, please check with the main office. The report card is being held there until any balance due has been cleared. That would include the library, cafeteria, and late pick up. Students are expected to be picked up at dismissal due to safety concerns so there is a Late Pickup fee if your child is not picked up by 3:30 p.m. The same fee will apply for Early Dismissal days if your child is not picked up by 12:45 pm. **Only Cash or cashier's checks will be accepted - NO personal checks (3:45 starts at \$5.00, additional \$5.00 for every ten minutes after that).** Thank you!

Box tops

Rice School keep collecting and sending Box Tops to your child's teacher for our school. Funds will be used toward technology incentives for students. The 5th Grade Box Tops Brigade will be collecting the Box Tops every Monday during breakfast starting January 23rd. Thank you.

Super Service

The Student Council is supporting the effort to collect non-perishable food items for the Houston Food Bank. We appreciate your continued assistance to achieve our goal of more than **4,000 pounds** of food by February 5th. We want to thank the Middle School students who started the effort by bringing non-perishable food items in December. **The elementary food drive starts Tuesday January 10th and runs through Friday, February 3rd.** There is a special incentive for the grade level that collects the greatest amount of non-perishable food items. Help show your child that we are Houston proud and that we care.

The NJHS is hosting a shoe drive to benefit Haiti. Look for more information to come!

Nurse's Notes

Flu Season is here! Influenza is a serious illness. **If your child has a fever of 100 or more**, he/she needs to stay home (until there is no more fever without fever-reducing medicine)!! This will help your child get well sooner and reduce the chance of another child becoming exposed and ill. The absence will be excused with a note from you and/or the doctor. It's not too late to get that flu shot!! If you have questions about whether or not it is a cold or the flu stop by the clinic and pick up a chart! Thank you.

Science Fair

The Rice Middle School Science Fair will be held January 18th with judging provided by our community partners. This will give our students an opportunity to practice their presentations with engineers and/or professionals. Exhibits will be on display in the hallway.

Black History Month

We invite you to stop by the First grade cluster and take a look at our box figures celebrating Black History month. Students were challenged to use a cereal box and be creative with illustrating the life of a famous African American. We have figures ranging from President Obama to Oprah Winfrey. We are very proud of our students; hard work. If you can't stop by, take a look at the pictures of the display posted on our Rice School website.

Special Dates...

January

- 4 Students Return to school
- 6 Report Cards Go Home
- 10 Elementary Food Drive Begins
- 11 Girls Bball vs Welch @ Rice 5:30 -7:00
- 16 **MLK Day Holiday-NO SCHOOL**
- 17 Students return to school
- 18 Science Fair for Middle School
- 18 Boys Bball vs Meyerland@ Rice 5:30-7PM
- 19 Soccer Scrimmage Pershing vs Rice Girls @ Home starts at 4:30
- 24 Elementary Spring Individual Pictures
- 25 **Early Dismissal 12:35pm**
- 25 Bball vs Navarro Girls @ Home 3:30-5PM
- 26 PTO Meeting 5:30 PM in Library
- 31 Soccer Game Rice @Pin Oak 4:30pm
- 31 School wide Spelling Bee -Auditorium
Gr. 3-5 held at 8:30
Gr. 6-8 held at 10:00

Duke Tips SAT

Please encourage the 15 Grade 7 students who were selected to take the SAT test as Duke TIPS scholars. The group met in January as an after school tutorial to prepare for the examination. The test will be given on Saturday January 21, 2017 at selected sites. Best wishes to all.

Robotics Club

Our Rice Robotics club is joining the VEX Robotics Competition, presented by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation. The engineering challenge is presented in the form of a game in which students build innovative robots to compete in solving the challenge. The first meet will be held at Energy High School on 2/11/17. For more information, contact cwatkin4@houstonisd.org. Let's cheer on the Robotics team.

It Takes a Village

Save the day: The annual PTO Rodeo BBQ will be held on Saturday, February 25th all funds will benefit our Rice School students. We invite you to sign up to donate, volunteer and of course participate.