



# The Falcon Flyer

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## Message from the Principal

*Dear Parents,*

Creating a College-Bound and Career-Ready Culture is the mission of The Rice School. Working together as parents and teachers, we can provide a world-class education for all our students. Communication is the key. When your child's teacher calls or emails you to discuss an issue, please be open and receptive. Check backpacks for homework, progress reports, graded papers, and updates from the teacher. Make sure your child completes projects and activities assigned to them. We have to work together as a team to ensure your child's success in school.

*Principal Hobbs*

## Counselor Corner

February's focus is friendship and what friends can do to stop others from bullying. We had a presentation to start us thinking of ways that we can make a difference. We are having an essay contest that begins on Monday Feb.13 through March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The library will offer selections that support positive action. We look forward to reading the creative responses of our students.

## Career Day

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Career and Education Day, presented by the Houston Hispanic Forum, begins at **8:00 a.m. Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the George R. Brown Convention Center.** The annual career and education day provides guidance to students and families on the process of preparing for college. The one-day event is FREE and middle school students are urged to participate to better prepare for high school and a successful pathway to college.

## NJHS Service

This month our National Junior High Society students are sponsoring a shoe drive for the people of Haiti from January 30<sup>th</sup> until February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be kind and donate shoes for people in need! The grade who donates the most shoes will receive a free dress day.

During morning announcements NJHS is celebrating Black History Month with the theme of Black Educators in African American History trivia contest. Listen in for details.

NJHS is also selling carnations to be delivered to homerooms on Valentine's Day. Please buy a carnation for a friend, teacher, or anyone else special in your life. We appreciate your help in making our world, our community, and our school a better place!

## Souper Bowl Winner

We are happy to announce that Second Grade was the winner of the, elementary contest. They enjoyed a free jeans day for contributing the most cans to send to the Houston Food Bank. Thank you.

## Student Council Valentines

The Student Council is selling Flower and Hearts pens from Feb. 2 to Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the pens is \$1.00-\$2.00 each. Student leaders will sell pens and pencils at the flower pen table each morning. Proceeds will go toward Student Council activities and service projects...

## Nurses Notes

February is Dental Awareness month and dental hygiene is an important part of good health. Teeth should be brushed with toothpaste at least two times each day, floss often, limit how many sweets are eaten and see the dentist for regular check-ups. If you have any problems with your teeth or gums, you should see your dentist as soon as possible. Reminders: **Any child with a fever of over 100 needs to stay home.**

## Art Show

Congratulations to the 8th grade students who qualified to display their art in this year's Houston Live Stock Show. They include: Courtney Huynh as a First place finisher. Second place finishers include Viviana De La Torre, Alexander Milano, Jeric Ocampo and Jennifer Nguyen; with Arlynn Romero qualifying in Third place. These were honored with various awards of excellence in the Junior High selection of 500,000 Pre-K through 12th students from over 100 public independent school districts & 60 private schools. Wow

## Basketball/Track News

The Lady Falcon basketball teams finished their season Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and we are very proud of their dedication, teamwork and sportsmanship! Congratulations on a TERRIFIC season with some amazing wins!! **Track season** will begin February 8<sup>th</sup>. The first meet of the season is Westbury at Butler Stadium on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. Come cheer us to victory.

## Round Up

Our PTO will host the Rodeo fundraiser with Bar-B-Q and Games on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at Rice School from 11:00am - 2:00pm. Funds will benefit our Rice School students. We invite everyone for food, fun and games. If you need more information or would like to donate items or volunteer, please contact Mrs. Roz. Williams at [Docky@aol.com](mailto:Docky@aol.com)

## Special Dates... February

- Dental Hygiene Month
- 1 100<sup>th</sup> day of school Celebration Gr K & 1
- 1 BBall Game vs Ortiz-Boys @Home
- 6 Friendship/Anti-Bully Essay Contest starts
- 7 Change for Change collection
- 9 Soccer Game vs Pershing @ Away 5:00-7
- 13 Boosterthon Fun Run Pep Rally
- 14 K Friendship Celebration in Class
- 16 Soccer Game vs W. Briar @ Home 5:00
- 17 **Ronald McDonald Friendship Program @1:00 in the Auditorium**
- 18 Career and Education Day @ George R. Brown 8-3PM
- 18 Westbury Track Meet @ Butler Stadium 7:15-4:30
- 22 **Early Dismissal 12:30**
- 23 Soccer Game W. Briar @ Away 5:00
- 25 Westside Track Meet @ Butler 8AM-3PM
- 25 Career Fair 9:30-11 am in Main hallway
- 25 BBQ, and Games @ 11AM-2 PM
- 27 Dr. Seuss Week K and Gr 1
- March**
- 2 National Reading Day
- 2 Soccer Game vs Tanglewood Home 5PM
- 7 Soccer Game vs Pilgrim @ Rice 5PM
- 13-17 **Spring Break (No School)**
- 20 Students Return to school

## Science Fair

Congratulations to the middle school students who participated in the 2017 Rice School Science Fair. We appreciate our volunteer judges and join sponsors in celebrating these scientists.

## Career Fair

Please attend our Career Fair highlighting the career strands in the new HISD graduation plan. This is a real opportunity to discuss what it takes to do the many jobs that fill our world. Presenters from STEM fields, Technical Careers, Arts and Humanities, Public Service and Multidisciplinary will be in the main hallway beginning at 9:30 - 11:00 am on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will come by and visit them. For more information, contact our counselor.

## PTO Boosterthon Fun Run

This is the PTOs **ONLY MAJOR FUNDRAISER** of the year. This program is a healthy alternative to traditional product sales that raises much-needed funds for our school. Family and friends anywhere in the world can support this fundraiser by giving pledges toward the number of laps your student will run on the day of the Fun Run on **Thursday, February 23, 2017** or by making a flat dollar donation. Check out our webpage for more information and plan to participate. Help make this new fundraiser a success.