



The Falcon Flyer

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We have completed our first 6 weeks of school. Student attendance has been fabulous (99%). Thank you, Parents, for making sure that your child attends school every day! We have wonderful students, parents, teachers, and staff who contribute to the success of our school. We greatly appreciate your support by attending Parent-Teacher Conferences, and communicating with your child's teacher when there are questions about class work, homework, conduct, attendance, and grades. Working together will help all our students achieve academic success this school year!

Principal K. Hobbs

Nurses Notes

We look forward to cooler temperatures but the weather change can trigger asthma attacks. If your child has asthma, please bring the medication with the DOCTOR'S ORDER form to the clinic. The form must be signed by both the parent and the physician. It is extremely important that we have your child's medication here at school so we can treat when needed and avoid having to go home or to the ER! Please remind your children to cough into their bent elbow and to keep their hands to themselves and washed! If your child has a fever of 100 or over, HISD policy requires you to keep him/her home. Your child will get well faster and it will help the other students stay healthy, too! A written note from you will excuse the absence.



SHOOTING FOR A CAUSE

Students 5-8th grade will Shoot for a Cause on October 24th, 9 – 12 noon. Support the annual 3 on 3 basketball and soccer tournaments held in the Rice School Gym. All proceeds will be go to Jimmy V.org, Foundation for cancer research. Parents we are asking for concession donations. Cost \$3 to participate in event. Admission is \$2. Registration is due October 16th. See Coach Serpa jserpa@houstonisd.org for more information. Hope to see you there!

Trophies will be awarded.

Parade News

On the last Friday, October 30th, the Kindergarten and First graders are invited to dress as their favorite storybook characters. Students have a chance to be creative and share their love for reading. More information will be sent home with students.

PTO

Come join us for the first PTO meeting Thursday, October 22nd in the library at 5:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Middle School News

The Student Council is at work on various projects. The school wide Clean Cluster Competition begins October 5th. The student leaders organized themselves into committees including the Go Green, Helping Hands, Spirit, and Announcement Committees. They will participate in an Anti-Bullying Campaign, STEM-UP Night, and Veteran's Day activities. They will also coordinate the food drive for the Houston Food Bank.

College and Career

On October 20th at 12:40 PM Magnet Coordinators will be on campus to present information about their schools and all 8th graders and parents are invited Grade 8 students will take the PSAT Test on **October 14** that provides information on their college readiness.

7th Grade: Congratulations to the 7th grade students who qualified to participate in the Duke Tips program. Letters will be sent home with applications to take the SAT. They must be submitted by Oct. 23th for the district testing held Jan. 23, 2016

Cross Country Season

Rice Falcon Cross Country teams completed our third week of running and have participated in the 5th Annual Lobo Invitational, Westside Cross Country Classic, and the Westbury Cross Country meet. Over 20 students participated in each of these meets. Adam Kanafoni, Christopher Castillo, Natalie Allen, and Trinity Ernest have been our top runners. Our last meet of the year will be at Herman Brown Park on October 10th. For more information contact Coach Bryan Llorens at bllorens@houstonisd.org. Thank you for your continued support!

Habitat

Students started removing weeds from the plant beds in preparation for planting. We would appreciate your help with making our garden grow. We need mulch, seeds for broccoli, green beans, squash, cucumbers, carrots and any native seeds or plants. For info and to volunteer, email Mr. Del Toro at gdeltoro@houstonisd.org.

Texas Winner Rice Teacher

The Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE) has announced our teacher, Ms. Tanya Thompson, as the TABE 2015 Bilingual/ESL Secondary Teacher of the Year. An awards banquet will be held in El Paso later this month to honor her. She represents all the ESL teachers of Texas. Congratulations Ms. Thompson!

Special Dates...

- October** Red Ribbon and College/ Career Readiness Month
- 5 V ball Rice @ Pershing 5-7PM
- 6 Red Ribbon Essay Contest Begins
- 8 Magnet Tour of School 9:00 AM
- 10 Gr 7& 8 Cross Country Meet @ Herman Brown Park
- 12 V ball Game vs Johnson @ Rice 5-7PM
- 14 PSAT Test for Gr 8 @ 8:15AM
- 15 Magnet Tour of School 9:00 AM
- 19 V ball Game Rice @ Welch 5-7PM
- 20 Class/Group Pictures including Retakes
- 20 8th Panoramic Pictures
- 20 Magnet HS Fair 12:40-2:30
- 22 Magnet Tour of School 9:00 AM
- 22 PTO Meeting in Library 5:30 pm
- 23 End of Cycle 1
- 24 Shoot for a Cause Tournament 9-12 noon
- 26 V ball Game Pin Oak @ Rice 5-7PM
- 29 Magnet Tour 9:00AM and 1:00 PM
- 26-30 Red Ribbon Week
- M* Reddy to be drug free (Wear RED)
- T* Be a Jeanous (Wear jeans)
- W* Stay Smart-Say No to Drugs (Wear nerd attire)
- Th* Be bright (wear neon colors)
- F* Be a hero-Don't let drugs costume your life (Wear super hero shirts)
- 28 Early Dismissal @ 12:30PM**
- 29 Final day to submit Essays
- 30 Report cards go home

November

- 3 Voting Elections

October Focus

October is Drug Prevention Month with a focus on Red Ribbons. Red Ribbon begins with students across America committing to living healthy drug-free lives. The NJHS is leading Red Ribbon Week October 26-30 with *Respect Yourself: Live Drug Free.*

STEM Call

Calling all 7th and 8th graders to sign up to participate in, Science Fair, Poster contest and/or Research writing this year. For more info ask your teachers and see or email our Science Fair Coordinator, Ms. W. Llorens

Memorial Garden Kickoff

Many thanks to Professor Richard Haddock and his Landscape Design students from Houston Community College. As a class project they are designing a plan for our Memorial Harmony Garden. Check the website for pictures and for information on how you can support our new Memorial Harmony garden by buying a brick.