



# The Falcon Flyer

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The month of November finds us engaged in several functions. We invite families to join us at our annual Fall Festival which will be held Thursday, **November 19th** 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 professors from Rice University. While you are here be sure to visit the annual Book Fair which will be taking place in the Library. The Thanksgiving Holiday break will be November 25-27, 2015. 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 is 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. See Coach Winny Llorens if you have any questions.

## 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 through exercise and proper nutrition. You should exercise for 1 hour every day. And remember, your plates should be half full of fruits and veggies!

## Student Council Food Drive

The Houston Food Bank is experiencing record requests and is depending on our support. The Middle School Food Drive takes place November 20<sup>th</sup> through December 16<sup>th</sup>. Help us reach our goal of 6 full boxes of non-perishable food items to earn a free dress day. The Elementary Food Drive will begin in January 2016. Help us reach our annual goal of 3000 pounds.

## Scholar Bricks

During Fall Festival we hope you will stop at Scholar's bench and check out the bricks around the bench. More information on the future stepping stones for the front entrance will follow later.

## Fall Festival

Come and enjoy an evening full of fun on Thursday, November **19<sup>th</sup>**, 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. We hope you will join us for all the festivities.

## Magnet Awareness

The Rice School/*La Escuela Rice* is hosting tours on Thursdays through December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:00 AM, for new applicants. On Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> there will also be a tour at 1:00 PM. Applications are available online at [www.HISDchoice.com](http://www.HISDchoice.com). The Phase 1 application deadline is December 18<sup>th</sup>. Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may pick up their packets in the main office.

## Counselor's Corner

We want to thank everyone who helped make our Red Ribbon month a success with a special thank you to Ms. Andrews, 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.

## Monster Book Fair

Our annual book fair will take place in the library from November 16<sup>h</sup> through noon on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Our late night will coincide with our big STEM-Up night and PTO Fall Festival on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, and we hope to see you there. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the PTO.

## Basketball News

We are beginning a new season with Coach Serpa coaching the girls' team Mr. B. Llorens and Mr. H. Babers leading the boys' team. The boys play Lanier at home on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and the girls play at Lanier. We hope you will come out and support your Falcons!

## Habitat News

Many thanks for the packets of seeds. Mr. Del Toro and students will plant the corn, bean, pepper and other seeds to see which ones will grow. They will share their results. Best wishes to our budding horticulturalists!



## Special Dates...

- 3 November- Magnet Awareness Month
- 3 Voting Elections
- 13 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Honor Choir Workshop 3-5:30PM
- 13 Bball Girls Scrimmage 3:30-5:30PM
- 16-20 Book Fair @ Library
- 17 Kindergarten GT Testing 8:30-10:00AM
- 18 Bball Boys vs. Lanier @Rice 3:30-5:30PM
- 18 Gr 5 GT Testing 8:30-9:30AM
- 18 **Early Dismissal 12:30 PM-(Parent Conferences)**
- 18 Naviance Parent Connection MS 1:00PM
- 19 PTO meeting @8:00 am in Cafeteria
- 19 **Fall Festival @ 4:00 -7PM**
- 23 Bball Boys vs West Briar @ Rice 5:30-7:30PM
- 24 NED Show for building Character 8:30AM Auditorium K-6 students
- 25-27 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS**
- 30 **Students Return to School**

## December

- 2 Bball Girls vs Dowling @Rice 5:30-7:30PM

## Gifted and/or Talented Info

Students in Kindergarten and Grade 5 will take the CogAT test the week of November 16-20. During the second week of December they will take the Iowa/Logramos. Both tests are part of the process used for identifying students for GT program participation. For more information about the GT program and/or the testing, please contact T. Hill Kennedy or M. Murphy.

## Shooting for a Cause

A huge thank you to everyone that donated, participated or helped out at our annual 3 on 3 shooting for a cause! What a great success! We raised and donated over \$400.00 to The V Foundation for cancer research. I am very proud of our Rice School Family for supporting such a worthy cause!

## Late Pick Up

School hours are 7:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Students are expected to be picked up at dismissal and due to safety concerns if not picked up will be brought to the afterschool program (ASP) at 3:30 PM. A fee will be charged based on time spent in ASP.

## PTO Meeting

Come join us in the cafeteria at 8:00am on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for our Rice PTO meeting. We hope to see you there!