



The Falcon Flyer

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your family enjoyed the holidays together. We have started 2016 with our teachers assessing student progress, and helping students to achieve their academic goals. We need your support as we team together for a fabulous year of Teaching and Learning at The Rice School/La Escuela Rice.

Principal K. Hobbs

Annual Spelling Bee

The following students will represent their grade levels in the Elementary school-wide spelling bee to be held January 12, 2016 at 9:00. Middle School students will compete at 8:35 Thursday, January 14th. Both events will be held in the Auditorium. Parents are invited to attend. Sara Tilney, Brandon Rojas and Joel Torres to represent 3rd grade. Tashfin Rayan, Megan Aguas and Trinity Williams-Jones will represent 4th grade. The 5th grade Spelling Bee contestants include Arnoldo Salazar, Ethan Arrazolo, Gabriel Muñiz, and Nikolaus Woodfin. Spell On!

PTO News

We hope you have used the online ordering system, where you can shop for uniforms online. Our campus store will be open on Wednesdays from. 7:30-8:30am. We want to make it as easy as possible for you to send your child to the Rice School ready to learn. Our next PTO Meeting is on Thursday, January 28th at 5:30pm. We hope to see you there.

Late Pick Up

Report cards go out on Friday so if you do 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. **There's 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).** Students are expected to be picked up at dismissal due to safety concerns. Thank you!

Souper Bowl of Caring

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 5th and runs through Friday, February 5th.** There is a special incentive for the grade level that collects the greatest amount of non-perishable food items. Let's show that we care.

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

We want to extend a big thank you to the 20 middle school Science Fair participants and their parents. The Rice school Science Fair will be held January 21 and will have judges from Spark Energy and our PTO. This will give our students an opportunity to practice their presentations with engineers and/ or professionals. The HISD district fair will be January 30, 2016 at T. H. Rogers School. The Science Engineering Fair of Houston (SEFA) for 7th and 8th grade will be held February 26th and 27th at The University of Houston. We also want to thank W. Llorens for her work in sponsoring the event.

It Takes a Village

The annual PTO Rodeo BBQ will be held on Saturday, February 27th all funds will benefit our Rice School students. We invite the entire school for food, fun and games. More information will be sent home with your child if you want to donate items or volunteer for this event.

Special Dates...

January

- 5 **Students Return to school**
- 5 Duke Tutorials 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
- 5 Elementary Food Drive Begins
- 6 Boys Bball vs Johnston @ Rice 5:30-7p
- 8 Report Cards Go Home
- 8 Gr. 7 Duke SAT Tutorials 3-5pm Cluster
- 8 St Thomas More Boys Bball
- 8 Tournament Gr 7 3:45-6:00 pm
- 8 Boy's Bball Tournament @ Lamar HS 10am
- 9 Boys Bball Tournament Gr 7 10AM @ St Thomas More
- 9 Duke SAT Tutorials 8:30-12:00
- 12 Testing for GT applicants only
- 12 Spelling Bee Gr 3-5 9AM Auditorium
- 12 Gr. 7 Duke SAT Tutorials 3:30PM-5PM
- 14 Last day for testing GT applicants
- 14 Girls Bball vs Welch @ Rice 5:30 -7:00 PM
- 14 Spelling Bee - 6-8 Gr. @ 8:35 Auditorium
- 15 Duke SAT Tutorials 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
- 18 **MLK Day Holiday-NO SCHOOL**
- 19 **Students return to school**
- 19 Duke SAT Tutorials 3:30 PM-5PM
- 20 Boys Bball vs Pin Oak @ Rice 5:30-7PM
- 21 Science Fair 7th/8th Gr. (Participants only)
- 22 Duke SAT Tutorial 3:30 PM-5:30PM
- 23 Duke SAT test @ Lamar HS 7-2PM
- 26 Elementary Spring Individual Pictures
- 27 **Early Dismissal 12:30pm**
- 27 Bball vs Stevenson Boys Home 3:30-5PM
- 28 PTO Meeting 5:30 PM in Library
- 30 HISD district Science Fair @ T.H. Rogers

Social Following

Please follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook! The links are on our school webpage at the riceschool.org. Follow us!

Robotics Club

Rice Robotics will participate in the Houston Area Lego Challenge On January 16th. It will be held at Space Center Houston on Nasa Road #1 from 9:00-3:00pm. Participating students include Joshua Jaime, Gabriella Castro, Kamron Outland, Aaron Penacerrada and Jose Serrano. Let the team know you support them.

Box tops

Over 6,000 Box Tops have been collected this year. The funds will be used toward technology incentives for students. Box Tops will be collected every Monday morning during breakfast. Special thanks to the student Box Tops Brigade, Mrs. Woodfin and Ms. Santana.