



# The Falcon Flyer

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The month of November finds us engaged in several festivities. We invite families to join us at our annual Fall Festival which will be held this Thursday, November 13th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the school. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities will be sponsored by teachers, staff, and professors from Rice University. While you are here check out the annual Book Fair which will take place in our Library. We begin the festival with a flag ceremony as we celebrate 20 years of Teaching and Learning at The Rice School (1994-2014). The Thanksgiving Holiday break will be November 26-28, 2014. Happy Thanksgiving!

*Principal Hobbs*

### Kudos for the Choir

The Rice Middle School choir participated in the Region choir auditions and 22 Rice School students were selected for the All Region Choir. We celebrate this awesome accomplishment! You are invited to attend the All Region Choir Concert on Saturday, November 8th at Morton Ranch High School in Katy, TX.

### 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 will begin November 17th through December 17th. 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 2015. Help us reach our annual goal of 3000 pounds.

### 20th Year Celebration

Come join our flag ceremony to begin the Fall Festival this year, Thursday, Nov. 13th at 3:40 pm. Each grade level will present their students flag. Dr. Anne Papakonstantinou from Rice University will highlight our historic connections.

## Fall Festival

Come and enjoy an evening full of fun on Thursday, November 13th, from 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 the week of November 3th-7th at 1:00 PM. Applications will be available at the attendance desk and online at [www.houstonisd.org](http://www.houstonisd.org).

HISD magnet applications will be accepted starting November 3rd and continue until December 19th. Student Information Packets for 8th Graders will be available at the front desk beginning Nov. 3rd.

### 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.

### Kingdom of Reading

Our annual book fair will take place in the library from November 10th through the 14th. Our late night will coincide with our big STEM-Up night and PTO Fall Festival on Thursday, November 13th and we hope to see you there. If you are able to volunteer, please email Ms. Henry, [phenry@houstonisd.org](mailto:phenry@houstonisd.org)

### Girls Basketball News

We are beginning a new season with a new coach for the girls' teams. Mr. Maurice Lewis, Second Grade teacher has stepped up to assist this season. The girls play Lanier at home on Nov. 20th. So we hope you will come out and support the teams including the following players. Jaiya Austin, Amaya Batiste, Ketra Berry, Amia Coleman, Shaliyah Gaines, Jaya Johnson, Jorna Kahn, Lyla Lewis, Sissi Lopez, Kameran Riley, Nia Senegal, Ihsan Shegow, Latianna Watts. Our grade 8 team has Mya Bastine, Kelsey Bengue, Sierra Burton, Amya Dupree, Leaira Grey, Ifoma Monube, Toni Raeburn, Juliana Sofoifa and Darian Swirinski.

### Buy a Brick

During Fall Festival stop at Scholar's bench to find out how you can contribute to our Memorial Garden. We would like to make you and your loved ones part of this special place.

## Special Dates...

### November

- 3 Magnet Awareness Month begins
- 4 Voting Elections
- 6 PTO meeting @8:30 am in Cafeteria
- 7 Jr Achievement in Gr. 4th; 8:30-1:00
- 7 MS Region Choir Clinic Cardiff JHS 5:00-8:00PM
- 8 Region Choir Concert @Morton Ranch HS 9:00-5:00PM
- 10-14 Book Fair @ Library
- 11 Make-up and Class Pictures *in uniform*
- 8th Grade Panoramic Picture *in uniform*
- 11 Veterans Day-Student Council Field Trip 3:30-5:00PM
- 13 Fall Festival @ 4:00 -7PM
- 18 Kindergarten Testing 8:30-10:00AM
- 19 Bball Boys vs @ Lanier 3:30-5:30PM
- 19 Bball Girls vs. Lanier @Home 3:30-5:30 PM
- 19 Gr 5 Testing 8:30-9:30 in Cluster
- 19 Early Dismissal 12:30
- 19 Naviance Parent Connection MS 1:00PM
- 24 Bball Girls vs West Briar @ Home 5:30-7:30PM
- 24 Bball Boys @ West Briar 5:30-7:30PM

### 26-28 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

### DECEMBER

- 1 Students Return to School
- 2 4th GR Honors Choir Field Trip
- 3 Bball Boys vsDowling@Home 5:30-7:30PM
- 3 Bball Girls vs @ Dowling 5:30-7:30PM
- 4 5TH GR Honors Choir Field Trip

## Celebrating Our Veterans

Veterans Day is November 11th. This year our student council would like to honor our veterans and service men and women with a special event at the nearby retirement center. We are bringing letters written to those who served our country. Student council members will deliver the letters personally after school on Nov. 11th. Enjoy the bulletin board designed by Student Council members at the main entrance.

### 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 \$1200 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 3:30PM. A fee will be charged based on time.