



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 2015 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 13, 2015 at 9:00. Middle School students will compete at 1:45 Thursday, January 15th. Both events will be held in the Auditorium. Parents are invited to attend. Tashfin Rayan, Trinity Williams-Jones and Megan Aguas qualified from grade 3. Congratulations to the 4th graders including Theodore White in First Place, Nathan Hoang, Second Place and Sarayi Gomez in Third Place. Jalen Evans Moore, A'sha Branch and David Cao will represent 5th grade. Way to go.

PTO News

CHARTER UNIFORMS are coming soon to The Rice School. We look forward to continuing to provide school uniforms for the Rice School Family. Through Charter Uniforms you can shop for uniforms by online shopping, shopping using the phone, as well as through the traditional on-site campus sales. Campus sales will be 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 29th at 6:00pm. We hope to see you.

Box tops

Over 10,000 Box Tops have been collected this year. The funds will be used toward technology incentives for students. Special thanks to the student box tops Brigade, Mrs. Colion-Hernandez, and Ms. Santana. Keep them coming.

Late Pick Up

Report cards go out on Friday so if you don't receive one from your child, please check with the office. The report card is being held there until the balance due has been cleared. That would include the library, cafeteria and pick up.

Students are expected to be picked up at dismissal and due to safety concerns if not picked up after 30 minutes, they will attend the afterschool program (ASP). A fee will be charged based on time. Thank you.

Souper Bowl

The Student Council is supporting the effort to collect non-perishable food items for the Houston Food Bank through the Souper Bowl of Caring. We appreciate your continued assistance to achieve our goal of more than **4,000 pounds** of food by January 31. We want to thank the Middle School students who started the effort by bringing over 2,000 items in December. The elementary food drive starts on Monday January 12th and runs through January 30. There is a special incentive for the grade level that collects the greatest amount of non-perishable food items. We also want to thank all the families who participated in "helping our own" by donating presents and other needed items.

Nurses 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.

Basketball News...

The Lady Falcon Basketball teams have had a great first half of the season. Please congratulate the 7th and 8th grade girls on their hard work and determination! Both teams take on Johnston Middle School to start off the new year, beginning January 7th.

The Lady Falcons have 5 more district games to play. Come support the teams especially by attending their home games and wish them well!

Kudos to Robotics Club

The Rice Robotics students took second place at the VEX Regional Qualifying Tournament organized as part of HISD UIL Competition on Saturday, December 13th, 2014 at Kashmere High School. There were over sixteen middle and high schools competing, and the winner was a high school. Our Rice School team earned a spot at the State Championship Competition coming up on Saturday, February 21st, 2015 at Clear Falls HS, 4430 Village Way, League City TX 77573. Way to go RICE!

Special Dates...

January

- 6 Students Return to school
- 7 Duke Tutorials 3:30-5:00
- 7 Bball vs Johnston Boys away 5:30-7p
- 8 Gr. 8 Bball Tournament /2St. T. More 4:15
- 8 Gr. 4 Awards Ceremony in cluster 12:30
- 9 Report Cards Go Home
- 9 Gr. 7 Duke SAT Tutorials 3-5pm Cluster
- 10 Gr. 7 Duke SAT Tutorials 8:30-12:30
- 10 St Thomas More Bball Tournament Gr 7 & 8 from 9:00 -3:00
- 12 Elementary Food Drive Begins
- 13 Spelling Bee Gr 3-5 9am Auditorium
- Gr. 7 Duke SAT Tutorials 3-5pm
- 14 Bball vs Welch Boys Home 5:30-7:00
- 15 Spelling Bee - 6-8 Gr. @ 1:45 Aud.
- 15 Gr. 7 Duke SAT Tutorials 3:30-5:00
- 17 MS Solo and Ensemble at Johnson MS
- 19 ML King Day Holiday-NO SCHOOL
- 21 Gr. 7 Duke SAT Tutorials 3-5pm
- 21 Bball vs Pin Oak Girls Home 5:30-7pm
- 23 Final Gr. 7 Duke SAT Tutorial in Cluster 3-5:30pm
- 24 SAT Test if at Lamar HS take the bus from Rice School at 7:15 Return 1:00 Or at individual Sites throughout city
- 26 Anti-Bully Presentation of Teen Nation Tour @8:30 in the Auditorium
- 27 Elementary Spring Individual Pictures
- 28 3rd Grade Musical 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium for parents
- 28 Early Dismissal 12:30pm
- 28 Bball vs Stevenson Boys Away 5:30
- 29 PTO Meeting 6:00 PM
- 30 End of Elementary Food Drive
- 30 Gr 7 Bball Johnston Tournment 3:30
- 31 Gr 7 & 8 Bball Tournament 9-4:30

Singing Away

The middle school choir students will participate in the Solo and Ensemble Contest at Johnston Middle School on Saturday, January 17th. Students will sing a piece and receive written and verbal comments to rate their performance. Singers who receive a #1 rating for their performance will win a medal for their accomplishment. Think about donating, volunteering and attending our BBQ fundraiser on Feb. 28th.

Social Following

We appreciate the efforts of our Magnet Coordinator, Doris Rios, who set up the school Facebook and Twitter accounts. She asks that you "Like" and "Follow" us through the links on our school webpage at thericeschool.org. We would like to hear what you think about using social media to share information about the school. If you need help getting started, ask a student. ☺