



THE FALCON FLYER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents:

We have completed four weeks of school after returning from Hurricane Harvey. The HISD Board approved a revised school calendar which eliminates the Early Dismissal Days to recapture lost instructional time. We sent this Revised Calendar home last week. It is also located on the District's website. We need your child to attend school every day unless he/she is absent due to illness. We look forward to moving forward with Teaching & Learning at The Rice School and greatly appreciate your support!

Principal Hobbs

NURSES NOTES

Welcome our new nurse, **Nina Nyberg**. Let's begin a healthy year by remembering the following:

- With a fever of 100 or above, your child needs to stay home and this includes diarrhea or vomiting or an undiagnosed rash. Before returning to school, your child should be fever-free for 24 hours without medication.
- A doctor's order **MUST** accompany **any** medication your child is to be given during school hours. The form is available in the clinic or through the portal.
- Please make sure your child has your current phone number! You also need a plan in case illness or injury occurs and you are unable to pick him/her up within an hour of notification.

VOLLEYBALL NEWS

2017 Lady Falcon Volleyball. Congratulations to the following athletes for making the 7th grade team: Aniya Batiste, De'Jai Carmouche, Casei Clark, A'Royah Crumbley, Jaiden Foy, Triniti Frederick, Aliyah Garrett, Ariel Johnson, Megan Livings, Kyla Reed, Madeline Royas., Janessa, Riojas, Ashley Vasquez and Makaylin Wilson. Our 8th grade team includes Ayana Batiste, Dana Bofil, India Caldwell, Kendle Cleman, Myrical Ford, Alani Forouzan, Iliana Garza, Jyaira Goodman, Kelsea Quidry, Kyla Harrell, McKenzie Hobson, Tyriana Lister, Amaria Maldonado and Allison Perez. . Our first game is Pershing at home. Come out and support our Girls Volleyball Team!

CROSS COUNTRY

Our cross country season has gotten off to a great start, we have some very competitive teams in 7th and 8th grade! We will be participating in the HISD Invitational meet on October 7th. Please come out and support your teams. Go Falcons!

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is at work on various projects. The school wide Clean Cluster Competition begins October 16th. The student leaders organized themselves into committees including the Go Green, Helping Hands, and Spirit Committees. We kicked off the school year with a Hurricane Harvey Collection and Donation drive that has helped many Rice school families to date. We will participate in an Anti-Bullying Campaign, STEM-UP Night, and Veterans Day activities just to name a few.

COLLEGE AND CAREER

Middle school students are invited to attend a conference hosted by the YMCA of Greater Houston. It will be held on **Saturday, October 28 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Houston Community College – Central Campus (1300 Holman, Houston, TX 77004, San Jacinto Building)**. Link Up Greater Houston is a collaboration of 20 youth-serving organizations that come together each year to provide 600 middle school and high school students with an opportunity to grow through constructive experiences while promoting positive attitudes and choices based on the 40 Developmental Assets identified by the Search Institute. Our annual conference features inspirational speakers and exciting performances. Students will engage in activities and interactive sessions that will help build positive relationships and communication skills focusing on leadership development, conflict resolution, goal setting and financial planning for college. Join us.

FALCON FLYER GOING GREEN

In our efforts to help the environment, beginning with the November issue, the Falcon Flyer will be available only from our website. It will be published the 2nd week of every month. You will have the option to print your own copy. We will have a handful of printed copies in the main office for those who do not have internet at home. We appreciate your assistance with saving the environment one page at a time.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS CLUB

The Young Scientists Club had the first meeting of the 2017-2018 school year on Monday, October 2nd. We have roughly 80 students, ranging from 3rd grade to 6th grade. Our Fall projects are: creating a life-size maze for the Fall Festival, comic strips and video games. If you would like to volunteer, please get VIPS approved and email Mrs. Brown at ysclub16@gmail.com

SPECIAL DATES...

- October** Red Ribbon and College/ Career Readiness Month
- 2 Vball vs Pershing at Home 5-7 PM
 - 4 Crime Stoppers Presentation on Safety for Gr 5 in the Cluster @1PM
 - 5 Red Ribbon Essay Contest Begins
 - 5 Magnet Tour of School 9:00 AM
 - 7 Cross Country Invitational Meet for Gr 7/8th graders at 8 AM-Herman Brown Park
 - 9 Crime Stoppers Presentation on Safety for Gr 6-8 during Ancillary in the Clusters
 - 9 Vball Game @ Meyerland 5-7 PM
 - 11 PSAT Test for Gr 8 @ 8:15AM
 - 12 Magnet Tour of School 9:00 AM
 - 18 Vball Game vs Welch @ Home 5-7PM
 - 19 PTO Meeting 8:30AM in Cafeteria
 - 19 Magnet Tour of School 9:00 AM
 - 24 Retakes and Class Pictures K-5th and 8th- Panoramic Pictures
 - 25 Vball Game @ Pin Oak 5-7 PM
 - 26 Magnet Tours 9:00AM and 1:00 PM
 - 28 Link Up YMCA Conference for MS 9AM at HCC
 - 31 Parade for Gr 1 begins at 9AM
 - 31 Final day to submit Essays

November

- 2 Magnet Tours 9:00AM
- 6 Beginning of PTO Boosterthon
- 9 Magnet Tours 9:00AM



OCTOBER FOCUS

The NJHS and Student Council would like to thank everyone for donating to the Harvey Relief Drive. 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 activities from October 23–27 as **Houston Strong: Healthy and Drug Free**.

PARADE NEWS

On the last Tuesday, October 31st, the Grade 1 students are invited to dress as their favorite storybook characters and parents are welcome to attend. More information will be sent home.

LATE PICK UP

School hours are 7:40 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Students are expected to be picked up at dismissal. Students not picked up by that time will be taken to the After School Program (ASP) where a late pick up fee will be charged.