



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

We conduct monthly Fire Drills so our students, teachers and staff are prepared to know what to do in the event of a fire. We practice Intruder Drills and Weather Drills to prepare for those emergencies. We screen all visitors who enter our school. Our teachers and staff are trained to redirect individuals who attempt to access our campus without proper screening. We have been commended by HISD, HPD, and HFD for our well established systems. Student Safety and Security is our number one priority at The Rice School. We appreciate your cooperation by following our procedures each time you visit our school. We are a Team and it takes all of us to keep our students safe!

Principal Hobbs

BAND FIELD TRIP

A group of 42 band students attended the HSPVA stage musical At The Apollo at HSPVA this past February 21, 2018. The reviews ranged from "Great" to "Wonderful." Our 7th and 8th grade Band students went to Waltrip HS to Compete on Thursday, March 22nd. They were very successful. From Mr. Butler, "I'm proud of our band students, we ranked 3rd place." Way to go!

MEMORIAL GARDEN

We are excited about the next phase of the project by beginning planting of the bamboo fencing. We hope you will look forward to the details. Email T. Hill Kennedy and/or S. Spillane, counselor for more information.

SOCCER AND TRACK SEASON

Come join us and support your teams. Check the schedules for events in March. Way to go.

ZENITH MATH AWARDS

Congratulations to Maddox Silva for winning the February Zenith Award for *Imagine Math*. Each month, 5 hard-working students in the HISD district can earn the nomination to be the *Imagine Math* spotlight Student of the month. In order to be chosen, students must pass 3 or more math lessons to be entered in the drawing. Maddox earned a Certificate and a prize bag that were hand-delivered by a representative. Way to go, Maddox. Keep up the hard work and encourage all your friends to work hard and participate.

Kudos to Eighth grade teacher L. Arrazolo, who earned the February Zenith award as a math teacher of the month, because her students passed 5 or more math lessons during February. Let's keep it up.

ART SHOW

Congratulations to 6th grader Brian Aguilar for placing 3rd place in the Ross Sterling Aviation High School ART Contest. The contest is dedicated to exploring, recognizing, and celebrating America's great contributions and achievements in the development of aviation. Way to go! Keep on showing.

SEASONAL FUN

March 28th, 2017, The Kindergarten Family is participating in a spring tradition with a twist. Students will go on a sight word egg hunt. Children will be able to hunt and gather 10 eggs, It sounds like fun.

First graders will have an egg hunt on March 29th. Along with the fun, various science and math activities such as predicting, estimating, sorting, graphing, and surveying will be incorporated.

COLLEGE AND CAREER

On Saturday, March 3rd, 39 Rice School eighth graders along with their teachers attended the annual *UT Explore* at the University of Texas at Austin. Our Rice students were able to attend a session on diversity in the UT Engineering School as well as attend a session on 3D printing of body tissues. The group enjoyed exploring the University of Texas campus to discover all of the wonderful opportunities that the University of Texas has to offer students today. This experience gave these students reasons to aim high for college success.

RICE STEM CAREER SERIES

On March 2nd our Second grade students kicked off their geology unit with a visit from rock and crystal expert, Roshaud Mayes from the Rice University School Math Project. He spoke with the 122 students about rocks and crystals, their origins and uses, and how he got hooked on geology. Students examined the rocks and crystals that he brought and described them by size, texture, and color. He captivated the students with his stories about the history of the various rocks, how they were formed, and their importance in culture. Students enthusiastically asked questions. Several said that they wanted to be geologists and earth scientists as a result of his talk. We hope they will *Rock On*.

If you would like to be a Career presenter, please contact T. Hill Kennedy and/or S. Spillane.

SPECIAL DATES...

March

- 1 Dr. Seuss Activities in K & 1
- 2 Friendship Essay Contest Ends
- 12-16 **Spring Break (No School)**
- 19 Students Return Regular school day
- 21 NJHS Induction Ceremony @ 5:30PM
- 22 Rice PTO Meeting at 5:00 PM in Library
- 23 Report Cards go home
- 27 Soccer Game@ Rice 4:30PM
- 28 Egg Sight Word Hunt for Gr. K
- 28 3rd Gr. Parents STAAR Night @4:30PM
- 29 Science Camp-8th Graders 3:30-6PM
- 29 Egg Sight Word Hunt for Gr. 1
- 30 **No School- Holiday**

April

- 2 Students return, Regular school day
- 10 **STAAR Writing Grades 4 & 7**
- STAAR Math Grades 5 & 8**
- 11 **STAAR Reading Grades 5 & 8**

FRIENDSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

We appreciate all those who wrote an entry to the contest. We are still collecting entries from classes. We have entries in Kindergarten from Mrs. Khan, Ms. Guajardo, and Mrs. Edwards. Ms. Mannie's First grade class was the first to turn in their writing and Mrs. Flores' First grade students wrote and drew pictures describing acts of kindness. We also received compositions from Mrs. Gomez' third grade class along with entries from Ms. Feldman's and Mr. Bohanski classes. Many thanks to our PTO for providing prizes to encourage our budding writers. We also appreciate the assistance of the Student Council and NJHS students in helping us with the process and by demonstrating through action that our school values daily kindness to others. Share your kind acts. Make a difference.

NJHS SERVICE

The National Junior Honor Society held their induction ceremony on March 21st at 5:30pm. Please welcome the following 7th grade students: Ethan Arrazolo, Daven Bofil, Theresa Burrell, Allison Davila, Aliyah Garrett, Ariel Johnson, Dev Joshi, Roxmary Mendez, Amy Martinez, Greg Mercader, Promise Okpah, Jacob Parada, Amarion Porterie, Gabriel Reyes Castellan, Diego Villatoro, Kam'Ren Waines. We also welcome the following students in Grade 8 including: Karla Aguilar, Kien Huynh, Dar Mawi, Miriam Medina and Mynor Moran. Congratulations to all new members!