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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,
This has been a very successful school year! I want to thank you for your support! When parents, teachers, students, and staff work together, our students succeed. The last day of school for students is Friday, June 1st, at 3:00 pm. We wish all our students a safe and enjoyable summer!

Principal Hobbs

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Rice School Student Council thank you for supporting school and community projects. We appreciate your time, energy, generosity, and support during the school-wide Clean Cluster Campaign, Food drive for the Houston Food Bank, and supply drive. We inducted a new group of student leaders for the 2018-2019 school year and we are already making plans for more successful projects next year. Your generous support made our projects a tremendous success! We are looking forward to next year's activities.

MANY THANKS

We want to highlight our VIPS this month. We are fortunate to have parents and families who take time to be on campus helping teachers and students. We also appreciate support from PTO, Student Council, and NJHS for all the events.

SUMMER READING

The Rice School has required summer reading for grades 3–8. Students should read two books including one required title, and one they may pick from the student choice list. Students are expected to come to class on the first day, prepared to work on assignments based on those books. For more information check our website.

SCIENCE CLUB COOKS

The after school Science Club had a special group engaged in the science of cooking here in the Rice School kitchen. Along with learning kitchen safety and basic skills like reading and following recipes, the groups cooked eggs two different ways, made and served pancakes and waffles testing different kinds of syrup. They also learned to make grilled cheese sandwiches and fruit dip and even whipped cream. We appreciate the skill of Mrs. B. Davis assisted by Mrs. P. Henry and Dr. Spillane, along with several parent volunteers. They all helped make the science of cooking a success and a testament to the 'can do spirit' of the science club and school leadership. We hope you will consider joining us next year.

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

It's finally here! The fabulous Fine Arts Festival will make its debut on Thursday May 22nd, during the day and from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Come out to see our Rice School talent at its best! There will be impressive presentations from Art, Band, Choir, Dance and Theater. Our choral and theater performances will begin at 8:45 am and continue until 10:00 am. Video segments highlight the process and the skills learned. You will not want to miss this amazing event! See you there.

WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

The Rice School applied for a grant to become part of *Monarch Heroes*. As a participant, we agreed to dedicate at least 200-300 square feet to create a monarch butterfly habitat and outdoor classroom. There will also be a team of science and math teachers as well as parents and community volunteers who agreed to participate. Mr. Mejia has volunteered to be the representative from maintenance. Check out our new Wildlife plaque at the front of the building and in our habitat. Pictures and info will be on the website.

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Please join us in congratulating our teachers of the year. Our Elementary teacher of the year is Mrs. Colbert from Kindergarten and our Middle School Teacher of the Year is seventh grade math teacher, Mr. Obinyan. Let them know that we are proud of them as they represent us in the district finals. The banquet was held Friday, May 18th. We also want to thank our retiring administrator, teachers, and librarian. We will miss you.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Thanks to a generous donor and our outstanding Librarian, the Memorial project is collecting names in preparation for the timeline Memorial Wall. We need help with biographical information about the students and faculty members we are honoring. These are the names of students and faculty whose death occurred throughout the history of our school. Teachers and faculty names include Tom Hutchings, Dara Meyers-Turner, Roye Kempt, Ernest Biggers and Rosa Maria Ramirez-Pace. Student names include Ryan Purvey, Christopher Pichon and Juan Ramos. If you have information to share or additional names, please contact our Librarian, Patty Henry and/or SSpillen@houstonisd.org. We hope you will follow our progress online and join us for the dedication in September.

SPECIAL DATES

MAY

- 01 Gr 3 Field Trip to Fine Arts Museum
- 02 Student Council Induction Ceremony 5:30pm
Science Club final meeting of the year
- 7-11 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 07 Gr. 2 Field Trip to Minute Maid 10:45-1:45
- 08 STAAR ALGEBRA 1 EOC GRADE 8
- 14 STAAR Math- Grade 3,4,6,7
- 14 STAAR Math Retest Grade 5,8
- 15 STAAR Reading Grade 3,4,6,7
- 15 STAAR Reading Retest 5,8 Grade
- 16 STAAR Science 5,8 Grade
- 17 STAAR Social Studies Grade 8
- 18 Gr. 8 Dance in the Cafeteria 6-8 PM
- 20 K Promotion Ceremony 9:AM Auditorium
- 20 Gr 1 Award Ceremony 12Noon in Cluster
- 21 NJHS & Student Council Field Trip to
Discovery Green from 9-2
- 21 Field Day Kinder 9:25-10:30
- 21 Field Day Gr. 1 @ 12:00-3:00
- 22 **Fine Arts Festival** 5:00–7:00 PM Band/Art
Choir/Dance/Theatre in Auditorium 8:45 AM
- 22 Field Day Field Day Gr. 2 @ 8:25-10:45
- 23 Field Day Gr.8 @ 8:15–3:00
- 23 Field Day Gr. 3 @ 8:25–10:45
- 24 Gr. 8 Field Trip to Main Event 9:30-2:00
- 24 Field Day Gr. 4 @ 8:25–10:45
- 24 Field Day Gr. 5 @ 12:00-3:00
- 25 Field Day SLC @ 10:30-2:00
- 25 Gr 5 Fun Day 8:15-10:00 in Field and 12-
2:00 in the Auditorium and Cluster
- 28 Memorial Day Holiday NO SCHOOL
- 29 School Day Students Return
- 29 Gr 4 Awards Event in Cluster 8:30-10:30
- 29 Gr 3 Awards Event in Cluster 9:30-10:30
- 30 K Promotion Ceremony in Auditorium 8:30
- 31 Gr 5 Promotion Ceremony 9:00 AM
- 31 K Mini Round Up 4:30-5:30 PM

JUNE

- 01 Gr. 8 Promotion Ceremony 9:00 AM
- 02 Last Day of School for 2018 School Year
- 04 Teacher Work Day- No students
- 05 Summer School Begins 7:30-3:30
- 08 No School – Building Closed
- 15 No School – Building Closed
- 22 No School – Building Closed
- 28 Last Day of Summer School 7:30-3:30
- 29 No School – Building Closed

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School 2018 at The Rice School is scheduled for June 4th through June 28th. Students who are required to attend will be notified by their classroom teacher. All students are required to wear their Rice School uniforms during the summer session. The building will be closed on Fridays, beginning on June 8th. For more information, contact thkenned@houstonisd.org