



## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We had a successful opening of a new school year! Our students are eager to learn so we need them in attendance every instructional day. The mission of The Rice School is to support Teaching and Learning while Creating a College and Career Ready Culture. As a high performing school with talented teachers in every classroom, we have high expectations and standards. I encourage you to keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher. The daily planner is a great tool for keeping up with your child's progress. We have Parental Involvement days scheduled throughout the year for conferences with teachers. We need your support as we work together to achieve great things in the **2018-2019** school year!

*Principal Hobbs*

## Important Information

**Before school:** Students are to be dropped off in the proper carpool lane, not in the street or at the corner no earlier than 8:00 AM.

**Absences:** Send the Attendance Clerk a written excuse stating the reason for the absence and a phone number for verification. The excuse must be turned in within 3 days of the absence.

**Tardy:** The first bell for students to enter school is 8:25 AM, bell rings at **8:30 AM for the start of student instructional day**. Tardy bell rings at 8:35 AM, after that time your child is late for school and must get a pass at the attendance window before going to class.

**Late Pick Up:** School hours are 8:30 AM. – 3:50 PM (Early Dismissal release time 12:30 PM) 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 assessed.

## Cross Country

The cross country season is off to a fast start. Interested students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, contact B. Llorens. Check the Falcon Flyer calendar for upcoming Cross Country Meets and locations,

## Open House

Join us on Wednesday, September 12th for Open House for K- 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Open House for 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade will take place on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Come and hear about grade level expectations and goals for your child's success this school year. Hours for Open House will be from 5:00–7:00 pm. We hope to see you!

## PTO Info

Become a **volunteer**, register online at [www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin](http://www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin). If you have already registered with VIPS it is necessary to register every new school year. Please make sure to check that your status is current. Once your status has been approved, please submit a legible copy of your driver's license to the Main Office and allow 2 to 3 weeks for the background check to process. This is also required to attend field trips. See the Falcon Flyer September calendar dates for the upcoming PTO meeting.

## Counselor's Corner

Come join our Uniform Swap and meet the counselor during Open House. We will have gently used clothing on display in the main hallway. You might find just the right size and item for your child. **We are also accepting donations of your child's uniforms. Come save and share.**

## Go Falcons

Congratulations for making the Falcon Volleyball teams. We look forward to seeing you at the first game when we play West Briar at West Briar. Our first home game is Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> vs Meyerland. We hope you will come out and support your Falcon Volleyball Teams!

## Nurse's Notes

Welcome back! 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 occur and you are unable to pick him/her up within an hour of notification.

## September Dates

- 3 Labor Day- No School
- 4 Students return to Class
- 7 Grandparent's Day 9:00-10:00AM
- 10 Fall Holiday- No School
- 11 Students return to class
- 11 Vball Game vs W. Briar (5 PM Away)
- 12 Open House -K-4<sup>th</sup> @ 5-7 PM
- 13 Open House 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> @5-7 PM
- 15 Cross Country Lobo Invitational @Chaves HS @ 8AM
- 17 Vball Game vs Lawson (5 PM Away)
- 21 Early Dismissal @ 12:30 PM
- 20 PTO Meeting in Cafeteria @ 9AM
- 22 Cross Country Meet at Westbury @ 8AM
- 24 Vball Game vs Pershing (5 PM Away)
- 25 K-8 Individual Pictures (Wear uniforms)

## October

- 1 Vball Game Meyerland @ Rice 5 PM
- 15 Vball Game Pin Oak @ Rice 5 PM

## Grandparents

We hope all grandparents felt welcome to visit the classrooms from 9:00-10:00 AM on Friday, Sept. 7th. We enjoyed hearing about the experiences when you joined us in the main hallway for a light brunch before leaving our campus.

## Name that Book

Are you an avid reader? Are you a competitive person? Do you like hanging out with friends from school? Are you the king of student who just LOVES field trips? If any of you answers were yes, Name That Book is the club for you. Here at The Rice School, we have clubs for all age groups. There is a K-2 team, a team for grades 3-6, and a middle school team. Signups will begin the week of September 10, with information about club meeting dates and times to follow from the grade level sponsors. Name That Book club members will have exclusive access to the Name That Book collections! Be on the lookout for information about sign-ups. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Harper at [tharper1@houstonisd.org](mailto:tharper1@houstonisd.org).

## Kudos to Cadence Bank

We want to thank Cadence Bank for making the *Tools for School* event such a huge success. The students had fun shopping and we learned wonderful lesson about the strength of positive community partners. We appreciate the support of all those who made the Meet and Greet a special event.