

RIVER OAKS ELEMENTARY

“Where Discovery is Elementary”

October 20, 2009

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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CALENDAR ITEMS

October 31	Deadline to nominate a teacher for ExxonMobile Teachers Academy
November 6	Fall Frenzy
Nov. 16-20	Magnet Week
December 18	Boxtop contest ends

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHENKER

Thanks to everyone for your great input on our traffic flow and dismissal procedures. In the next several weeks we will communicate plans for some immediate changes. Over the course of the school year, we will continue discussions about long-term solutions. I appreciate the opportunity to be involved in the collaborative decision making process with staff, parents, and the community. I am a strong believer in such a process, as I believe it ultimately yields the best results. Thank you for your patience and perseverance.

LANIER MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGNET WEEK

Magnet Week is November 16th – 20th. Tours are at 1:00 p.m. each day (with an additional tour on Monday November 16th at 6:00 p.m.). Tours outside of Magnet Week will take place at 2:00 p.m. on November 3rd, 10th, 24th; December 1st, 8th, 15th; January 5th; March 30th; and April 6th.

NOMINATE YOUR TEACHER!

Nominate Our Teachers for the Mickelson ExxonMobile Teachers Academy!

Earlier this year, a fifth-grade teacher from The Rice School got sent back to class by her students when she was named one of only 200 winners nationwide to receive an all-expense paid trip to the **Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy** in New Jersey.

Now, HISD students in grades three through five (and their parents) will have the chance to send *their* favorite educators back to the classroom as well, by **nominating them online through** www.sendmyteacher.com. At the academy, teachers learn engaging ways to teach math and science using hands-on experiments, in an effort to retain students' attention and spark their interest in these important subjects at an early age. The curriculum was developed by the National Science Teachers Association

and Math Solutions and trains teachers to think the way that students learn.

The academy has helped train 2,000 educators since it was founded in 2005 through a partnership between ExxonMobil and PGA golfer Phil Mickelson and his wife Amy.

To nominate a teacher, visit the link above. The deadline to nominate a teacher is Saturday, October 31, 2009.

BID FOR GREEN AT FALL FRENZY

When was the last time that you visited the Nature Center at ROE? Well, I strongly suggest that you go and see for yourself the unlimited potential for learning that awaits our children. We are fortunate to have enthusiastic and creative teachers who understand the benefit of moving beyond the classroom walls. Unfortunately, Hurricane Ike hit our Nature Center hard and funds are needed to maximize the unlimited potential of our Nature Center. Remember to Raise Your Paddle at Fall Frenzy to make this dream a reality for your children and generations to come.

- Frances Moore-Jones, www.translatedphrase.com
(work# 713.401.9024, fax# 713.401.9044)

FALL FRENZY AUCTION TICKETS

LAST WEEK TO BUY AUCTION TICKETS.....and then the price goes up. Place your reservation and check in the auction locker in the PTO Corner by the kinder hallway or order at the ROE On-line STORE before Friday. Ticket prices go up \$10 each after October 23rd. If the scarecrows caught your eye, just wait until you see the action in circle drive and on Avalon Wednesday and Thursday mornings! We will be out there ready to take your reservations! Bring your check and order form. Trust us, YOU WILL SEE WHO TO GIVE THEM TO. Don't miss out on the year's best ROE party! Come on and get funky with us November 6! Dress 70s casual and be there at 7:00! Raise the Paddle for the Nature Center! See you there!

- Ann Guerra, publicity

FALL FRENZY CHILDCARE OPTIONS!

Three options are available to you so you can disco the night away November 6 from 7-11 at The Houston Club and support ROE! All childcare options are for ROE students only.

1. ROE Lock-in (6:30-11:30 \$25)

The staff of ASP will provide childcare at ROE! Snacks will be provided and/or you may send in your own snacks for your child(ren). Activity stations will be provided: art, dress-up, board games, karaoke, movies, etc. The children will shift to different stations throughout the evening. All external school doors will be locked, children will be escorted by ASP staff at all times and

security will be on sight. Registration forms will be coming in your folder soon. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions may be directed to Ms. Heinrich.

2. Pump It Up Bellaire (6030 S.Rice 77081) 6:30-11:30: \$25

Two pieces of pizza a drink, board games, movies, music and inflatables are provided. Bring some change to play video games and air hockey. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Email: PIU108@yahoo.com with name of the child, age, contact number and if any allergies. Waiver signature needed at drop-off.

3. Discover Gymnastics (747 N. Shepherd 77007) \$5 per hour (6:30-11:00)

Gymnastic activities provided through the evening. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Email: webmaster@discovergymnastics.com or call 713-680-0045: Specify ROE for discount rate, name of child, age, contact number and if any allergies. Waiver signature needed at drop-off.

Sign up for your child's care soon! The Frenzy is only 2 weeks away!

SALLY FOSTER/E BOOKS/COOKIE DOUGH DELIVERY

The Sally Foster and cookie dough orders arrived yesterday, ahead of schedule. The cookie dough pick up was yesterday. The remaining cookie dough orders are in the freezer in the cafeteria and need to be picked up between 12:45pm and 2:00pm this week. For those that are missing cookie dough orders, they are being processed and I will notify you of the new delivery date as soon as I know. Thank you for being patient with this.

The Sally Foster orders will be on the stage through the end of the week. The Entertainment books went home on Friday. Please check your Sally Foster orders. If you have any discrepancies, please let me know as soon as possible so we may process the corrections. Overall the fundraiser was a great success. Thank you to everyone who participated and to everyone who volunteered along the way.

- Laura Fertak

ROE DIRECTORY

They're here! Everyone should have received their 2009-10 ROE School Directory in class on Monday. We have a very few extra copies available for \$8 if you would like an extra one. A big thank you goes to Paul Mueller for redesigning this year's directory and for doing the layout. Benee Curtis once again sold the business ads, Marsha Benett and Lilian Wannall performed the un-glamorous task of data cleanup, Nguyet Vo helped with the school info pages, Robert Woelfel took pictures, and Maria Onufrow managed the Spirit Ads. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped with the proofreading and the last minute deliveries yesterday -- we cannot do this without our great volunteers!

- Maria Onufrow and the directory team

CALLING ALL KINDERGARTENERS!

Come join us this Saturday, Oct 24th from 3-5pm for Pumpkin Play! We will meet under the shade structure of ROE's playground. We will have a few games with pumpkins, but mostly let the kids play, and let the parents get to know each other. See you then!

- Natalie Cordova and Elisa Donovan, Kindergarten Reps

ATTENTION ALL THIRD GRADERS

Please join your third grade friends for an afternoon of jumpy fun at Kids J.A.M. (<http://www.kidsjamhouston.com/>), 6108 S. Rice Suite 108 on Sunday October 25 at 5:00pm. The PTO will subsidize part of the cost, so the cost per child is only \$4.00! Drinks and snacks will also be provided. Hope to see you there!

- Cassandra & Maryann, Third Grade PTO Reps

FUN RUN CHECKS

If you dropped off a Fun Run check in the office the Friday before the Fun Run or the Monday after, please call Ann Guerra at (713-471-9224.).

DON'T FORGET PAPA ROMANO'S PIZZA!

Use your GREEN "pizza for dollars certificates" that came home last week. Raise money for ROE during October and November! Order from Papa Romano's! They deliver! It's really good!