

RIVER OAKS ELEMENTARY

"Where Discovery is Elementary"

November 3, 2009

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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CALENDAR ITEMS

November 5	Kindergarteners NNAT test, 9am
November 6	Fall Frenzy
November 9	New dismissal procedures begin
Nov. 16-20	Magnet Awareness Week, tours daily at 1pm
December 18	Boxtop contest ends

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHENKER

I hope that you will all plan to come out and support the auction on Friday! Funds raised will support school programs and initiatives.

We will begin our new dismissal procedures beginning next Monday, November 9th. Detailed instructions have been sent home with your child today. Please take time to thoroughly review these new procedures. I appreciate your support as we move toward a safer, smoother dismissal.

Please note that my email address has changed to sshenker@houstonisd.org. As always, please feel free to contact me with ideas and concerns. Have a great week!

BOXTOPS CLASSROOM COLLECTION CONTEST CONTINUES!

Continue clipping BoxTops off your favorite products until **Thursday, December 18, 2009 when the contest ends**. Collect your BoxTops at home, put them together in bunches of 10 in ziploc bags. Then, deliver the collected Boxtops to your classrooms and put them in your teacher's BoxTop collection bag. Or, you can also place collected (and labeled with your class name) BoxTops in ziplocs in the collection bins located in the Kindergarten hallway. The classroom collecting the most BoxTops wins a pizza party when we return to school in January! Questions? Email Linda Elmer, lindakelmer@gmail.com or Meredith Maierson, mmaierson@gmail.com. Good Luck!!!

RAISE THE PADDLE AT THE AUCTION FOR THE NATURE CENTER

Second grader Savannah Dickerson submitted this for the Auction sticker contest. Although she didn't win that contest, her Nature Center thoughts are worth sharing! Here it is written exactly as she submitted:

"I think our Nature Center needs more trees and plants so all of the animals will hopefully come back to the Nature Center so they can live there forever more. I also think the Nature Center needs benches like

tables so everyone can come out and enjoy the new Nature Center."

ROE kids love the hands-on learning that goes on in the Nature Center. Let's help it be even better! Let's help make Savannah's wishes come true!

JOIN THE FRENZY!

FINAL NOTES ON THE ROE AUCTION:

- Tickets will be available by ordering on-line at the ROE store or by dropping them in the Auction Locker in the PTO corner until tomorrow, WEDNESDAY. After that, you are STILL WELCOME just come to **THE HOUSTON CLUB** (811 Rusk, Texas Room) and register as a walk-in. It's never too late!
- If you have sent in your ticket order but have not received your tickets or catalog, e-mail Liz Palmer at liz@pricepalmer.com.
- Doors open and the silent auction begins at **7:00**.
- Check-in closes at 8:00. Please be there by then to get your bidder packet.
- Don't forget to bring your catalog with you to the auction so you won't forget to bid on your favorite items!
- As the silent auction closes, you will be able to see what you've won and check-out. Final invoices and certificates will be mailed to you.
- Bring your camera and help us remember the night! Carrie Pillsbury would love a few photos for the yearbook! carriepils@aol.com.
- The childcare options are still taking registrations. Pump it Up, Discover Gymnastics and the ROE Lock-In are ready to serve you!
- If you just can't make it, contact Ann Guerra at annieguerra@att.com to get a catalog and ask a friend to bid for you!

FALL FRENZY CHILDCARE OPTIONS!

Don't forget to sign up for CHILD-CARE if you need it during the AUCTION!

PRE-REGISTRATION is a must for all options.

- ROE Lock-In \$25, 6:30-11:30. The yellow form came home weeks ago...or pick up one in the office. pheinric@houstonisd.org
- Pump it Up \$25, 6:30-11:30, PIU108@yahoo.com
- Discover Gymnastics, \$5/hr, 6:30-11:00, webmaster@discovergymnastics.com or 713-680-0045

SALLY FOSTER/ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS/COOKIE DOUGH

The correction order for Sally Foster is going to be sent in on Wednesday, Nov 4th. After this, a delivery fee will be charged for any other order corrections. If you have any changes, please email me atmurphtak@comcast.net. If you received an incorrect item return-label it with the child's name, grade and teacher and return it to the Sally Foster locker at the end of the kindergarten hallway. The cookie dough is scheduled to be delivered on Monday, Nov 16th. I do not have the time yet. There will be extra cookie dough available for purchase at delivery. Please watch the Green Sheet for updates. - Laura Fertak

EAT AT GUGLIANI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT NOV. 10-11TH

Please remember to eat at Gugliani's in Rice Village or Meyerland this month. If ROE families go on the second Tuesday OR Wednesday of any month, Gugliani's will donate 10% of the diner's bill back to our school. The school give-back program also applies to take out orders. Remember to mention River Oaks Elementary to our server--see you there! - Meredith Maierson and Linda Elmer

LANIER MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

- November 5th, 6:00 p.m., U.I.L. One Act Play "Persephone", the Lanier Auditorium. The Drama Department would like to invite you to attend their Fall U.I.L. One Act Play "Persephone". This Dark Comedy features famous Greek characters like Hades God of the Underworld, Demeter Goddess of the earth and even Cerberus the three headed dog of Hades. This is sure to be a show you will never forget with special effects and guest visits from famous "dead" people in history. You don't want to miss this play!
- November 11th, 6:30 p.m., Expressions' Annual Fall Show, Lanier Gymnasium. Come and see a night of dancing.

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY - FIFTH GRADE PARENTS

Fifth grade parents keep your eyes open! A packet will come home with your child November 10th that contains important middle school information and school records. That is because it is time to gear up for the middle school application process! The application window for any and every magnet program is November 16 – January 8. Midway through that period we will host a Middle School Madness Night, December 1, 6:30, in our own special ROE Cafeteria. Several middle schools will be there to give you the information you need to make informed choices!

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Calling all current and former members of the military, as well as friends of the military...WE NEED YOU to help put on a fabulous program to celebrate Veterans Day in November! We need speakers, volunteers, and ideas. Watch your Green Sheet for more information. Email Terri Zimmermann Daniel(terrizz@swbell.net) if you are ready, willing, and able to help this worthwhile effort.