

RIVER OAKS ELEMENTARY

“Where Discovery is Elementary”

October 13, 2009

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CALENDAR ITEMS

October 14	PTO General Meeting, 7pm
October 16	Sticker contest ends
November 6	Fall Frenzy
December 18	Boxtop contest ends

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHENKER

Thanks so much to Natalie Cordova and the PTO for organizing this year's ROE Fun Run. It was a wonderful event. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all. And yes, my quads are still burning from chasing down the kids. I have decided that "warm-up lap" is a relative term.

One hundred and fifty ROE parents have accessed the new on-line grade book through the HISD portal to view their child's grades. This is a great way to monitor your child's progress throughout the grading period. If you have not had an opportunity to log in, we will discuss the procedure at Wednesday's PTO meeting.

We will preview our new dismissal procedures at the PTO on Wednesday as well. In the meantime, please remember that it is illegal to make a left-hand turn from Kirby into the circle drive. This is a traffic law, not a school policy. Violators may be ticketed by local constables. Have a great week!

BOXTOPS CLASSROOM COLLECTION CONTEST IS ON!

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 theKindergarten 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!!!

ART NEWS

Two ROE students were honored at a ceremony on Sunday at the Museum of Fine Arts. City Art Works teacher, Janis Fowles, entered the work of Corrigan

Murray and Lauren Sobash. The girls were presented certificates for participation and were honored with a cookie reception following the ceremony. Their prints are on display in the foyer of the Kinder Resource Center, MFAH. Congratulations, Corrigan and Lauren.

Impact "ART iz in" competitions are beginning (Oct. 21). If you have a piece of original (no help from parents, sorry), matted or framed artwork and would like to enter the competition, please see Ms. Lieber in the art room. There are several competitions throughout the school year and we usually have at least a few winners and honorable mentions. The awards are gift certificates to Texas Art Supply, Impact Art tag necklaces, and your work is published on the HISD Impact website and sometimes on cards. Please submit any artwork for the Oct. 21 competition by this Friday, Oct. 16.

Thank you and keep your eyes on ART!! - Ms. Lieber

PTO GENERAL MEETING TOMORROW, 7PM

Don't forget to join us for the PTO General Meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Come learn about Grade Speed and its many features. Come hear about proposed changes to our arrival and dismissal procedures. Or pick up some personal safety tips from our guest speaker, Richard Bloome, Crime Deterrent Specialist. Childcare will be provided for children 4 years and older. -Diane Cimino, PTO President

ATTENTION ALL THIRD GRADERS

Please join your third grade friends for an afternoon of jumpy fun at Kids J.A.M. (<http://www.kidsiamhouston.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

NEW SCHOOL GIVE-BACK PROGRAM

Gugliani's (formerly Colina's) is offering a great new School Give-Back Program that we are really excited about. On the second Tuesday of every month, Gugliani's will donate 10% of a diner's bill to our school. Just mention that you support ROE. That's it...no scanners, IDs, or registration required! Be sure to check your green folders for the Gugliani's coupon providing every ROE student with one FREE cheese pizza. The program starts October 13th. See you at Gugliani's! --Meredith Maierson and Linda Elmer

2009 ROE FUN RUN WAS FUN!

What a blast! This year's fun run was a huge success! There were so many kids and siblings, parents and ROE staff! The weather was cool as we bundled up and ran! The buzz started Friday as many of the staff members wore their super cool fun run shirt designed by our own ROE mom, Nguyet Vo. Thank you Nguyet for an awesome shirt!

Saturday started out early and cool, but thanks to Ann Guerra we had two fabulous moonwalks to play in and stay warm. Keeping true to the exercise theme, there was an obstacle course moonwalk and a slide moonwalk to challenge your friends to a race before the race! Ann did a great job organizing and helping all the volunteers that spent their time making sure it stayed safe and fun for all.

We had lots of food and drinks! Thank you to Elizabeth Gillan who donated all the bagels and cream cheese! We ran out by 10am! Thank you to Janine Cashin who brought the chick-fil-a (even though she had a wedding to go to-ROE volunteers ROCK!). Thank you to Barbara Ostdiek for getting and returning the coffee from Starbucks on Augusta and Woodway. Thank you to Starbucks who donated 2 of the coffee bins. Many thanks to Galin Lewis who supplied us with lots of water and ice! Thank you to Annie Dunkin who brought all the fruit and cut it up! And many thanks to everyone who worked at passing out the food and drinks and keeping it flowing so well. Thank you to Kari Gonzales for leading roots 'n shoots' recycling efforts.

We started a little slow because I didn't realize that the moonwalks had our power source that is usually used for the DJ! Max Shilstone came to the rescue with a generator! It worked beautifully and we were ready to roll. Dads, Daniel Peterson and Marcellous McZeal, lead everyone in an exercise routine that Coach Bomersbach had been teaching the kids. So, when they said do the "sprinkler", they knew what to do. It was then time for Principal Shenker and Maren Flood to lead the kids to the track for a warm up. The kids were warm and charged the field without the leaders! The principal did some quick thinking and running and cut across the field as Maren caught up; the ladies were still able to cross the finish line first!

The Dads Peterson and McZeal continued their efforts in executing all the races smoothly and allowed us to finish on time. Many thanks go out to Melissa Morris and her team at the finish line for capturing all the winners and finishers. All finishers received medals for the competitive race and the top 3 finishers received a special medal. Melissa and her husband Matt did a great job handing those out and really encouraging the kids.

And the winners are...

Overall

- 1st Michael Rodriguez
- 2nd Haavard Strommen
- 3rd Stan Jensen

Special Recognition: Carolyn Stone

Boys 5th Grade

- 1st Emerson Gillan
- 2nd Andrew Bowling
- 3rd Connor Doyle

Girls 5th Grade

- 1st Bridey Flood
- 2nd Courtney Jacobs
- 3rd Michelle Tang

Boys 4th Grade

- 1st Travis Craig
- 2nd John Coleman
- 3rd Michael Meaux

Girls 4th Grade

- 1st Elissa Robinson
- 2nd Madison Fertak
- 3rd Gina Marie Grieb

Boys 3rd Grade

- 1st Harry Craig
- 2nd Daniel Smith
- 3rd Benjamin Jacobs

Girls 3rd Grade

- 1st Lena McZeal
- 2nd Tiffany Kottukkal
- 3rd Ally Henson

Boys 2nd Grade

- 1st Ryan Pontes
- 2nd Bricen Whitaker
- 3rd Ethan Van Nostrand
- 3rd(tie) Danny Donoso

Girls 2nd Grade

- 1st Sara Szafranski
- 2nd Andrea Lechin
- 3rd Callan Flood

Boys 1st Grade

- 1st Michael Rodriguez
- 2nd Mason Fertak
- 3rd Zane Gillan

Girls 1st Grade

- 1st Nicole Moore-Jones
- 2nd Katriona Lexa
- 3rd Maddie Cunningham

Boys Kindergarten

- 1st Ole Strommen
- 2nd William Marlin
- 3rd Justice Cordova

Girls Kindergarten

- 1st Crystal Tang
- 2nd Camille Marlin
- 3rd Rachel Pontes

Some many people came together to make Saturday great. Thank you to the registration helpers, popcorn

engineers☺, Mr. Hernandez who was essential to set up!, Nurse Petner who was kept busy, Sonya Mendez who donated her services of face painting and especially Scott Wagner who ran this the last 4 years and was key this year! He helped at every step and was very patient with all my calls and questions. Again, thanks to all who helped and attended-see you next year!

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 3 weeks away!

FALL FRENZY TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

Don't forget to send in your reservations for the Fall Frenzy by October 23! We are flashing back to the 70s! Turn off the lava lamp, put on your mood rings, bell bottoms and platform shoes! Any ladies for the Annie Hall look of derby hats and neckties? Let the kids play Atari or use the VCR while you are out! No sitter? Check out the 3 childcare options available through the auction committee this year in a separate article. Load into the station wagon, pop in a cassette and get down to the Houston Club by 7:00 on November 6! "I'll be There" for \$40, "Get Down Tonight" for \$60 or "We will Rock You" for \$100 will reserve you a night to remember! Join in silent bidding or let your paddle disco at the live auction! Raise the Paddle for The Nature

Center! Thanks to the '70s invention of the barcode, check-in and check-out will be hassle free! If you have never been to a school auction before, this is the one to START with! It's casual, it's fun, and it is all about our kids and ROE! Turn your invitation and check in to the Auction locker in the PTO corner of the Kinder hallway today! - Ann Guerra, publicity committee

SALLY FOSTER/E BOOKS/COOKIE DOUGH DELIVERY

The Entertainment books will be delivered this week to the classrooms. There has been a change with the Sally Foster and Cookie Dough deliveries. Both will be delivered to ROE next Monday, October 19th. Please pick up your orders in the cafeteria, especially the cookie dough. There will also be some cookie dough available for purchase in limited supplies. Thanks for a great fundraiser. - Laura Fertak

STICKER CONTEST

The Sticker Contest is off to a great start and we have the rest of this week to accept entries. Parents, please encourage your child to create a drawing with a colorful, fall theme about our school and a message about helping our school by buying things at the Auction if you haven't done so already. We will have our 5th graders in the Mini UN help with selecting this year's winner!!! The contest ends on 10/16 and the entries should be placed in the "Sticker Contest" box located in the PTO Hallway. Think of how cool that will be to have your child's artwork presented on all of the Auction Packets that will be handed out to all in attendance. Judging will begin next week, so let's get those drawings into the box!

Thanks for all that you do ~ Shenequa Animashaun