

# RIVER OAKS ELEMENTARY

“Where Discovery is Elementary”

October 27, 2009

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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## CALENDAR ITEMS

October 30	March of Dimes Reading Champions envelopes due
November 3	5 <sup>th</sup> Graders NNAT test, 9am
November 5	Kindergarteners NNAT test, 9am
November 6	Fall Frenzy
Nov. 16-20	Magnet Awareness Week, tours daily at 1pm
December 18	Boxtop contest ends

## FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHENKER

I continue to enjoy visiting classrooms. Late Friday afternoon I visited several classrooms. Ms. Corzine was leading a lesson on measurement. Mr. Vialard's students were working collaboratively on a biome project. Ms. Bustamante's students were studying Texas Indian tribes. In every classroom, the students were actively engaged and could explain their learning when asked. It is a pleasure to be part of such a talented teaching staff.

We will implement our new dismissal plan on November 9, 2009. We will forward specific information to you as the day approaches. I know that change is always difficult, but I believe that these new procedures are the first steps to a safer, more orderly process. Have a great week!

## RED RIBBON WEEK ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday, Oct. 28 - “Thinkers”:** Put on your thinking caps to make good decisions about being drug free. Wear your favorite hat.

**Thursday, Oct. 29 - “Risk-takers”:** Show your courage and independence to do what is right and say no to drugs. Wear crazy socks and/or shoes.

**Friday, Oct. 30 - “Commitment”:** Show your commitment and responsibility to a healthy life that is drug free. Bring a tool or dress as a career that you can achieve by being drug free.

## READING CHAMPIONS

The March of Dimes *Reading Champions* program is coming to an end. Collection envelopes are due to your child's teacher by Friday, October 30. Each participant will take home a personalized *Reading Champions* certificate, and those who raised a minimum of \$3.00 and read four or more books will receive a medallion. Thank you to everyone who participated. This program helps children develop an independent reading routine early in the year

and practice goal setting, all while raising money for a good cause! – Katie Morgan, Literacy Coach

## FALL FRENZY – BY KENDALL DRAGOTTA

Kendall (a first grader) submitted this for the sticker contest...and it was too great not to share!

ROE is perfect for me.

And you might like the Fall Frenzy.

The 6th of November is the day to remember.

There will be brainy options and zany options.

All can be bought at the ROE auction!

You can bid on a tie-dye wig.

Or a purple squid for your kid!

So, please don't be shy...Come and buy!

## FALL FRENZY TICKETS

Fall Frenzy Auction Tickets are still on sale! Prices have gone up \$10, but you can still come and rock the night away!!! You saw some of us out front with zany wigs and super bright t-shirts! That's how relaxed the night will be! Come and SUPPORT ROE and have fun. \$50, \$70 and \$110 tickets available 3 ways: at the ROE on-line store ([www.roepto.org](http://www.roepto.org)), pick up a form in the office, or email [annieguerra@att.net](mailto:annieguerra@att.net).

## 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 and all require PRE-REGISTRATION.

### 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. Yellow registrations forms have been sent home. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Please leave your form and check in the office. Questions may be directed to Ms. Heinrich. ([pheinric@houstonisd.org](mailto:pheinric@houstonisd.org).) If you need another form, ask the office!

### 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](mailto: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) 6:30-11 (\$5 per hour)**

Gymnastic activities provided through the evening. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Email: [webmaster@discovergymnastics.com](mailto: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 10 days away! Don't delay!

### **SALLY FOSTER/ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS/COOKIE DOUGH**

If you need to make any corrections for Sally Foster, please let me know ASAP, [murphtak@comcast.net](mailto:murphtak@comcast.net). The correction order will be submitted on Monday. The missing cookie dough orders are scheduled to arrive on Monday, November 16th. Watch the Green Sheet for details. Thanks for your support.

- Laura Fertak

### **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 ([terriz@swbell.net](mailto:terriz@swbell.net)) if you are ready, willing, and able to help this worthwhile effort.

### **AUCTION CATALOGS**

Auction Catalogs will be delivered Friday! If you bought tickets to the auction, they will be delivered to your oldest child's class along with the catalog. If you cannot make it to the auction but don't want to miss all the FUN items, GREAT gatherings and KID socials, you can pick up a catalog in the office and read about everything for sale. Then, GET YOUR FRIENDS TO BID FOR YOU! If you can't get to the office and want a catalog delivered to your child's class, Email: [annieguerra@att.net](mailto:annieguerra@att.net) and I will get one to you.