

RIVER OAKS ELEMENTARY

“Where Discovery is Elementary”

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CALENDAR ITEMS

Nov. 16-20	Magnet Awareness Week, tours daily at 1pm
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 1	Middle School Madness night at ROE, 6:30
December 18	Boxtop contest ends

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHENKER

Thank you so much for your help in implementing our new dismissal procedures. I am very pleased with the results. We will continue to improve our system and look forward to your continued input. Please remember to refrain from cell phone use in our school zone during arrival and dismissal.

Second grade parents are still beaming after the stellar performance of their students in the play on Friday. I am so proud of teachers and students for their extraordinary work. This creative endeavor exemplifies not only IB principles, but also best instructional practices for gifted children. As I have said many times, River Oaks is the school that all children deserve.

ART NEWS

Congratulations to Noah Pittman (2nd grade) and Lily Podzemney (3rd grade) for their designs that were selected to go to Central Region for the HISD Winter Holiday Art Card. Each school was asked to select one winning design that will represent the school in the regional contest; then that winner goes to the overall district competition. The final winner will be selected by the superintendent. Good luck to both students!!

While dropping off their drawings, I noticed that the “art gallery” at Central District had “vanished”! Our artwork is still there; the walls are being repainted and the artwork will be re-hung. Thanks to all students who brought in artwork (mostly framed). Once the show is up, I will go by and take some pictures of your work there.

Note to Fifth Grade Parents: Due to the December 4th social and performances by the choir, musicians, etc., we will have our special 5th grade art and photography exhibit and sale here at school (not at my home as previously planned). Other artwork/crafts created by the students may be brought to sell. Please check the PTO calendar and announcements in this Green Sheet for details and join us for this special exhibit, and early evening of fun, food, art, and entertainment.

On display here at school are ceramic masks and “migrant bags” by fourth grade students. Upcoming displays include

ceramic moccasins by 3rd grade artists and boots by 5th grade artists. (Several of these will be chosen for the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Art Competition.) Second graders went home with shiny new “genie lamps”, connecting with “Wishes” theme of IB ‘Lights, Camera, Action’. Kindergarten and 1st grade are completing some lovely roadrunner medallions (pressed clay), fired and painted with metallic colors. Many turkeys will be delivered via paper, pinecones, etc. Check your students’ backpacks for those!! Happy Thanksgiving to all!! Ms. Lieber

VOLUNTEER OF THE DAY

Interested in being ROE's Volunteer of the Day? Assisting the front office with their administrative duties is a great way of being involved in your child's school. There are still many days (few Wednesdays though) available to sign up. If interested, email me the date or dates you can volunteer (only one volunteer a day). Thanks! Isabella Alcañiz, ialcaniz@uh.edu and Sarah Blome, PTO Volunteer Coordinators

LEONID METEOR SHOWER

Dear ROE Community: The Leonid Meteor showers are here! This event is on HISD's Informed Source calendar as well as on most 'must see' astronomy lists. :) The Leonids originate from the Leo radiant of the sky and showers occur when the Earth passes through a debris field left by a comet, in this case the 1467 & 1533 debris streams from Comet Temple-Tuttle. The Leonids will end on the 21st but the peak period this year is the night of the 17th from 2:30 to 4:30 am. Meteors are expected to avg. a spectacular 200 to 300 per hour over Asia and 30 to 50 per hour over North America, ~triple the normal rate. :) No optics are needed and because the New Moon is on the 16th moonlight will not be a factor this year. All you'll need is a place away from city lights, something hot to drink, and a few blankets! Enjoy...Paul Rainn, Science Specialist

SALLY FOSTER/COOKIE DOUGH

The missing orders of cookie dough arrived yesterday. If you did not pick yours up, please do so as it is taking up room in the cafeteria freezer. The prizes for the Entertainment books finally made it and will go home with the students soon. Thank you for a great fundraiser. Enjoy the cookies! Please contact me with any questions/concerns at murptak@comcast.net. – Laura

TALKING TURKEY

We are still in need of parent volunteers to meet and greet for Magnet Awareness week. If you are interested and available for Wednesday or Friday this week at 12:30-1:15, contact Andy Williams or Shelly Vara at 713-942-1460.

MAGNET WEEK MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURS

5th Grade Families: HISD Magnet Awareness Week is this week - November 16-20. All HISD middle schools will have tours during the week. Below are just a few of our neighbor middle schools that you may want to check out. If we haven't listed a school you are interested in, simply call that school to get the time of their tours.

- Lanier - daily at 1pm
- Pin Oak - daily at 1pm
- Pershing - daily at 1pm
- TH Rogers - daily at 1pm
- The Rice School- daily at 1pm
- Hamilton- daily at 1pm
- Johnston- daily at 1pm

The application window for HISD magnet programs is November 16 - January 8th. Packets of information needed for the application process will be coming home with your child on November 10th from our Magnet Coordinator, Andy Williams.

ROE will host a Middle School Madness night at ROE on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Several middle schools will be there to give you the information you need to make informed choices.

ROE STUDENTS IN THE NUTCRACKER

Congratulations to Gabrielle Quant (4th-Gisi), Alexandra Quant (4th-Waugh), and Elissa Robinson (4th-Mansur). They will be performing as Party Children in Houston Ballet's production of 'The Nutcracker'. They will be performing throughout the holiday season at Wortham Theater (Nov 27th through Dec 27th). For specific cast dates, please check with each family. Way to go!