

# RIVER OAKS ELEMENTARY

“Where Discovery is Elementary”

December 1, 2009

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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## CALENDAR ITEMS

December 1	Middle School Madness night at ROE, 6:30
December 4	Winter Wonderland family night at ROE, 6-8 pm
December 5	OOTM Exploratorium, 8:30 to noon
Dec. 7-11	Food Drive (bring a canned good every day)
December 18	Boxtop contest ends

## FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHENKER

We will begin our food drive next Monday. Please encourage your child to bring one canned food item each day next week to support the Houston Food Bank. I appreciate the efforts of Kathy and Mark Lipman in organizing this important effort.

Please plan to join the PTO on Friday night for Winter Wonderland. I look forward to visiting with our River Oaks family as we kick off the holiday season. Encourage friends and neighbors to attend as well. What a great way to promote our amazing school!

Have a great week!

## WINTER WONDERLAND - DEC. 4TH

Come to ROE THIS Friday night, December 4 from 6-8:00 pm for a Family Fun Night and Festive Time! The night will be filled with musical performances, cookie decorating, holiday crafts, a raffle and Ms. Lieber's Art Bazaar. The Bazaar will include a 5th grade art and photography exhibit along with student and teacher art and craftwork. Eat dinner while you have fun! Pizza will be for sale- CASH ONLY. Ben and Jerry's will be there with ice cream and smoothies. Yum! It is sure to be a fun night for ALL! Join those with inquiring minds at ROE's WINTER WONDERLAND! See you there!

## OOTM EXPLORATORIUM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 8:30 - 12 NOON

All ROE students are invited to visit the ROE Odyssey of the Mind Exploratorium. Whether you are on an OOTM team or not, you are welcome to drop in and explore a variety of brain-building activities in the cafeteria. See you then! Elisa Donovan [ElisaDonovan@emdp.com](mailto:ElisaDonovan@emdp.com).

## LAST WEEK FOR PENNIES FOR PEACE

This is the last week that we will be collecting your spare change and bills for our *Pennies for Peace* campaign. The

ROE Mini-UN would like to thank all of you for your support in this worthwhile endeavor. We will be collecting the buckets next Monday in order to get all the money counted and a check cut to send to the Central Asia Institute before the winter break. As soon as we have a final total, we will let you know!

## ART NEWS

Parents and Teachers: THIS FRIDAY EVENING, 6 to 8 pm in the ROE cafeteria and front lobby will be our 5thGrade Art Show/Sale and Ms. Lieber's ceramic work will be on display and for sale here at school. We will have some interesting photography, drawings and paintings by students, crafts and pottery. Please support your local ROE artists and fill your holiday gift lists by purchasing unique artworks!!

All ROE Artists: Mothers for Clean Air Earth Day 2010 design contest is due this Friday, Dec. 4, 2009. Houston Livestock and Rodeo artwork is due next Friday, Dec.11th. Please turn in all artwork for these competitions to Ms. Lieber in the Art room by the due dates.

We are still waiting to get the results of the IMPACT Art IZ In Competition from October. As soon as I hear from the Impact Team, I will announce the results.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy, safe, and heArtful holiday time.

Thanks for your support of Visual Arts at ROE.

- Ms. Lieber

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE WINTER WONDERLAND

We need Winter Wonderland volunteers to help with: Set-Up, Food Sales/Serving, Craft Table and the Cookie Decorating Table on December 4. Shifts are a short 30 minutes! Kids can help! Help make it a night to remember! Contact Jennifer at [jenniferCmccormick@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferCmccormick@gmail.com) or 713-669-9599.

## 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](mailto:ialcaniz@uh.edu) and Sarah Bloome, PTO Volunteer Coordinators

## FOOD DRIVE AT ROE, DEC. 7 - 11

Beginning next Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, and continuing through December 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be conducting a Food Drive at ROE with the slogan "We Can Make a

Difference". The goal is for each child to bring one can of food (or more) for each of the five days.

All of this food will be donated to a local pantry to support a new Food Bank program called "Mobile Pantry". The "Mobile Pantry" is designed to bring food (canned and fresh) to the parking lots of local disadvantaged schools, and GIVE the food to those families in need.

River Oaks's participation in this drive will serve as a "pilot" for The Houston Food Bank in determining if schools in more affluent areas of Houston can be relied upon to support (adopt) pantries that will service the more disadvantaged areas of our city.

I have bragged about the FANTASTIC parents and kids at River Oaks Elementary and about our IB program that instructs our children on how each of our individual efforts can impact our school, our block, our community, our city, our state, our country, our world.

Please help us get the word out, to make this drive a success! – Kathy Lipman

M (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.) T-F (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

77091 --Acres Homes Multi-Service Center (COH), 6719 W. Montgomery, Houston, Texas 77091 713.694.9274

M (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.) T-F (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

77093 --Northside Health Center (COH), 8523

Arkansas, Houston, TX 77093 713-696-5900

M (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.) T-F (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

### **BRRR....LOST AND FOUND**

Are you missing a sweater, jacket, or lunchbox? Please check the lost and found for missing items. Also please be sure to label your child's jacket before sending them to school. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity after December 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

3 – Ms. Heitke

27 – Ms. Pfeifer

### **CURRENT CLINICS PROVIDING H1N1 VACCINES TO THE PUBLIC**

Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services (HCPHES) is offering the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine to the public, **November 24-25** at its Fallbrook WIC Center. The WIC Center is located at 14901 SH 249 Tomball Parkway, Suite 107, Houston, TX 77086, phone number is (713) 407-5800. Clinic hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Certain City of Houston clinic locations (listed below) are still providing nH1N1 vaccine. At this time the nasal mist vaccine is generally available, which is only appropriate for healthy individuals 2-49 who are not currently pregnant. Limited shots are also available at the clinics listed below, to immunize babies under 24 months, pregnant women and those with chronic health conditions. **Anyone with a health home should be referred there first for all of their vaccination needs, including nH1N1 vaccine.** Please follow CDC guidelines regarding priority vaccination groups.

77009 -- La Nueva Casa de Amigos Health Center (COH), 1809 N. Main St., Houston, TX 77009 713-547-8000

M (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.) T-F (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

77011 --Magnolia Health Center (COH), 7037 Capitol, Houston, TX 77011 713-928-9800

M (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.) T-F (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

77020 -- Lyons Health Center (COH), 5602 Lyons, Houston, TX 77020 713-671-3000

M (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.) T-F (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

77051-- Sunnyside MSC (COH), 4605 Wilmington, Houston, TX 77051 713-732-5000

M (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.) T-F (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

77074 --Southwest WIC (COH), 6400 High Star, Houston, TX 77074 713-778-6526