



**ROE**  
River Oaks Elementary  
IB World School

# ROE News

**November 15, 2011**

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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## CALENDAR ITEMS

November 16	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Water Awareness Day
Nov 18 & 19	Book Fair @ Barnes and Noble on West Gray
November 18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Play Date @ Memorial Park
November 19	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Play Date @ Pumpkin Park
November 21	Fall Fundraiser Items to be Delivered

## FROM THE DESK OF DR. FOVARGUE

### YOU ARE INVITED...Please join us this Thursday!

Our annual Thanksgiving feast will take place this Thursday, and Channel 11 will be here to feature the event. Please ask your child(ren) to dress up in their best attire, and encourage them to bring placemats or decorations from home to decorate their tables.

Based on experience from lunch with the grandparents, we have altered the lunch schedule for this Thursday in order to allow everyone the opportunity to visit and eat. Please check with your child's teacher for the **ALTERED TIME AND TABLES** for **Thursday ONLY**. **Lunch is only \$4.00, and you can purchase tickets at the door. Come early!**

We look forward to feasting with you,  
 --Dr. Keri Fovargue, Head of School

### COFFEE WITH DR. FOVARGUE

Upon our return from the Thanksgiving Holidays, please join Dr. Fovargue for coffee with your oldest child's grade level after drop-off in the cafeteria from 7:50 a.m. to 8:30 am:

Tuesday, 11/29 - 2nd Grade  
 Thursday, 12/1 - 5th Grade  
 Friday, 12/2 - 1st Grade  
 Tuesday, 12/6 - 4th Grade  
 Thursday, 12/8 - Kinder  
 Friday, 12/9 - 3rd Grade

## BE COOL AND FOLLOW THE RULES!

**Please remember**, the front circle drive is not a student drop off spot in the morning. This area is for **walkers** and HISD **busses** only. Carpool off San Felipe is clearing by 7:45 a.m.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE WATER AWARENESS DAY

On **Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>**, the second grade classes will hold their annual Water Awareness Day. The second grade students are working on a unit about water, and this day is set aside to think and talk about the important role water plays in our lives. It is also a day to reflect on how a lack of useable water can be devastating as well. In this spirit, the second graders and their family and friends will be participating in a "Walk to the Well".

The students will literally walk several miles to retrieve water from a well for drinking. The students will get to experience what it is like for many people in underdeveloped countries that have to walk miles and miles to collect water for daily use. **EVERYONE** in invited to come and walk with them. The students will gain true perspective by walking a mile, or two, in the shoes of others.

The walk will begin at 10:00 am on the River Oaks track. We hope that everyone will be able to join the second graders in this experience and that we will all be mindful of how lucky we are to have the resources we need right at our fingertips!

## YEARBOOK

### CALL FOR PHOTOS AND ADVERTISTORS

Please upload your fall semester ROE photos **ASAP!** The yearbook staff will finalize half of the book's pages by January 1, so all photos from fall semester must be turned in to us before winter break. This content includes all classroom pages (teacher photo plus 4-6 candid photos needed for each classroom - we love group photos of the entire class), elective classes, specialist teachers, and classroom holiday parties. We no longer need photos of Fun Run or Kindergarten Oil Ranch field trip, thanks to the parents who sent loads of great photos of those events.

Please use this web address and login to upload photos:

<https://images.jostens.com/>

**login id:** 400113581

**password:** riveroaks

**Spirit Ads:** Text-only dedications are priced at \$10 for every 25 words. Please leave a check (made out to ROE PTO) and your dedication in the yearbook locker in the kindergarten hallway.

**Business Ads:** Full or half pages are available for purchase at \$275/\$150. Final page of the book is \$350. Please contact the yearbook staff if you know of a business that may be interested in this opportunity.  
[yearbook@riveroakspto.org](mailto:yearbook@riveroakspto.org)

The final deadline for ordering yearbooks is January 20 - order online at a cost of \$30: [www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com) or [www.roepto.org/yearbook](http://www.roepto.org/yearbook)

## WINTER WONDERLAND AFTER SCHOOL PARTIES

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**Odyssey of the Mind** is hosting 2 fun-filled after-school parties on **Thursday, December 8 for 3rd - 5th graders** and **Friday, December 9 for K - 2nd Graders**. The parties are chaperoned and begin after school from **3:15 - 4:30**. After the party, parents can pick up students in the back circle drive, or the student can be released to the after-school program. We'll have cookie decorating, hot chocolate, music, dancing, and party favors. \$10 admission includes snack and drink. These events are open to the whole school and your kids won't want to miss the holiday fun!

See flyer in Green Folder for sign-up "OR SIGN UP ONLINE AT <http://roepto.org/winter-wonderland/>." Contact Liz Palmer with questions at [liz@pricepalmer.com](mailto:liz@pricepalmer.com).

## CALLING ALL MENTORS

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As part of the Standards and Practices of the International Baccalaureate Programme, in the final year of the program, all students complete a program-specific project that allows them to demonstrate a consolidation of their learning. In the Primary Years Programme, that project is called Exhibition, and will take place March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

At this time we will begin recruiting parents and community members to mentor a small group of students during this process. Mentors help students with gathering resources, note-taking, planning for and implementing action projects, etc. We invite and encourage all parents to mentor, even if your child is not a current 5th grader. However, parents of current 5th graders are not allowed to mentor in their own child's homeroom. Also, if you know of any community members who would like to volunteer in this capacity, please pass this information on to them as well.

Mentors will meet with a small group of students for at least one hour a week beginning mid-January through the last part of February. If you are interested in being a mentor for exhibition, please email me as soon as possible! You need no expert abilities to be a mentor; just a willingness to support students in their work! We would like to get mentors confirmed as soon as possible, and will be having a mentor meeting the first week in January to prepare you for the work you will do with our students.

Thank you in advance for all of the support you will give to our 5th graders!

- Becca Pfeifer, IB Coordinator, [rpfeifer@houstonisd.org](mailto:rpfeifer@houstonisd.org)

## VANGUARD MAGNET TOURS CONTINUE

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Last week, during Magnet Awareness Week, close to 240 visitors came through ROE to find out what we had to offer as a Vanguard Magnet school. Reviews were extremely positive and the applications have been rolling into the office. There will continue to be tours Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. through November and the first part of December. Deadline is January 6, 2012 for all elementary, middle and high school magnet programs!

## PENNIES FOR PETS

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**Thank you ROE students and families!!** The Houston Area SPCA and the ROE Girl Scout troop 25322 are overwhelmed with your support and generosity! After much coin counting, the girls have totaled the donations from ROE to be **\$1,919.50!** That will go a long way to care for Houston's abused and neglected animals! While all classrooms were very generous, Ms. Evans' classroom came in 1<sup>st</sup> place and will win a pizza party! Congratulations to Ms. Evan's class!! The top 5 classrooms were:

Ms. Evans—First place

Ms. Walulek—Second place

Ms. Calderon—Third place

Ms. Hill—Fourth place

Ms. Bennett—Fifth place

Honorable mentions to: Ms. Klapeski's and Mr. Anderson's class.

## FALL FUNDRAISER DELIVERY

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Thanks to all who supported our Gift Queen Fall Fundraiser. Items will be delivered to your child's classroom by **Monday, November 21st**. Please email any questions to [fallfundraiser@riveroakspto.org](mailto:fallfundraiser@riveroakspto.org)

## ROE DIRECTORY

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The 2011-2012 ROE School Directories were distributed to classrooms last week.

Each household should have received one via their oldest child. If you did not receive one or would like to purchase a copy for \$8, please email [directory@riveroakspto.org](mailto:directory@riveroakspto.org).

Thanks so much to our great Directory team for making this happen, especially to Benee Curtis for selling all the business ads, Paul Mueller for the awesome layout work, and Danielle Gantt for data entry. Additional help was provided by wonderful volunteers Diane Hoang, Clare Richards, Susan Yang, Toby Matthews, Ann Guerra, Katy Perez, and Kef Wilson.