



# ROE NEWS



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were distributed to third grade students. Let's support our partner. ~ *Serving you, Keri Fovargue*

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## PLANNING AHEAD

- Feb 20-24 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week\*
- Feb 22 Newspapers & dog/cat supplies drive deadline\*
- Feb 24 Birthday Box drive deadline\*
- Feb 23 Tourette Syndrome Awareness Event\*
- Feb 25 Odyssey of the Mind Event\*
- Feb 28 Snack Food Drive & New Games deadline\*
- Mar 1 Yearbook advertising deadline\*
- Mar 1 Summer workshop deadline\*
- Mar 1 Heifer International Drive deadline\*
- Mar 3 Rawfully Organic Event\*
- Mar 9 Cash drive for Military care packages deadline\*
- Mar 31 ROE Carnival Event\*



\* See this newsletter for more information

## FROM THE DESK OF DR. FOVARGUE

Dear ROE Community,



Thank you so much for all of your positive feedback on our new ROE News format as well as our efforts to email this communication to all stakeholders. This is another reminder that the ROE News will be online and sent via email starting **Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**, which will help us reduce paper tremendously. Of course, you may always request a hard copy at the front office.

Additionally, employees and students are encouraged to show support for The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo by dressing in western outfits on **“Go Texan Day,” Friday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>**, in recognition of the Rodeo’s significant contributions to public education for the youth of Texas and HISD students in particular & to kick off this year’s Rodeo.

Each year, HISD employees, students and their families enjoy the agricultural advancements, educational programs, world-class entertainment, and Western heritage exhibitions brought to the city by the Rodeo. The Rodeo, which is celebrating its 81st anniversary, has been a valuable educational partner. It has awarded millions of dollars to Texas students for education. In addition, the Rodeo Institute for Excellence (RITE) has helped HISD enhance educational programs. This year, rodeo-themed newspapers

## TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK IS THIS WEEK!

Since yesterday we have been Rolling Out the Red Carpet at ROE! Please contact your Room Parent if you need a reminder for what students need to do each day for their teacher. If you have any questions, contact Teri Gerber and Jennifer McCormick, PTO Teacher Appreciation Directors, at [teacher-appreciation@riveroakspto.org](mailto:teacher-appreciation@riveroakspto.org).



## BIRTHDAY BOX DRIVE NOW THROUGH FRIDAY

In celebration of Girl Scouting’s 100th birthday, 3rd grade Brownie troop 25267 and 4th grade Junior troop 25232 are working together to make birthday boxes so local kids who might not otherwise be able to have a birthday party can have one.



You can help by donating birthday party items, such as: cake mix, party games, canned frosting, birthday decorations, child wrapping paper, balloons (not inflated), birthday-themed paper plates, cups, napkins, and party favors. After **this Friday**, Birthday boxes will be donated to Mission of Yahweh, a local homeless shelter for women and children.

## SAVE THE AMAZON RAINFOREST LAST DAY TOMORROW!

**Tomorrow** is the last day to send in all your old newspapers. Recycling proceeds will be used to buy an acre of the Amazon to protect it from further destruction. ~ *Ulysses, Danielle, and Nathan from Ms. McLaughlin’s 5th grade class*



## HELP FOR THE HOUSTON SPCA LAST DAY TOMORROW!

Please help us with our Exhibition Project – the “Overpopulation of Domestic Animals”. By the end of **tomorrow** please help the Houston SPCA by bringing: Gently used bath towels and blankets, canned dog/cat food, kitty litter, leashes/collars, dog/cat toys, dog/cat treats, dog/cat brushes. ~ *Maysen & Atiana from Ms. McLaughlin’s 5th grade*



## YEARBOOK ADVERTISING LAST CHANCE & CALL FOR PHOTOS

Please get your text and payment to the yearbook staff by **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Send your completed form and payment back in the green folder or turn it in to the yearbook locker in the kindergarten hallway. Visit the yearbook web page for more info: <http://roepto.org/yearbook/>



If you took photos of the school Spelling Bee, Book Fair, or Valentine's Day parties, please upload ASAP or email them to [yearbook@riveroakspto.org](mailto:yearbook@riveroakspto.org). We will also need photos of these upcoming events: go texans day, spring carnival, student exhibitions and performances.

Please upload photos online: <https://images.jostens.com/>. Login id: 400113581 / password: riveroaks

## SUMMER WORKSHOP AT ROE DEADLINE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>

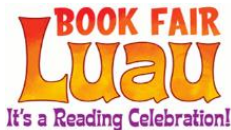
Online registration is available through the WITS website at

[www.witshouston.org/summer-programs](http://www.witshouston.org/summer-programs). The Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (<http://txgifted.org/insights>) provides some scholarships. Their **deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Classes fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged. For further information please visit the WITS website or call (713) 523-3877.



## BOOK FAIR THANK YOU!

We hope everyone enjoyed the book fair last week. The kids definitely expressed their love of books and reading (as well as posters and erasers). Thank you to everyone who came, to the teachers and administration for their support and to ALL of the volunteers who worked the fair. A huge thanks to Diane Hoang for the incredible decorations, to Deborah Kenna and Clare Richards for a wonderful Fabulous Friends kick-off and to Ann Guerra and Jennifer Farnell for the fun Family Night! ~ *Sandra Ahlhorn and Maryann Mueller*



## FREE! FREE! FREE!

Give me an R, "R!" Give me an O! "O!" Give me an E! "E!" What's that spell? "ROE!" This Spring, the PTO would like to offer each ROE family a FREE bumper sticker for your vehicle! Stop by the front office and say hello and our friendly and amazing office staff will give you a new bumper sticker. Think of it as our gift to you for being such amazing and supportive parents. Go Roadrunners!



## ROE FAMILY CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

We are getting ready for the ROE Carnival, which will be held on **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** from 11:00AM-3PM on the ROE Playground. Thank you to our underwriters: BBVA Compass Bank, The Klosek Family, The Madison Family and Michaelyndon. Underwriting opportunities available as of today include \$500 (6 available) for bounce houses as well as \$100 for individual booths. If interested in underwriting, contact [development@riveroakspto.org](mailto:development@riveroakspto.org). Tickets and t-shirts will go



on sale next week and will be available on line for credit card payment on the ROE PTO website at [www.riveroakspto.org](http://www.riveroakspto.org) (carnival section). We look forward to another fun carnival. Room parents will be contacted regarding signup for booths as well. Please feel free to contact the Carnival Chair at [carnival@riveroakspto.org](mailto:carnival@riveroakspto.org). Thank you. ~ *Max Shilstone*  
*Carnival Chair*

## TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS EXHIBITION PROJECT THIS THURSDAY

Parents are welcome to join your child for an assembly in the Cafeteria to raise awareness about Tourettes **this Thursday** (Kinder to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at 1:30; 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders at 2:00). We look forward to sharing all that we have learned. – *Laura, Kaily, and Christine from Mrs. Goodman's class*



## ODYSSEY OF THE MIND THIS SATURDAY 8-10:30

ROE teams will present their creative solutions to the various OM problems. This event is open to the entire ROE community - please come to the cafeteria and cheer on your friends and to find out more about OM. Thank you to Jerrad Bloome for organizing this event!



## AIR ALLIANCE EARTH DAY ART CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Luke Richardson (4th grade), who won first place in the Air Alliance Earth Day Art Contest! Luke and other winners from schools in the Houston area will be honored at a reception on April 5th, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Greater Houston Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Luke, his family, friends, and any interested teachers and faculty are invited to attend. He will also receive a savings bond from Art Contest Sponsor: Green Bank of Houston and his artwork will be on display during the Earth Day Celebration at Discovery Green.



## THINK ORGANIC

The Genetically Modified Food Exhibition group is inviting you to come and sort fruits and vegetables at the Rawfully Organic food co-op on **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30AM** (rain or shine under the white tents). Rawfully Organic works to deliver organic fruits and vegetables to the community in an effort to promote healthy living. Saturday's pick-up location is at 3400 Bissonnet (off 59 North between Edloe & Buffalo Speedway). We will be in the parking lot of a red brick building. Also, at 10:30AM we will give tours to teach you more about the co-op and about genetically modified foods. For more information about Rawfully Organic, go to [www.rawfullyorganic.com](http://www.rawfullyorganic.com). We hope to see you there!



## HELPING HANDS FOR HUNGER

Hunger is a worldwide problem. Did you know that every 20 minutes 200 people die because of hunger? We will be raising money for Heifer International,



an organization that helps under-developed countries to learn how to use animals as resources. You will be able to place donations in a large jug at the front office. We will soon make a bulletin board to show data of how much we have raised. Watch for it in the 3-5th hallway. We will be collecting donations until **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you! ~ *Tia and Liana, 5th graders from Ms. Goodman and Mrs. Wilkerson's classes*

### **BANNING OF BOOKS**

Please stop by the Spirit Store or local bookstores to get a bookmark for \$1.50 each. We are working on our action for Exhibition and our topic is banning of books. On each bookmark, there is a picture of a banned book and the reason why it was banned. We are doing this to raise awareness for book banning and the rights we have as individuals. All money raised will benefit the ROE library to buy new books. ~ *Christina, Juliette, and Navya from Mrs. Goodman's class*



### **SNACK FOOD DRIVE**

We need your help with our exhibition project. Many people are driven out of their homes by family members afflicted with alcoholism, and they end up in shelters. We would like to help those people by collecting individually-wrapped snacks such as goldfish crackers, fruit roll-ups, peanut butter crackers, etc. to donate to the Houston Area Women's Center. We will be collecting these snacks from **this Wednesday through Tuesday next week (Feb 28)**. Please send any items you can to school with your child during this time. Thank you! ~ *Alexandra and Jessica from Ms. Wilkerson's class*



### **GAMES FOR CANCER PATIENTS**

We have been learning about children with brain cancer for our exhibition project. It is very hard on a child to be sick like this and receive treatment. So to make their time a little more enjoyable during their stay at MD Anderson, we need your help in donating NEW board/card games that have not been opened. We will collect these NEW games from **this Wednesday through Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for helping us to make the lives of children at MD Anderson a little brighter! ~ *Sydney, Haley and Audi from Ms. McLaughlin's class*



### **SUPPORT FOR OUR MILITARY HEROES**

Do you appreciate the sacrifice of our military and the dedication they have for our country? Then help us take ACTION with our exhibition topic of "Military Support". We will be taking monetary donations from **this Wednesday through Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** in order to purchase care packages through the USO for military service personnel and their families. To see the packages we will be choosing from, visit: <http://usowishbook.uso.org/> Please help us support those who protect our freedom! ~ *Ross and Christian from Ms. Wilkerson and Ms. Goodman's classes*

