



# ROE NEWS

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## PLANNING AHEAD



- Feb 8 PTO Board Meeting, 6-7PM (Library)
- Feb 9 ROE Dads' Club at 7:30PM (Crabtree home)
- Feb 10 Spring Semester Picture Day
- Feb 11 Luau Event Book Fair Fabulous Friends, 10AM-3PM at ROE
- Feb 11 Planting at the ROE Nature Center 3-5:00PM
- Feb 11 Save a Heart Training at Methodist Training Ctr.
- Feb 13-14 Book Fair, 7:30AM - 3:30PM at ROE
- Feb 15 Book Fair, 7:30AM - 2:30PM, Family Night from 5:30-7:30PM (*please plan ahead for dinner*)
- Feb 16 STAAR Information Session (6:30-8 PM, HMW)
- Feb 20-24 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
- Mar 31 ROE Carnival

## FROM THE DESK OF DR. FOVARGUE



Dear Parents, You are invited to the district's upcoming STAAR presentation, co-sponsored by the Council of PTAs. A flier will be delivered to all schools early next week to be sent home with students. The details are as follows:

### STAAR Information Session for Parents

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 8:00PM.

Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center Board Auditorium; 4400 West 18th Street

Get the latest updates on the state's new accountability test. Our district's panel of experts is ready to take all of your questions. Plus, they will present information on how the test will affect elementary, middle, and high school students, and explain how the district is implementing the new requirements (such as the 15 percent rule at the high school level). If you have questions about STAAR, you can ask them in person or via email before the event: [STAAR@HoustonISD.org](mailto:STAAR@HoustonISD.org).

## PICTURE DAY THIS FRIDAY

Mark your calendar! Picture Day for the Spring semester is **this Friday**. An order form has already gone home with your child, and anyone wishing to have their child's picture made must make their payment in advance. Contact Carol Hensley at [PictureDay@RiverOaksPTO.org](mailto:PictureDay@RiverOaksPTO.org) with any questions. You can also visit [www.LifeTouch.com](http://www.LifeTouch.com) for clothing suggestions and more details.



## ROE DADS' CLUB 1<sup>ST</sup>

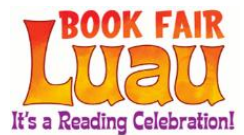
### MEETING THIS THURSDAY

Save the date for an introductory meeting **this Thursday at 7:30PM** at the home of Travis Crabtree, 4503 Pine Street, Bellaire, Texas. This will be an informal gathering to discuss the formation and direction of the group to support the school and foster community amongst the fathers of ROE students. There are no dues, and everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to [TCrabtree@LRMLaw.com](mailto:TCrabtree@LRMLaw.com). Join the ROE Dads' group on [www.Linkedin.com](http://www.Linkedin.com).



## LUAU BOOK FAIR BEGINS THIS SATURDAY

We look forward to having you at ROE for our Luau book fair. We will have Luau's on Saturday and Wednesday evenings, and the book fair will be on Monday through Wednesday. See "Planning Ahead" for dates and times.



## VOLUNTEER WITH US AT THE LUAU BOOK FAIR

A big event isn't successful without great volunteers like you. If you can take a shift or two (see dates and times in "Planning Ahead"), please contact Volunteer Coordinators Madhuri Chilakapati and Amie Canfield at [Volunteers@RiverOaksPTO.org](mailto:Volunteers@RiverOaksPTO.org).



## WINTER HARVEST & PLANTING THIS SATURDAY

Join us in the ROE Nature Center to harvest and plant a new crop of veggies. We will begin right after the Book Fair **this Sat., 3-5:00PM**.



## OVER HALF A TON OF FOOD!

Due to your caring hearts and commitment to helping others, River Oaks Elementary was able to donate 1,169 POUNDS of food to The Houston Food Bank during our Souper Bowl of Caring food drive!!! So many deserving families will benefit from this act of kindness displayed by the AMAZING families here at ROE. And a BIG THANK YOU goes out to Tina Salem who transported all 44 of our boxes to the Food Bank...what a fabulous volunteer!!! To view our report to the Souper Bowl of Caring check out: [www.souperbowl.org/collections/view/247739](http://www.souperbowl.org/collections/view/247739).

## SAVE A LIFE HEART TRAINING THIS SATURDAY

Save a Life Community Heart Training Day will be **this Saturday** at the Methodist Training Center, 8335 Lantern Point Drive, Houston 77054. Participants will learn CPR and the Automatic External Defibrillator in a 4 hour session either from **8AM-Noon or 1-5PM**. Cost is \$10, and parking is free for pre-registered individuals.



Participants must be 12 years old or older and will receive Red Cross Certification in Adult CPR and AED use upon completion of the class. For questions, call 832-667-5857 between 8-5PM or email [savealife@tmhs.org](mailto:savealife@tmhs.org).

### FRIENDS OF ROE LIBRARY

Celebrate a special occasion by donating a book or making a contribution to our school library. Monetary donations will be accepted at the Book Fair. Look for a yellow box marked "One for Books" as you check out. All contributions will help Ms. Eastman purchase new books for the library. If you like to shop online, you may view her "ROE library wish list" on the website to purchase and donate a specific book: <http://roelibrary.wikispaces.com/Birthday+Book+Club>. Give a gift that will benefit our children for years to come. Thanks!  
Jennifer Randall & Angela Yarbrough.



### SUMMER WORKSHOP AT ROE

#### - DEADLINE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>

ROE is hosting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Creative Writing Camp, sponsored by Writers in the Schools and The Rice University School Literacy and Culture Project. This widely popular camp provides a unique setting in which children can learn the power of words, gain practice in self-expression, and expand their creativity. The cost is \$470 with fees discounted to \$420 for each additional sibling. 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.

### ROE FAMILY CARNIVAL

#### SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for the ROE Family Carnival on **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 11:00AM-3:00PM**, on the ROE Playground. Great food, games and entertainment for all to enjoy! Underwriting opportunities available on line at [www.riveroakspto.org](http://www.riveroakspto.org) or contact Carnival Chair and Development team at [development@riveroakspto.org](mailto:development@riveroakspto.org). We look forward to another great event at ROE. More details to come. All volunteers welcomed and greatly appreciated. --Max Shilstone, Carnival Chair ([carnival@riveroakspto.org](mailto:carnival@riveroakspto.org))

## FAMILY CARNIVAL

### ART NEWS

We are "road running" full speed ahead with our Japanese themed drawings and paper crafts! This week, Ms. Lieber will be reviewing the artwork along with other teachers & staff in an effort to select approximately 5 drawings per grade level for the Society for Performing Arts/Wells Fargo Art competition. They must submit a list of selected artworks by **this Friday at noon**. Student works are judged according to grade level, and the contest is open from K through high school. If your student has created additional artwork that pertains to the theme: "Japanese Culture: It's People and Legends: Triumph in the Face of Tragedy", please submit it to Ms. Lieber in the Art room by **this Thursday** (one entry per student). Any artwork must be clearly labeled on the back with the student's first and last name, grade level and rotation



group letter, and "ROE". Artwork that is not selected by the judges will be returned at the end of April. Artwork that is selected by SPA judges will be displayed at Jones Hall in conjunction of SPA performance of Tao: The Art of the Drum (Friday, Feb. 24th). For more information on rules and awards: [www.spahouston.org/education/school-programs/student-visual-art-contest](http://www.spahouston.org/education/school-programs/student-visual-art-contest).

Any winners will be notified on Friday, Feb. 24th or as soon as we receive the results. A reception honoring contest winners will be held on Sat. March. 3rd, 2012 at Jones Hall. Good luck to everyone!! In May, ROE students will be participating with Roberts and Twain Elementary Schools in the first ever: IB-PYP Art Exhibition at Roberts Elementary. Details to come!

We hope you will enjoy viewing a selection of our various grade level artworks displayed around the school during our upcoming book fair! Keep your eyes open for Art and thank you!! - Ms. Lieber.



### RODEO RECOGNITION!

Starting Feb. 6, elementary and middle school principals, teachers, and parents may nominate students for the Reliant Recognition Program, which gives students a chance to win tickets to the Big Time Rush concert at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The program is designed to recognize elementary and middle school students who have excelled in the following areas: academic excellence, civic accomplishments, or academic improvement. To nominate a student, visit [www.reliant.com/nominate](http://www.reliant.com/nominate) and complete the online form. The following will be awarded:

- every nominated student will receive a Certificate of Achievement and a T-shirt from Reliant;
  - 2 students will be selected by Reliant to win 4 Premier Tickets to the concert; and
  - 19 students will win a 4-pack of tickets to the concert.
- The **deadline to apply is Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>**. Reliant will notify schools with winning students. Parents of winning students should be notified by their principals on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.

### BOX TOP CONTEST WINNER!

All of the Box Tops have been counted, and as a school, we collected over 12,000! The top 3 classes were: Mr. Copeland's (769), Ms. Evans' (1,274), and the winner, Ms. McCurley's (1,454 Box Tops)! Congratulations! Keep collecting for our spring contest.

