



ROE News

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CALENDAR ITEMS

October 18	Middle School Mystery Matrix Meeting
October 19	Middle School Madness Meeting
October 24	Group and Make-up Picture Day
October 29	3 rd Grade Play Date
November 5	Fall Frenzy!

FROM THE DESK OF DR. FOVARGUE

In the Primary Years Programme, we focus on the development of positive attitudes towards people, towards the environment and towards learning. In every grade level, the IB attitudes are embedded in the curriculum units. When you visit ROE, I encourage you to look for the following attitudes on display:

Appreciation –admiring the wonder and beauty of the world and its people

Commitment -persevering and showing self-discipline and responsibility

Confidence -having the courage to take risks

Cooperation -leading or following as the situation demands

Creativity –using imagination to think about and solve problems

Curiosity -being curious about the nature of learning, the world, people & cultures

Empathy -projecting oneself into another's situation in order to understand similar feelings

Enthusiasm - enjoying learning

Independence – make own judgments and being able to defend

Integrity- a firm sense of fairness and honesty

Respect- respect yourself, others and the world around you

Tolerance- sensitivity towards differences and being responsive to other's needs

Take this opportunity to ask your child about the IB Attitudes. Which attitude is most important to you? Why is

this important? By using a common language, ROE students can see our school/home community as one and make real world connections with their learning.

--Dr Keri Fovargue, Head of School

FALL FRENZY REV UP

Please join us this **Wednesday, October 19th** after drop-off from 7:50 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. in the Teacher's Lounge. All volunteers welcome!!!

If you are not able to attend this meeting, please feel free to contact us at development@riveroakspto.org.

We look forward to another wonderful Fall Frenzy event on November 5th.

--Margaret Young and Colleen Kearns

FALL FRENZY

We are getting **REVED UP** for the upcoming Fall Frenzy on **Saturday, November 5**. Please see the enclosed Fall Frenzy information sheet in your green folders today regarding this amazing event ahead!!!

Tickets for presale are on sale this week and catalogs will be distributed to those with presale tickets next week. It's going to be another great event and we hope to see you all there for great food, music, fabulous silent and live auction for all bidders along with a great teacher raffle and so much more.

Great things happen when we come together as a community and sending everyone a huge thank you for a wonderful start of the school year and look forward to more in the coming weeks and months ahead.

--Holly Shilstone, PTO President

ROE PATRIOTIC T-SHIRTS

In honor of Veteran's Day 2011 celebration, we would like to offer the opportunity for students and parents to purchase red, white, and blue tie-dye ROE spirit shirts. The cost will be **\$15 for either child or adult sizes**. Please fill out the pre-order form that was sent home with your child yesterday and return it **along with your money** to the front office by this **Friday, October 21**. Additional order forms are available in the office should you need one. Make checks payable to River Oaks Elementary PTO. We hope that everyone will participate and show their patriotic spirit!!!

GROUP AND MAKE-UP PICTURE DAY

Mark your calendar! Group and make-up picture day is **Monday, October 24**. Watch for order forms to come home in your child's backpack this week. If you are purchasing photos, please return your child's order form and payment *prior* to Monday, if possible, so we can assure that all orders are submitted.

Contact Carol Hensley at picture-day@riveroakspto.org with any questions, and you can also visit www.lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions and more details.

3RD GRADE PLAY DATE

Please join us for fun and games. Families welcome.

When: **Saturday, October 29**

Time: 10:00am-Noon

Where: ROE Playground

Watch the green folder for a flyer.

Colleen Morris and Laura Fertak, 3rd Grade Reps

Third-grade@riveroakspto.org

BOOK FAIR – NOVEMBER 18

The ROE PTO will be having a book fair at the Barnes & Noble on West Grey on **Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19**. Please plan to attend! The store will be open from 9am-11pm both days and your purchases earn money for ROE!

There is a rumor that many ROE Teachers will be there and other activities will go on. Please, watch for a list of events coming soon!

Want to volunteer? We need you!

Have a kids group that would like to provide entertainment? We would love that!

Contact Ann and Sandra at: book-fair@riveroakspto.org

1ST GRADE PLAY DATE

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Saturday, November 19 at Noon

Pumpkin Park, 3600 Locke Lane, 77027 (at Edloe and Westheimer)

Bring your lunch and picnic blanket and we will provide dessert

Please RSVP (so we have enough dessert) to First Grade PTO Reps: Stephanie Slobin spslobin@sbcglobal.net

or Liz Daniel lizdaniel@live.com

Siblings welcome

Will reschedule in the event of rain

FUN RUN THANKS

What an amazing Fun Run this past Saturday. **Special thanks to our Fun Run co-chairs- Natalie Cordova and David Bowden and all of the volunteers.** We had incredible support by our ROE community with over 738 registered for this record breaking event!

Thank you to our talented ROE parent Nguyet Vo for another graphics design on our Fun Run logo. We also

have a very special thank you to Greenwood King for their wonderful support as our main sponsor for this event. Hester Hawkins with Greenwood King is an ROE Alumni and appreciated her approaching us to partner on this event for our school along with these agents, especially Linda King who is a continual contributor to ROE and a special Aunt to our ROE family - the Pittmans.

FUN RUN IN REVIEW

Saturday was a blast! There were many runners and families, music and fun!

A special thanks to Christine Rodriguez, Sara Bloome, Amy Canfield, Noreen Gottschalk, Coach Bomersbach, Mrs Bomersbach, Colleen Morris, Nurse Petner and Holly Shilstone for all their hard work! Many thanks to our sponsor Greenwood King. And thanks to DJ Mike Morales with Steppin Out who donated his services. You can find his info in the school directory.

I apologize to Kinder and 1st that waited so long for their turn to race. We are always looking to improve so send your suggestions to Fun-run@riveroakspto.org

2011 Fun Run Top Winners

BOYS

6th Grade/Adult

1st Ryan Ogden
2nd Michael Rodriguez
3rd Sam Donovan

5th Grade

1st Nathaniel Beal
2nd Nicholas Echeverri
3rd Harry Craig

4th Grade

1st Ryan Pontes
2nd Colton Morgan
3rd Ryan Matejka

3rd Grade

1st Michael Rodriguez
2nd Mason Fertak
3rd Zane Gillan

2nd Grade

1st Daniel Gottschalk
David Sikes (tie)
2nd William Marlin
3rd John Bruton

1st Grade

1st Connor Milliom
2nd Quinn Moore
3rd Dillon Taylor

Kindergarten

1st Ryan Selvaggi
2nd Zeke Rivera
3rd Luke Paulson
Elliot Former (tie)

Pre-K

GIRLS

Courtney Jacobs
Madison Ferta
Tess Peterson

Ally Henson
Mason Odem
Lena McZeal

Savannah Dickerson
Ilene Krall
Sarah Szafranski

Anna Faye Sternberg
Katriana Lexa
Maya Estrada

Francesca Abraham

Camille Marlin
Adeline Lasics

Lainey Sikes
Maya Pinglay
Gracie Santos

Rebecca Bollich
Amalia Evans
Audrey Kim

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1st Aidan Lexa
2nd Jake Dobson
3rd

Mischa Wijesekera
Lucy Paulson
Victoria Allen

ART DISPLAYS

Currently, we have some interesting and reflective art displays in the building:

5th grade: In the "rotunda" glass cases: Viking Ships connecting the IB unit on Explorers with inquiry and investigation into the Norse cultures and craftsmanship, and influences on other cultures (Celtic)

4th grade: display boards adjacent to Art room: self reflections on acetate using oil pastel; an inquiry and visual response/expression into personal values, choices, and attitudes. Under construction: Masks: 3-D reflections

3rd grade: "mortar and pestle" (like) ceramic creations that evidence Art connections with Scientific Investigation into shrinkage factors of clay (why and how much?); similarly, cracks in the earth during periods of drought.

2nd grade (Ice Caves: coming soon! on board next to Art room) Inquiry into how ice caves form, what effects these have on humans and animals with regard to global warming; a close-up look at glaciers and ice caves through the camera lens of Erik Guth (ice cave explorer and documentary). Students respond visually to this phenomenon of H₂O by creating cardboard/paper mache tiles.

1st grade: Communities from Urban to Rural - on display board next to Library - (paper cutting/collage) using cityscapes and rural landscapes, inquiry and response to what these areas look like and their interdependence.

Kindergarten: is working tirelessly as they inquire and learn about color relationships: man made and in nature. Each student has a sketch journal; these will be brought home for viewing at Winter Break. Coming soon: "Josefina's Workers: clay expressions".

Upcoming Art competitions

This Spring, ROE Art students will have the opportunity to submit artwork for the SPA (Society for Performing Arts) Competition in February. This year's theme is: Arts and Culture of Japan (Japanese drum performances).

Also, we will again submit drawings for AAH (Air Alliance Houston) for the Art competition prior to Earth Day. Themes include: ways to protect and preserve the environment and keeping the air clean: now and for the future. Note: some competitions are grade level specific

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank all parents and friends who generously donated art supplies from the "wish list" board. If I have neglected to send a thank you note (if items were not labeled or labeling fell off), please send me an email with your name and street address.

--Renee Lieber, Art Specialist, rlieber@houstonisd.org

PUT THE IB ATTITUDE OF CARING INTO ACTION

The 5th grade Girl Scout Troop 25268 is collecting items this week to help **Camp for All** a non-profit that helps disabled children and **A Simple Thread** that gives kits with snack food and books to hundred's of Houston's homeless children and adults every week.

Please bring these items to your classroom:

- Books (Children or Adult);
- Art Supplies;
- Snack food items;
- Cosmetics, nail polish, soap and shampoo.

The two classes that donate the most items will win a class ice cream party and their teachers will win a surprise.

Thank you for your support. Any questions E-mail: bethsufian@aol.com

NATURE CENTER

The "Planting Party" held in the Nature Center on 9/24 was a huge success thanks to the parents and children who eagerly harvested the summer crop of herbs and vegetables, cleaned/prepared the beds for the new crop, and planted our fall garden.

A very special thanks goes to Tina Salem who donated all of the plants/seeds and led the planting activity. We actually had sprouts within just 4 days of planting due to Tina's gardening know-how. The kids also had a great time building a scare crow, which is now prominently displayed in our Nature Center garden area.

Everyone enjoyed the refreshing lime aid generously donated by Minh Tran. Thanks to everyone who came out to lend a hand!

--Regina Burns

STUDENT ACCIDENT/ATHLETIC INSURANCE

State law does not permit the district to be held legally liable for injuries students sustain at school. Therefore, the district cannot pay medical expenses related to these injuries. Student accident insurance for the 2011–2012 school year is available from Universal Fidelity Life Insurance Company.

Additional information or brochures are available from Texas Kids First (1-800-388-5620) or online at www.texaskidsfirst.com. The benefit plans are available for students in grades Pre-K through 12 for at-school coverage or 24-hour coverage. All plans have limited dental coverage.

For information on health insurance programs, contact the Texas Children's Health Plan at 1-800-990-8247 or online at www.texaschildrenshealthplan.org.

--Jan Petner, RN