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River Oaks Elementary
IB World School

ROE News

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CALENDAR ITEMS

October 8	Movie Night, 7pm, Playground
October 13	PTO Board Meeting, Rm 28, 6-7:30.
October 20	Anti-Bullying Seminar for Parents, 5:30-7:30
November 12	Fall Frenzy, 7-11pm

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHENKER

The aim of all IB programs is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

At a recent IB conference, each attendee was asked to think of a person they knew who was internationally minded. I thought of my husband. He was born in Holland. As the son of a Time-Life reporter, he also lived in Russia, Italy, and France. As an adult he lived in Israel for a number of years. He is multi-lingual and moves between cultures with ease. He has an acceptance of our common humanity that inspires me.

For our students, the path to international mindedness is the IB Learner Profile. IB learners strive to be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective.

Our students begin to learn about these characteristics on the first day of kindergarten. Our teachers and staff work to exemplify these ideals. As Head of School for an IB Primary Years Programme, I am required to model the profile for our school community. Some days are better than others!

I want to encourage all members of our school community to explore the IB Learner Profile in depth as we continue our growth toward international mindedness.

Have a great week!

FALL FRENZY DONATIONS

Please keep Fall Frenzy donations rolling in. They're due October 15. Thanks to all who have donated many exciting prizes for our annual Fall Frenzy fundraiser on Friday, November 12th. We look forward to having everyone participate in this exciting evening of fun and fellowship

with ROE parents and teachers. Most importantly, remember that the PTO uses the money we raise for the extras that make ROE such a special place for our kids—IB Program, Laptops, Smartboards, iTouches, Field trips, Teacher & parent workshops, Odyssey of the Mind, the Nature Center, and last Friday's Movie Night, just to name a few. So dig into your drawers for gift cards, rummage your closets for new toys and prizes, and mine your talent chests to offer any service that ROE families would like to buy. With your help, the event will raise lots of \$\$ to plow back into your child's great experience at ROE. Donation forms are on the ROE PTO Website and hardcopies are in the kindergarten hall rounder shelf. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation.

Our donations chair, Beth Rivera, can help you with any donations you have. You may reach her at hellobethm@gmail.com or 713.521.2243.

- Your Auction Donations Team

FALL FRENZY STICKER CONTEST

Attention ALL Students: You still have a chance to have your artwork featured at the upcoming Fall Frenzy Auction!!! Please enter a drawing on an 8X11 sheet of paper displaying why you think people in our community should donate to ROE. The PTO will use the money raised this year to upgrade Mr. Rainn's science lab if you want to use that as a guide. All entries are due by October 22nd and the winner will be announced on October 29th. The students in the Mini UN will judge the entries. Please be sure to include your name and grade on the back of your entry. Happy drawing!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT- A GREAT SUCCESS!

At the end of "Horton Hears A Who," the citizens of Whoville prove they exist by chanting together, "We are here, We are here, We are here." Last Friday ROE showed "we were there" by coming together on a beautiful night to have fun and share the warmth of our community spirit. Many thanks to ROE's students, parents, and staff for the amazing turnout of approximately 400 people for our school's first ever Family Movie Night. Tremendous thanks also go to all those who supported and helped with the event: Principal Shenker, Ms. Dahlquist, Ms. Reiter, Coach Bombersbach, Ms. Canales, Ms. Parker, Mr. Hernandez, Ann Guerra, Holly Shilstone, Rhonda Lipper, Christine Rodriguez, Frances Moore Jones, Sandra Ahlhorn and Speedy Printing, Drew Marsh,

Stefanie Moll, Teri Gerber , Linda Elmer, Mary Chang, Carrie Pillsbury, and Ryan Maierson. --Meredith Maierson

CALLING ALL MENTORS!!! EXHIBITION 2011

As part of the Standards and Practices of the International Baccalaureate Program, 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 Program, that project is called Exhibition and will take place March 2nd and 3rd, 2011.

At this time we will begin recruiting parents and community members to mentor a small group of students during the inquiry 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 the first part of January through the last part of February. If you are interested in being a mentor for the 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. We will have a mentor meeting in December before winter break 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

HOORAY FOR MOVIE NIGHT

Three cheers for Meredith Maierson for spearheading our first ROE Family Movie Night. It was a LOVELY evening for the ROE community. What a great idea and a great turnout! Thank you to all that helped set up and pick up before and after the show.

-- PTO President, Frances Moore-Jones

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Carpool is running fast and easy. Please remember:

- line up on San Felipe only (not wrap around Bellmeade),
- do not to block driveways or intersections while lining up.

Drivers trying to enter the line off of Bellmeade will be asked to approach from San Felipe.