



ROE News

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CALENDAR ITEMS

November 3	Dr. Richard Olenchak will present <i>Gifted is More than Academic: The Importance of Meeting Social-Emotional Needs</i> , 6pm, HISD Board Auditorium
November 12	Fall Frenzy, 7-11pm
November 20	Nature Center Work Party, 10-1

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHENKER

I have read several interesting articles lately about differentiation of instruction in the classroom. The term, differentiation, is often used in multiple ways within education. Many times it is used to reference the many ways that students may access curriculum (visually, kinesthetically, etc.). At ROE, "differentiation" is used to describe our understanding that students enter a classroom at a variety of starting points for any given conceptual understanding.

Pre-assessment is at the heart of our program of differentiation. We want to know where a student is in understanding a concept or skill before we teach it. In response, we can extend the learning for students that have mastered the concept and provide targeted instruction for those that are still developing.

Differentiation is not easy. It is a very complex process that requires teachers to have an understanding of instructional data, content knowledge below and above the grade level, and flexibility in instructional delivery. All students deserve teachers that are skilled in meeting individual learning needs. We have extraordinary teachers at ROE who ensure that each child is challenged, engaged, and growing.

TODAY!!!

Buy your tickets to the ROE social event of the year, the Fall Frenzy Auction & Party. Drop your check at the Kinder hall Fall Frenzy locker, front office desk, during drop-off on Thursday OR online TODAY!!! This is an event that you won't want to miss, so don't miss out on the fun! It's the school's main fundraiser; the school really needs your support. You will have the chance to network with parents and students and truly feel a part of the ROE community,

in a relaxed yet festive environment celebrating the world cultures of our IB students.

LOOKING FOR CHILDCARE FOR THE AUCTION NIGHT?

Friday, November 12, you can conveniently rely on Discover Gymnastics or Pump it Up Bellaire to entertain your children while you attend the Fall Frenzy. Please call now to reserve your spot! Signed waivers required.

- **Discover Gymnastics-** \$7/hr, webmaster@discovergymnastics.com, 747 N Shepherd Dr # 400, Houston, TX 77007-1337, (713) 680-0045
- **Pump It Up-** 6:30-11pm: Total \$25 per child/\$20 per sibling, piu108@yahoo.com, 6030 S Rice Avenue, Houston, TX 77081, (713) 668-7867

Please plan on attending. The event is a ton of fun. It is a casual, relaxed fundraiser for all. ROE is the school it is thanks to parent support and involvement.

FALL FRENZY RAFFLE TICKETS FOR AWESOME PRIZES!!!

This year's Fall Frenzy raffle boasts some very exciting prizes! The tickets are only \$10 each so buy several (and often) and improve your chances to win one of the grand prizes! Want to increase your chances of winning and save money??? Buy 3 tickets for \$25 TODAY for your chance to win an Apple iPad, two Texans tickets, Dell Desktop Computer with Flat Screen Monitor, and a Family or Individual Portrait Session. Tickets may be purchased from the ROE Spirit Store and at the auction.

TEACHER LAST SEEN AT CAMP WILLIAM: TEACHER RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

Drive just 50 miles outside Houston and the winning teacher's blood pressure will drop 50 points. Take 290 to arrive at Camp William, a 2-bedroom log cabin (sleeps 6) with all the creature comforts. Your teacher and family will enjoy fishing in a stocked pond, 20 acres of nature trails, and yard games. At night, your teacher will get some much needed R&R at the pond in hammocks or deck chairs, sipping wine and roasting s'mores to the sounds of nature under a canopy of stars.

This is truly a Thomas Kinkaide retreat--the idyllic backyard we all wish we had. If that's not enough, we've

included admission for 4 to King's Orchard for berry-picking and a gift basket of wine, coffee, and s'mores for your teacher. Can your teacher spell B-L-U-E-B-O-N-N-E-T-S??

Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25 and can be purchased online at the ROE Spirit Store and at the auction!

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND – IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Odyssey of the Mind is in full swing at ROE! We currently have 18 teams working on solutions in all six long term problems. We have a few spots available on teams in every grade level, so if your child is interested in joining a team, please contact Michele Dahlquist at mdahlqui@houstonisd.org.

In addition to the teamwork, we have planned a field trip to Comedy Sportz together, our annual Exploratorium and Spontaneous event, and a Winter Wonderland dance. Don't miss out on these fun events. Become a part of the Odyssey of the Mind!

ROE CHESS TOURNAMENT WINNERS!

Two ROE students competed at the T.H. Rogers Chess Tournament on Saturday, October 23, 2010. The ROE after school chess coach, David, accompanied the students to the tournament. The children competed in divisions based on age and experience. About 32 children competed in each division. ROE took two first places. Way to go ROE!

- 1st grader, Brandon Cole – 1st Place
- 3rd grader, Alexander Kearney – 1st Place

ROE DIRECTORY

The School Directories are done and were distributed one per family, via the classrooms on Friday Oct 22. Each family should have received one by now. If you purchased an additional copy you should have received it through your child's class.

A huge thanks goes to Paul Mueller for doing the graphic design and layout, Benee Curtis for selling and placing all the Business Ads, and Maria Onufrow for doing the Spirit Ads and data cleanup. Thanks to Diane Hoang, Rachana Palacharia, Jenny Staff Johnson and the Drs Yang for other help with the content and a big thanks to our Friday morning volunteers who completed the distribution to the whole school in under an hour.

If you are interested in joining the team for next year please email Directory@riveroakspto.org

-- Maria Onufrow and the Directory Team

MAGNET REVIEW

One way to become involved in the Magnet Review is to take a very short on-line survey. Go to HISD's homepage, www.houstonisd.org, and click on the purple box toward the top. Please don't let ROE's voice go unheard during this process!