



ROE
River Oaks Elementary
World School

ROE News

November 9, 2010

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

-School Phone:	(713) 942-1460
After School Program:	(713) 524-8430
Office Hours:	7:15 am – 4:15 pm
Web Site:	http://es.houstonisd.org/riveroakses
E-mail:	sshenker@houstonisd.org
PTO website:	http://www.riveroakspto.org
ROE News Editors:	roenews@riveroakspto.org

CALENDAR ITEMS

Nov 9-12	Magnet Awareness Week
November 12	Fall Frenzy, 7-11pm
November 17	2 nd Grade "Walk to the Well", 9:30
November 20	Nature Center Work Party, 10-1
November 30	Middle School Madness Night

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHENKER

The Gold Performance Acknowledgment system from the Texas Education Agency acknowledges districts and campuses for high performance on indicators other than those used to determine accountability ratings. River Oaks Elementary received acknowledgements in six of seven categories!

- 2008-2009 Attendance Rate
- 2010 Math TAKS Commended Performance
- 2010 Reading TAKS Commended Performance
- 2010 Science TAKS Commended Performance
- 2010 Writing TAKS Commended Performance
- 2010 Reading TAKS Comparable Improvement

ROE was one of only ten HISD elementary schools to receive six or more Gold Performance Acknowledgements. Congratulations to students, teachers, and staff for this wonderful accomplishment!

WON'T YOU PLEASE RSVP BY PURCHASING YOUR TICKETS TODAY?

We have planned a wonderful party for you, your guests, and ROE Teachers. We've provided child care options, valet parking, delicious food and drink -- everything you need to enjoy a fabulous Friday night, including art and entertainment from around the world!

For those who have bought their tickets, we THANK YOU!!! For those still on Stand-By, we need your help, please.

Like all good hosts, we need to finalize the details just before the event. Please help us let the caterers know in advance how many guests we expect so that we can have enough food for everyone. Our wonderful child-care

providers, Discover Gymnastics and Pump-It-Up Bellaire would like to know how much staff to schedule to watch over your treasures. We need to provide adequate seating at the Houston Club for our guests to be comfortable, and we need all online raffle ticket purchases including the "Send Your Teacher Packing" raffle completed so that we can include you in the raffle drawing. You can also avoid the walk-in line by reserving your spot TODAY!

We look forward to seeing you there - for online ticket purchase, go to: www.ROEPTO.org / log in / select "Store" / Shop (left column) / Fall Frenzy link.

- The Auction Committee

GIFTED AND TALENTED IDENTIFICATION

For anyone interested, GT testing is around the corner and all it takes is an application. Applications are available in the front office as well as on line. This is in conjunction with Magnet Awareness Week and deadline is January 7.

FIFTH GRADERS PREPARE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fifth grade students and parents begin their search for a middle school starting this week. This week launches Magnet Awareness Week and all magnet programs are hosting tours at 1:00 p.m. Fifth graders received middle school packets last Friday that contained almost all the necessary documents needed for application. NNAT scores and teacher observations are not in the packet, but all middle schools will be able to pull that information electronically when it becomes available. So don't wait, turn in middle school applications now! If you haven't seen your child's packet search the backpack! In addition, ROE will host a Middle School Madness Night, Tuesday, November 30. You will receive a flyer in the coming week.

2ND GRADE WATER AWARENESS DAY

On Wednesday November 17th the second grade classes will hold their 5th annual Water Awareness Day. The second grade students are working on a unit about water, and this day is set aside to think and talk about the important role water plays in our lives. It is also a day to reflect on how a lack of useable water can be devastating as well. In this spirit, the second graders and their family and friends will be participating in a "Walk to the Well". The students will literally walk

several miles to retrieve water from a well for drinking. The students will get to experience what it is like for many people in underdeveloped countries that have to walk miles and miles to collect water for daily use. EVERYONE is invited to come and walk with them. The students will gain true perspective by walking a mile, or two, or four in the shoes of others. The walk will begin at 9:30am on the River Oaks track. We hope that everyone will be able to join the second graders in this experience and that we will all be mindful of how lucky we are to have the resources we need right at our fingertips!

GREEN AND WHITE PAGES

Hello readers! The journalism class has been working hard since the very first Wednesday of school. Finally, our first edition of the Green and White Pages has been posted on the ROE website. How to get to it? Go to the school website, then to "ROE Announcements" in the left-hand column, click on "Category", and select the "Green and White Pages". Happy reading everybody!

- Camille Calabrese- Chief Editor and Sydney Mock- Assistant Editor

YEARBOOKS - LOWER PRICE FOR EARLY ORDERS

Order NOW to reserve your 76-page hardcover yearbook for only \$25. To order, please consult the newly updated Yearbook Page on the PTO website: <http://roepto.org/yearbook/>

This page also has information and links for submitting photos and placing ads. Please check it often, as we will be updating as we go. Alternatively, you can contact the yearbook staff (Carolyn Foug and Elaine Britt) with any questions: yearbook@riveroakspto.org or drop us a note at the front office or in the yearbook locker in the kindergarten hallway.

Please submit photos as soon as possible via the PTO yearbook page: <http://roepto.org/yearbook/>

We need all parent (or student!) photographers to share their ROE photos so that we can include every child in a candid photo. Many thanks from the yearbook staff.

Place a spirit ad in support of your favorite ROE staff, faculty, or child (only \$10 for 25 words)! Business sponsorships are also available - a maximum of five sponsored autograph pages will be included in the back of the book, with one business acknowledged per page with a quarter-page ad. For all advertising information, please consult the Yearbook Page on the PTO website: <http://roepto.org/yearbook/>