



# ROE News

**November 23, 2010**

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## CALENDAR ITEMS

Nov 24-26	Thanksgiving Break
November 29	Vanguard Tour, 9am
November 30	Middle School Madness Night
December 1-10	Kinder Stanford
December 4	Odyssey of the Mind Exploratorium

## FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHENKER

We had a very exciting week at ROE!

- Second graders participated in Water Awareness Day on Wednesday as the culmination of their IB unit of inquiry. The day was recorded and streamed live via the internet.
- Ms. Engstrom's second grade class skyped on Thursday with representatives of an agency in Washington D.C. that provides clean drinking water to remote African villages.
- Ms. Price's third grade class visited Bayou Manor to perform original songs as part of the Elders Songwriting Project.
- First graders participated in Market Day as the culmination of their IB unit of inquiry on communities and commerce. The day was recorded and streamed live via the internet.
- Ms. Goodman's 5th grade class, with assistance from Ms. Eastman, posted projects on VoiceThread. Students will have an opportunity to give and receive recorded voice feedback about their work.

I am so thankful to be a part of a creative learning community where adults and children work and grow together. Have a peaceful, joyful Thanksgiving holiday!

## PRETTY PLEASE - MORE YEARBOOK PHOTOS!!

Good News: We have 200 new yearbook photos. Bad News: They were all taken in the cafeteria last week, so, unless we receive a more diverse range of photos, the 2011 yearbook will portray ROE as a magnet school for hot dog eating.

We DO want to thank those of you who have already submitted. We have great shots of the fun run, the kindergarten field trip, and the "walk to the well" event. We need photos of the following activities before our first deadline on December 3 (or else, more hot dog pages!): fall frenzy, first grade book parade, movie night, and any fall field trips besides kindergarten.

We also urgently need classroom candid photos from the following grade levels before the end of this month: Kindergarten, first, second, and fifth. We would especially like photos of teachers and students working together. Right now the only candid photos we have for classroom pages are of students eating hot dogs while making bunny ears behind each others' heads. Please upload any photos that more appropriately

illustrate the IB curriculum ASAP - instructions on the yearbook page on the PTO website: <http://www.riveroakspto.org/yearbook/>.

We need third and fourth grade classroom photos as well, but those pages are being held until the subsequent deadline. Please continue taking photos and sharing them with us until February, when we turn in our final pages to the publisher. We will also accept photos via email: [yearbook@riveroakspto.org](mailto:yearbook@riveroakspto.org). Or you can drop off a CD or prints in the yearbook locker in the kindergarten hallway. Thank you so much for your help.

Make sure to order your yearbook during 2010, when the price is still \$25. It will increase to \$30 on January 1, 2011. The best way to order is via the yearbook page: <http://www.riveroakspto.org/yearbook/>. If you order online, you will also have the option to personalize the yearbook and buy accessories.

We will also accept payment by check. Drop off a check in the office or the yearbook locker in the kindergarten hallway. Make the check out to "River Oaks Elementary PTO" and write your child's name and "yearbook" in the memo line - \$25 per book before January 1. Alternatively, you can mail your check to: Carolyn Foug, 1602 Hawthorne St, Houston TX 77006. We will acknowledge your order via email or a note in the green folder - so please let us know if you don't hear back from us. Please also review the yearbook page for information on placing spirit ads and business ads. Deadline for both of those is December 15. Thank you.

## SCIENCE LAB FUNDS ARE ATOMIC

The ROE Science Lab "makeover" is moving forward with the generous support of ROE parents and friends who "Raised the Paddle" at the Fall Frenzy. The funds received to-date, including a remarkable \$10,000 anonymous gift [THANK YOU!!!], enable us to move

forward with the first phase of remodeling our new room. Running water and electrical improvements are scheduled during the holiday break, with installation of sinks and countertops to follow. Our goal is to provide adequate resources for Mr. Rainn to "move in" to the new Science Lab during the spring semester, with additional outfitting to continue through the end of the school year.

Parents, it's not too late to contribute towards the new science lab. The list of items for purchase is long, covering furniture, instructional media, safety gear and student equipment & supplies. In the season of giving, please consider making a donation that will benefit your child's education and that of many generations to come. Through our Development efforts, we will continue to reach out for contributions towards our science lab which is one of our ROE Enrichment Programs and build the science lab that our children need and deserve. If you would like to make a donation and discuss the science lab improvements planned, please contact the Development Committee at [development@riveroakspto.org](mailto:development@riveroakspto.org) or by phone at 713-429-0295 and complete the following:

Method of Payment:     check                       credit card

For check payment, mail this information noting the sponsor level and donation, along with your check. Please make checks payable to "River Oaks Elementary PTO", and send them to 2008 Kirby Drive, Houston , TX 77019. Include the check # \_\_\_\_\_.

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For credit card payment, please make credit card payment online at the ROE PTO store at <http://riveroakspto.myschoolvalet.com>. If paying online, you must mail this information sheet to River Oaks Elementary PTO, 2008 Kirby Drive, Houston , TX, 77019. If you have any problems making payment online by credit card, please contact us at [development@riveroakspto.org](mailto:development@riveroakspto.org) or by phone at 713-429-0295 for assistance.

Thank you for your support of River Oaks Elementary. Donors will receive a confirmation letter and donation receipt by mail. The River Oaks PTO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and donations to our school are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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## **FROM NURSE PETNER**

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Look for a separate sheet of information in your folder today about Fifth Disease (so named because it was the 5<sup>th</sup> rash illness identified after measles, scarlet fever, rubella (German Measles) a rash-producing infection unknown to doctors today called 'fourth disease.') We have had a few cases in almost every grade level. If your child has an illness such as strep throat, fifth, or other contagious illnesses, please let me know. My email address is [ppetner@houstonisd.org](mailto:ppetner@houstonisd.org).

## **ROE CONNECTIONS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

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### **Spring 2011 Registration Begins December 1<sup>st</sup>!**

Registration Packets are now available online to print, fill out, and return between December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 10th. Late Registration and fees apply after December 10th through January 21st. All enrichment classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. Packets should be dropped off at school in the ROE Connections after school office or the front office. Please see the ROE Connections Registration Packet front page for all important dates and deadlines.

Go to <http://riveroakselementaryschool.org/> to print your registration packet. Enrichment Class Descriptions are also available online.

Thank you! -Paige Parker and Deyla DeAnda

## **KINDER STANFORD**

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All students in kindergarten will take the Stanford tests beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>. The students will take portions of the test battery and/or make-up tests each day through December 10th. The schedule of subtests is in today's green folder. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest each night and arrives on time for school each day. Research shows that eating a healthy breakfast that includes protein will improve performance. Thanks for your continuing support of our academic program at River Oaks!

## **WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE**

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The Odyssey of the Mind teams are sponsoring two dances for our students. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will dance the afternoon away on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 3:15 – 4:15. Look for permission forms and flyers to come home in folders next week. Winter themed snacks will be sold for \$1.00 each and students can even pay extra for the opportunity to decorate a cookie! Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will have their dance on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 3:15 – 4:15. Parents of the K-2 are invited to attend and all tickets are \$5.00 each. All tickets and snack orders must be prepaid by December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans to attend this fun event.