



**ROE**  
River Oaks Elementary  
ISD World School

# ROE News

**December 7, 2010**

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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## CALENDAR ITEMS

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| Dec 8  | PTO Board Meeting, 6pm |
| Dec 9  | K-2 Dance              |
| Dec 10 | 3-5 Dance              |
| Jan 12 | PTO Board Meeting, 6pm |

## FROM THE DESK OF MRS. SHENKER

I am so happy to report that our iPod Touch cart has arrived! We are busy preparing them for use in our classrooms for reading fluency development in kindergarten, first, and second grades. Thanks to our PTO for funding this exciting technology for our students. SMART Boards have been ordered for all first and second grade classrooms with expected installation in early 2011.

The school, parents, and community have invested heavily in technology in the past year. Not surprisingly, our students indicated that technology was their greatest area of interest on a recent Renzulli survey. These extraordinary students, with help from their classroom teachers, David Vialard, and Elizabeth Eastman, are create amazing products using technology. The times...they are a-changin'! Have a great week!

## WINTER WONDERLAND DANCES THIS WEEK!

The Winter Wonderland dances are right around the corner! 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. 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. Send in your permission slips and orders TODAY so you don't miss out on this exciting event!

## DONATE YOUR BOOKS TO BE A BOOK BUDDY THIS WEEK!

The Book Buddy boxes will be in your classrooms this week! Donate a pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade level, gently used or new book (or books). Look for the flyer with a label to personalize your donated book(s).

Last May, ROE was able to deliver over 600 books to Thomas Sinclair Elementary before the summer holiday. Ms. Morgan received a big box of thank you notes from the students at Sinclair so look for those posted on a bulletin board at school.

Be a Book Buddy and brighten a Sinclair Elementary student's holiday with the gift of reading and the joy it brings! Books will be collected through Friday.

Questions? Contact: [sandra@speedyprinting.net](mailto:sandra@speedyprinting.net)

## GIRL SCOUT ROE UNSUNG HEROES PROJECT

ROE Girl Scout Troop 25268 will be collecting holiday cards and small tokens of thanks for the ROE custodians and cafeteria staff. The troop identified these ROE staff as unsung heroes and wanted to make it easier for students and families to show appreciation for the staff during the holiday season.

Please bring your cards or small gifts the afternoon of December 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> to the Walkers Pick Up area or to the school front hall on the mornings of December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Members of the troop will be wearing their girl scout uniforms and receive your cards or items and distribute to the staff members on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Any questions- email [bethsufian@aol.com](mailto:bethsufian@aol.com)

## OOTM -- THANK YOU

Thank you to Elisa Donovan for coordinating such an awesome Odyssey Of The Mind Spontaneous Workshop where teams had a chance to practice spontaneous problems. And thanks to Sarah Slemmons and Michele Dahlquist for their commitment to ROE's OM teams.

Hats off to Natalie Cordova for coordinating the Exploratorium. And, ALL the Saturday volunteers for helping ROE's young minds grow. It was a great success.

- PTO President, on behalf of the entire school

## **SUCCESS!**

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Dear ROE Community: The ROE Nature Center Work Party was a big success! Thanks to all of you who came out on 11/20 to help make it so, especially the NC Committee of Regina Burns, Ann Hester-Morley, and Tina Salem. A big thank you as well to the Celeste Wagner and her husband, Ms. Jungnickel and her husband, Ms. Luik, Marc Sanders, and the parents of Luke Richardson, Will Sterner, and Talia Hirsh.

In three hours the work party completed and painted a 100 capacity bat house, spread several hundred pounds of leaf litter and woodchips, uprooted bagfuls of invasive wisteria, trimmed trees and cleared pathways, weatherproofed 5 picnic benches, and planted herbs and greens in the vegetable gardens—all with big smiles and good spirits! The kids had a great time too, and were full of energy and a drive to help. (The kids did ask about a salary, so we'll have to look into that next time! ☺) Our next step is getting a soil turnover in the invasive wisteria area and replanting it with native Texas plants suitable for a wildlife habitat. We plan to have just one or two more work parties for the school year and a turnout similar to the one we just had would be spectacular.

The River Oaks learning community is most grateful for your help!

- Paul Rainn, Science Specialist

## **EVERYBODY WANTS ROE KIDS!**

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Duke University has begun its 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade talent search for students performing at or above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile in areas on the Stanford Achievement Test, or, a standard score at or above 125 on the NNAT2. Please visit [www.tip.duke.edu/45enroll](http://www.tip.duke.edu/45enroll) to see what opportunities may be available to your child.

## **BUY THE ROE YEARBOOK IN 2010 FOR BEST PRICE**

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Please remember to buy your yearbook soon, as time is running out on the special \$25 advance purchase offer. The price will go up to \$30 on January 1, 2011! For purchasing information go to: <https://roepto.org/yearbook>

Please also remember to submit your spirit ad before January 1 as well - either online or in the yearbook locker in the kindergarten hall. More information here: <https://roepto.org/yearbook>

Many thanks to Holly Shilstone and her band of photographers for helping with this week's deadline. The Yearbook staff (Carolyn Foug and Elaine Britt) will continue to accept photo submittals until early February, so please share your snapshots of jammies day and other winter fun. As with all yearbook info., please visit the online yearbook page for the latest information on purchasing and volunteer needs: <https://roepto.org/yearbook>

## **TURN IN YOUR BOXTOPS!**

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The last day to turn in Boxtops is Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please turn them in to your teacher or the Boxtop collection basket at the end of the Kindergarten hallway. Also, please clip the Boxtops together in groups of 10. The class that collects the most Boxtops will win a pizza party in January. Thanks!