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ROE News

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CALENDAR ITEMS

December 4	Kindergarten Play Date
December 8	Winter Wonderland Party for 3 rd – 5 th
December 9	Winter Wonderland Party for K – 2 nd

FROM THE DESK OF DR. FOVARGUE

Thank you so much for celebrating our Thanksgiving Feast with us last Thursday. We had an amazing turnout of almost 300 visitors, and the students did a wonderful job showcasing turkey hats, placemats, and homemade crafts.

I am equally thankful for the wonderful participation in Veteran's Day. Our Veterans extend gratitude to you for the letters, reception, songs, and heart felt welcome.

As I reflect on these events this holiday season, I am reminded of the Learner Profile attributes of caring and balanced. It is so important to stop and take time to show others appreciation for the volunteerism, talents and gifts they give to our ROE community.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving break and safe travels!

--Dr. Keri Fovargue, Head of School

YEARBOOK PHOTO UPDATE

Core Content: The yearbook staff needs 4-6 candid photos from every class submitted to us before **December 20**. These photos appear above student portraits on the class page, along with a photo of the teacher. They can include photos from special grade-level field trips and events, if the kids in the photo are all from the same class. However our favorite shots are taken inside the homeroom classroom. If you take photos at class holiday parties right before winter break (a great idea...), please upload them to us immediately afterwards. We also need at least two photos of each elective and specialist class and a photo of every faculty and staff member.

Special Events: We are doing much better on event coverage; however we still need photos from Fall Frenzy, Movie Night, and the recent Thanksgiving Feast. The following events are well-documented and do not need further submissions unless you have a spectacular photo

we should make room for: First Day of School, Fun Run, Veterans' Day, and Oil Ranch Field Trip.

Deadline for submitting photos from the fall semester is **December 20**-- fall events not documented by then will not be covered in the yearbook. Thanks to those who have already contributed. Please contact the yearbook team if you have questions about whether a specific event has been adequately covered or if you would like a photo assignment: yearbook@riveroakspto.org

Please upload photos online:

<https://images.jostens.com/> **login id:** 400113581

password: riveroaks

Spirit Ads: Text-only dedications are priced at \$10 for every 25 words. Deadline is January 20. Please leave a check (made out to ROE PTO) and your dedication in the yearbook locker in the kindergarten hallway.

Business Ads: Full or half pages priced at \$275/\$150. Final page of the book is \$350.

The final deadline for ordering yearbooks is **January 20** - order online at a cost of \$30: www.Jostens.com or www.roepto.org/yearbook

WINTER WONDERLAND AFTER SCHOOL PARTIES

When can you get an hour of after-school child care, a snack, hot chocolate, and cookie decorating for your child--plus music, dancing, games, and fun all in the ROE lunch room transformed into a Winter Wonderland?

Answer: Thursday, December 8 for 3rd - 5th graders and Friday, December 9 for K - 2nd graders.

Partygoers will be ushered to the party at 3:15 and pick-up is in the back circle drive via car line at 4:30, or you can request your child be released to the after-school program. Volunteer chaperones welcome. All proceeds benefit ROE's Odyssey of the Mind teams. Sign-up forms are available at the ROE desk or online at "<http://roepto.org/winter-wonderland/>." Contact Liz Palmer with questions at liz@pricepalmer.com.

KINDERGARTEN PLAY DATE

Please join us on **Sunday, December 4th** from 2p-4p at the ROE Playground.

Bring your outdoor gear such as bicycles, kites, balls, or Frisbees and come have some fun with your classmates before the winter break. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Families welcome. We will reschedule in the event of rain.

--Kathryn Hensey and Sandy Shaw, Kindergarten Reps

BARNES & NOBLE ROE BOOK FAIR

The Barnes and Noble Book Fair was enjoyed by all who came and was a huge success (one of the most successful that the store has ever had)!

A huge thank you to our teachers and staff who came out to read, hang out or have their kids perform. Ms. Evans won the teacher voucher contest and will be receiving a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers Ann Hester, Amy Canfield, Heather Kolb, Meredith Maierson, Ana Zamarripa, Katy Perez, Debra Kenna, Kelly Rose, Nicole Andrews, Fumiyo Krall, Diane Cimino, and Jennifer Farnell.

If you missed the store event, remember than you can still shop online using our Book Fair code #10575272 at the bottom of the payment page through Thursday, November 24th. We will have the total ROE proceeds to announce in a few weeks.

--Sandra Ahlhorn & Ann Guerra, B&N Book Fair Co-chairs

GIFT QUEEN FALL FUNDRAISER

Gift Queen Fall fundraiser purchases were delivered to classrooms on Friday, November 18. Please check your order and contact giftqueen@aol.com with any questions or corrections. Some folks received notes in their bag that we are still waiting for a few items. These orders should be delivered the week after Thanksgiving. Thanks again for your support!

--Colleen Morris and Wendy Selvaggi, Chairs

NATURE CENTER NEWS

We are having a Harvest Party and Winter Preparation for wildlife in the Nature Center, Saturday 12/3 from 12:00-3:00. Please join us for a great time in the Nature Center as we harvest some veggies, build habitats for our wildlife, make bird feeders, and mulch some trails. The drought has been stressful on all of the wildlife in our Nature Center. Please stop for this fun event as we have a "Food Drive for our Feathered Friends" and make "Winter Homes for Wildlife". Joe Blanton, our Outdoor Classroom Specialist, will also be there leading activities. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact volunteers@riveroakspto.org. -Regina Burns

BOX TOPS AND KROGER

You can help earn money for ROE while preparing your Thanksgiving meal. Look for BoxTops and Campbell's Labels for Education on many of the items you may use in your meal – Pillsbury Crescent Rolls, Campbell's Soups, Land O Lakes Butter, Pepperidge Farm Stuffing, Ziploc Bags. Don't forget to link ROE to your Kroger card and you can help ROE every time you shop. It's easy to do, but remember that it must be done every year. All Kroger designations expire in June and must be renewed. If you haven't already linked ROE, you can send an email to

affinity-programs@riveroakspto.org with your phone number and we will link your card for you. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving! -Caroline Sterner

FROM MS. EASTMAN

HISD Online Learning Resources:

Every year Houston ISD provides online resources for students to use at school and at home. These resources provide access to magazines, journals, books, reference materials, videos, activities, maps, images, and audio files. Below you will find the home access logins and passwords to access most of these online resources from home. You must use a username and password to access online resources outside of HISD campuses.

For 2011-12:

username is: [REDACTED]

password is: [REDACTED]

Discovery Education/United Streaming:

username: [REDACTED]

password: [REDACTED]

BrainPop:

username: [REDACTED]

password: [REDACTED]

Contact Ms. Eastman (eeastman@houstonisd.org) for @home access passwords

You can access all online resources here:

<http://roelibrary.wikispaces.com/>

(ROE homepage> School Info> Library>HISD Databases)

(ROE homepage> Useful Links for Students)

Download a brochure with additional information here:

(ROE homepage> Useful Links for Students>L.I.T. @ ROE Blog)

For **Renzulli Learning** and **Learning.com** (EasyTech) students have individual login passwords.

All of these learning resources are available to support and extend classroom learning at home.