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ROE News

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CALENDAR ITEMS

December 6	PTO Board Meeting 6pm – 7pm ROE Library
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 to all of the parents who are joining me for morning coffee in the café. I have been delighted to answer questions regarding morning drop off and pick up, curriculum, the International Baccalaureate Program, and the new STAAR exam for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. You have also been kind enough to share kudos regarding traffic, starting school promptly at 7:45AM, Grandparent's Day, our Thanksgiving luncheon, and Veteran's Day ceremony.

I plan to continue these coffees next semester for those of you who couldn't make it. Please remember my door is always open through appointment with Ms. Reiter or by email at kfovargu@houstonisd.org (virtual door). Of course, you can find me around the school at any given time for a quick hello or handshake.

Thanks for all you do to support ROE! I appreciate you!

--Dr. Keri Fovargue, Head of School

BOOK BUDDIES REVISED PARTNERSHIP

There has been a new development in the partnership regarding Book Buddies. Dr. Fovargue and Ms. Shenker have both agreed to support Alcott Elementary. In a recent news article, Alcott Elementary was published as the number one school in need of literary resources.

Therefore, ROE is changing our Book Buddy partner to Alcott Elementary this fall as we share the joy of reading and book adventures! Dr. Price, Alcott's Principal, is delighted to partner with ROE. In order to support his literacy initiatives, let's make sure every Alcott Elementary student has a book to take home and read over the winter break.

Start gathering those gently used books (pre-k to 5th grade) that your children have enjoyed and bring them in

to school the week of December 5th. Look for a flyer to come home on Tuesday, December 6th with a special bookmark for your child to place inside one of their donated books. For questions please contact: kfovargu@houstonisd.org

YEARBOOK PHOTO UPDATE

Attention 4th and 5th grade parents: The yearbook is in dire need of photos of older kids... don't let your children walk away from ROE in May with a book full of kindergartners carving pumpkins! (Thank you kindergarten parents- by the way.) We need many more candid shots of big kids, and almost all 4th and 5th grade classrooms are still missing 4-6 photos for their class page. We also need photos of the elective classes.

For all ROE parents: Most classes still lack photos for their class page, so please take photos inside your child's classroom and submit them by December 20! The holiday parties are a great time to get good shots. Classroom pages will be finalized over winter break, so if you have some shots stored on your camera, now is the time to upload. The following classrooms are well-covered all others have empty space: Calderon, Evans, Henry, Hill, McCurley, Reinhold, Taylor. Please also send in photos of last month's Thanksgiving Feast and any special events you attend at school this month.

Deadline for submitting photos from the fall semester is **December 20**. Fall events not documented by then will not be covered in the yearbook.

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**. In a change of policy from last year, the yearbook team will NOT order extras to be sold in May. If you would like a yearbook, please order ASAP. Order online at a cost of \$30: www.Jostens.com or www.roepto.org/yearbook, or drop off a check in the yearbook locker, or email us if you want to reserve a free or reduced-price yearbook (for families who qualify for free or reduced price lunches). Not sure if you've already ordered a

yearbook? Contact the yearbook team, and we will check for you: yearbook@riveroakspto.org

GIFT QUEEN FINAL DELIVERY

Thanks to all who supported our Gift Queen Fall Fundraiser. Missing and corrected items were delivered to your child's classroom on Monday, December 5th. If you did not receive your order, or if there is a mistake, please contact giftqueen@aol.com by December 10.

NNAT RESULTS

NNAT results are in for current kindergarteners and fifth grade students. Scores will be coming home in today's folder so find your copy and file it someplace safe for future reference.

ART NEWS

Bravo to **Luke Richardson (4th grade)**, whose entry in the HISD Holiday Greeting Card competition was acknowledged on November 29th at the Hattie Mae White Administration building. Luke's beautiful color drawing of "Peace on Earth" was one of only about 20 drawings chosen out of a possible 400,000 within the school district.

Luke and fellow student artists were honored at a lovely reception with the announcement of the overall winner, a 12th grade student from Reagan H.S. All of the artworks were printed for publication and anyone interested can order them online from the HISD website.

With the holidays quickly approaching, students may bring home their sketch journals with the promise of returning with them to school on January 3, 2012.

We are beginning to work on our entries (3rd – 5th grade) for Earth Day Art contest that will be due January 30, 2012, and Japanese inspired art for the Society for Performing Arts competition in February (for K-12). I will notify students whose work is chosen to go to the overall competitions.

Thank you to our PTO and parent helpers for a highly successful beginning of the school year!

Wishing everyone a safe, peaceful, and happy holiday time.

--Ms. Lieber