



ROE News

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CALENDAR ITEMS

October 10	PTO General Meeting
October 15	Fun Run
October 18	Middle School Mystery Matrix Meeting
October 19	Middle School Madness Meeting

FROM THE DESK OF DR. FOVARGUE

What is the International Baccalaureate (IB) Learner Profile?

At ROE, we focus on the ten attributes of the IB Learner Profile in all classrooms, on the playground, in the cafeteria, in the hallways, and beyond our school community. These attributes make ROE students internationally minded people, who recognize their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, and help create a better and more peaceful world. Specifically, IB Learners strive to be:

Inquirers They develop their natural curiosity. They acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. They actively enjoy learning and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.

Knowledgeable They explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.

Thinkers They exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions.

Communicators They understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication. They work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others.

Principled They act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them.

Open-minded They understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. They are accustomed to seeking and evaluating a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from the experience.

Caring They show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.

Risk-takers They approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. They are brave and articulate in defending their beliefs.

Balanced They understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for themselves and others.

Reflective They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience. They are able to assess and understand their strengths and limitations in order to support their learning and personal development.

It is often stated, the IB Learner Profile is our mission statement in ACTION. Rather than ask your child "How was your day?", I encourage you to ask "Which Learner Profile did you exhibit today?" His or her response just may surprise you!

--Dr Keri Fovargue, Head of School

PTO GENERAL MEETING

Our Fall PTO General Meeting will be held on Monday, October 10 from 6-7 p.m. in the ROE Cafeteria. Our guest speakers will be Mr. Anthony D'Angelo (HISD School Office Director for Middle Schools) and Anastasia Lindo Anderson (HISD School Improvement Officer-Middle School). We are thrilled to have Mr. D'Angelo and Ms. Lindo Anderson as our guest speakers. They will visit with parents about public middle school options for all students in our ROE

community. Please join us for this informative meeting. Childcare for school aged children will be provided if you RSVP by Friday October 7th to Tina Salem at secretary@riveroakspto.org.

Holly Shilstone, PTO President

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

Many of you are anxiously seeking information on the whole middle school process and to help you along the way two events have been scheduled. First, the middle school qualification process will be reviewed at the Middle School Mystery Matrix Meeting on **Tuesday, October 18**, 6:30pm, in the cafeteria. Open to parents of grades 3 – 5 only. Andy Williams will walk you through the middle school matrix for GT qualification. Also, 5th grade parents, please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, October 19**, 1:00 pm, in the cafeteria for Middle School Madness. Eight middle schools will be here to provide information on their fantastic programs. Fourth grade parents are welcome to attend as well.

PENNIES FOR PETS

The Girl Scouts of Troop 25322 are sponsoring a fundraiser benefiting the Houston SPCA. We are collecting Pennies for Pets! Look for a container in your classroom through the month of October. Bring your spare change to donate to this great cause! **At the end of the month, the classroom that has collected the most money will win a pizza party provided by our troop!**

The Houston SPCA helps over 100,000 lost, abused or neglected animals every year. 86% of all donations go directly to program services and are used to help animals right here in the Houston area. Bring your pennies to help animals and win a pizza party for your class!

FALL FUNDRAISER

All orders and payments were due on Friday, September 30. If you would still like to place an order, you can order online through the school store by **Wednesday, October 5**, or put order forms and payment in the Fall Fundraiser locker at the end of the kindergarten hallway by Friday, October 7. All orders placed by October 7 will be delivered to your child's classroom before Thanksgiving break.

Thanks for your support!

--Colleen Morris and Wendy Selvaggi
fallfundraiser@riveroakspto.org.

FALL FRENZY GREAT GATHERINGS

Last Call for Great Gatherings and In-Kind Donations this **Wednesday October 5th**. Thank you for your amazing support and we look forward to a fabulous event on **November 5th!!!!** Please contact Development at development@riveroakspto.org or (713) 429-0295 for any questions.

FALL FRENZY REV UP

Please join us this **Wednesday, October 5** after drop-off 7:50 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. in the Teacher's Lounge. All volunteers welcome!!!

If you are not able to attend this meeting, please feel free to contact us at development@riveroakspto.org. We look forward to another wonderful Fall Frenzy event on November 5th. --Margaret Young and Colleen Kearns

FUN RUN

Thank you all for registering for the Fun Run! We have decided to change the order of the family and competitive runs. We will warm up at 8:30 am and races start at 8:45! There are 8 groups: 6th grade/adult-5th-K and pre-K! Each grade level will be grouped under the shade structure and then run together. Parents please help your children get to their groups and then you can choose to go to the starting line or the finish line to cheer them on. Once a group finishes the run, they go back to the shade structure to do the family run. Families are encouraged to run together but will still be grouped with their grade level.

If you missed registration, you can still sign-up on line at:

<http://riveroakspto.myschoolvalet.com/BrowseProducts.aspx?DepID=40>

The ROE Store will allow you to register until next Tuesday. Day of registration is available too. T-shirts are limited so order through the store today!

--Natalie Cordova and David Bowden

FUN RUN VOLUNTEERS

The Fun Run is October 15 and we need volunteers!

Our organizers have planned many fun activities and we are anticipating a great turnout from our community. Volunteer opportunities include helping with set up, registration, food table, starting line, finish line, moonwalk, potato sack races, obstacle course, recycling, and clean up.

Fun Run t-shirts will be here **Wednesday October 12** and we will need volunteers to organize and distribute the t-shirts at 8:00 am after drop-off. Please email volunteers@riveroakspto.org if you can help.

Madhuri Chilakapati and Amie Canfield

WATER BOTTLES NEEDED

We are asking for 4oz & 8oz water bottles to be donated for the Fun Run. We will start collecting the water on **Wednesday, October 5 to Wednesday, October 12**. Please bring cases of water bottles to your child's class and the top 2 classes with the most donated will win a pizza party! Please have the teacher's name on the bottles and every bottle will count. Water can still be brought after the deadline but not counted for the party. If you have any questions, please contact Christine

Rodriguez at ChristineMR@hotmail.com or 713-557-2064 cell.

3RD GRADE PLAY DATE

Please join us for fun and games. Families welcome.

When: Saturday, October 29

Time: 10:00am-Noon

Where: ROE Playground

Watch the green folder for a flyer.

Colleen Morris and Laura Fertak, 3rd Grade Reps

Third-grade@riveroakspto.org

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Approximately 400 ROE students, parents, and staff came together last Friday night to watch "Meet the Robinsons" and share the warmth of our community spirit at our second annual Family Movie Night.

Many thanks to all those who helped make this event a success: Dr. Fovargue, Holly Shilstone, Ms. Reiter, Ms. Munoz, Coach Bomersbach, Mr. Hernandez, Officer Hill, Harvin Moore, Eddie Sikes, Sandra Alhorn, Paul Heyburn, Kef Wilson, Margaret Young, Tina Salem, Ann Guerra, Luis Guerra, Lynn Marsh, Drew Marsh, Ann Hester-Morley, Debra Kenna, Stefanie Moll, Linda Elmer, Teri Gerber, Carrie Pillsbury, Mary Chang, and Ryan Maierson. And remember the Robinsons' motto: **Keep Moving Forward!** --Meredith Maierson

THANK YOU!

What an amazing movie night this past Friday!!! We had great attendance, friendship, fun, delicious popcorn and wonderful message through this movie. **Special thank you to Meredith Maierson** for her commitment and hard work in coordinating this fabulous evening for our ROE Community! --Holly Shilstone, PTO President

SPARK AUCTION

Special Thanks to Ms. Leiber and our ROE students on this art project in collaboration with Spark Park.

The SPARK Auction will begin online on **October 3**. Bidding will open on the 17+ pieces of original artwork and will continue online through 4 PM, Sunday, **October 9**. This unique process will allow people to participate and bid in the auction even if they are unable to attend the festival.

Festival attendees will be able to view the pieces in person at Tranquility Park and then place a bid online at the SPARK tent. All bidders will be automatically notified by email if they have been outbid and will be able to increase their bid online until the auction closes at 4 PM on Sunday.

All donations made through the online auction are tax-deductible, benefitting future SPARK Parks.

Information and previews of all the collages can be found at www.coobomedia.com/sparkpark/

If you don't have a place to hang the collage yourself, consider supporting our efforts by donating it back to the contributing school. --Kathleen Ownby, Spark Park

LONE STAR BATTALION

Last spring, ROE student and parents collected items that were mailed to the Lone Star Battalion, the local area Reserve Marines that were mobilized and sent to Afghanistan. The Marines really appreciated all of the wonderful food, reading materials, toiletries, and other items we sent. These amazing Marines returned home on October 1st and extend a very special thank you to our ROE community as each of you made a difference in their lives while they were stationed in Afghanistan.

THE ABC'S OF BELLMEADE

A: Always remember to **NOT** use Bellmeade to enter carpool line.

B: Bellmeade should not be used for carpool purposes.

C: Cutting in line from Bellmeade to carpool is not courteous.

--ROE Safety Council

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – LITERACY COACH

Your support is needed to help re-shelve reading materials for our Literacy Coach, Ms. Blake.

We are looking for a small group of volunteers to set-up an ongoing rotation for 1 hour shifts, 1-2 times a month.

A brief 5 minute overview will be provided by Ms. Blake. This is a great way to keep up-to-speed on the latest books ROE students love to read!

Be sure you've completed the HISD VIPS approval process. If you are interested, please contact volunteers@riveroakspto.org

THE LICE RANGER

None of us want the call from Nurse Petner, that our child has been infested by lice. However, if it does happen, the Lice Ranger offers a \$10 donation to the ROE PTO if you use their professional, non-toxic lice removal service.

Located at 621 ½ w. 19th in The Heights, The Lice Ranger is ready to help you.

Nurse Petner has flyers in her office and you can also obtain information at <http://www.liceranger.com>.

Don't forget to mention ROE when paying for your service!