



ROE News

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CALENDAR ITEMS

October 26	NNAT - 5 th Grade
October 27	NNAT - Kinder
October 29	3 rd Grade Play Date @ ROE Playground, 10:00
November 5	FALL FRENZY!
November 18 & 19	Book Fair @ Barnes & Noble on West Gray
November 19	1 st Grade Play Date @ Pumpkin Park, Noon
November 19	2 nd Grade Play Date @ Memorial Park, 3:45

FROM THE DESK OF DR. FOVARGUE

The PYP Curriculum

The most significant and distinctive feature of the IB Primary Years Programme is the **six transdisciplinary themes**. These themes are about issues that have meaning for, and are important to, all of us. The program offers a balance between learning about or through the subject areas as well as learning beyond them. The six themes of global significance create a transdisciplinary framework that allows students to "step up" beyond the confines of learning within subject areas.

- ◆ Who we are
- ◆ Where we are in place and time
- ◆ How we express ourselves
- ◆ How the world works
- ◆ How we organize ourselves
- ◆ Sharing the planet

Each grade level touches on all of the themes throughout every school year at ROE.

Ask your child about one of the themes today?

--Dr. Keri Fovargue, Head of School

TICKETS FOR FALL FRENZY

Time to get your tickets and rev up for ROE – To order tickets go online to the ROE PTO store at (www.riveroakpto.org) or pay by check or money order. Or use the response form from the invitation and return it via

mail or in the "Auction Party" locker in the PTO corner. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on **November 5th**

FALL FRENZY REV UP

Please join us this **Wednesday, October 26th** 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

BOOK FAIR

The ROE PTO will be having a book fair at the Barnes & Noble on West Grey **on Friday, November 18th** and **Saturday, November 19th**. Please, plan to attend!

The store will be open from 9am-11pm both days and your purchases will earn money for ROE!

There is a rumor that many ROE Teachers will be there and other activities will go on. Please keep an eye out for a list of events coming soon!

Want to volunteer? We need you! Have a kids group that would like to provide entertainment? We would love that!

Contact Ann and Sandra at: book-fair@riveroakspto.org

2ND GRADE PLAY DATE

Calling all 2nd graders!

Come join us on **Friday, November 19th** from 3:45 -5:45 pm at Memorial Park. Bring your kite, jump rope and soccer ball. Snacks and drinks will be provided!

YEARBOOK NEEDS PHOTOS

Many thanks to those who submitted Fun Run photos -- we've got plenty of those now. However, we are in dire need of the following photos: Movie Night, classroom, playground, and cafeteria scenes, teachers and staff (especially with students), kindergarten field trip, and any other school-related activities. Please also take photos of future events and submit them quickly to the yearbook staff: Fall Frenzy, Market Day, play dates, field trips etc. If you are at school taking photos of your child, click around to classmates as well and send us the

photos so we can get every child in the yearbook - Thank You!

Submit Online:

images.jostens.com

login id: 400113581

password: riveroaks

Yearbooks can be purchased online for \$30 at www.jostens.com or www.roepto.org/yearbook **Spirit Ads** are \$10 for every 25 words. Drop off a check made out to "ROE PTO" in the yearbook locker with your ad written out and your child's name. **Business ads** are also available. Not sure if you have already purchased a yearbook? We can let you know. For this and any other questions, please email: yearbook@riveroakspto.org

ESPAÑOL EN LA CASA / SPANISH AT HOME

Parents Please Be Advised: Your children have Español homework everyday. They are instructed to practice speaking in Spanish: *Cómo te llamas? Me llamo ___;* *Cómo estás? Estoy ___;* Also review: greetings: *hola, buenos días, buenas tardes, buenas noches,* colors, numbers, days of the week, months of the year, AND what they study in class each week.

Parents communicate what you recall from high school or college Spanish, so parents; practice your Español with your children. Use your Español when you pick them up in the car pool line (I'm going to be checking☺), as you're walking home, or anytime you wish to practice.

Students from 2nd grade-5th grade have an Español notebook and are allowed to take their notebooks home for practice as long as they bring them back the next day. Children need to practice all the objectives stated above or else they will forget what they have learned. So, practica, practica, practica.

These are the Español objectives for the next few weeks:

Kindergarten- Students will be finishing up "Community Workers" (*el bombero, el policía, el maestro, la maestra, la artista, etc.*)

1st grade- Students are learning to read and write colors and numbers en español.

2nd grade- Students are learning classroom objects.

3rd grade- Students are mastering food items.

4th grade- Students are sharing their schedules by mastering the days of week/classes/places).

5th grade- Students are learning to name the parts of the body.

I thank you in advance for your help as you practice español at home. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send me an email at mvasque3@houstonisd.org or leave me a message and I will return your phone call.

--Sra. (Señora) Vásquez

LAST CHANCE TO HELP OTHERS

Thanks to everyone who has donated items for our Girl Scout donation drive. For 5th grade Girl Scouts this is a

special project that will make them eligible for the Bronze award, the highest Girl Scout Junior award. You can still help us by sending the following items to your child's classroom by **Wednesday, October 26th**

Books- new or used, kid or adult

Snack food items

Cosmetics- nail polish, lotion, etc.

Art supplies- paper, crayons, etc.

Items will be donated to Camp for All, a camp for kids with disabilities and A Simple Thread, a non profit group that helps Houston's homeless kids and adults.

The 2 classes with the most items win a fantastic ice cream party with lots of yummy treats and a special treat for their teacher.

Thank you for your help.

PENNIES FOR PETS

This is the last week to bring your spare change to donate to "Pennies for Pets" to help the Houston Area SPCA! Remember, the class that donates the most wins a pizza party provided by Girl Scout Troop 25322!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ms Beery's class for bringing in the most water bottles for the Fun Run! **Ms. Goodman's** and **Ms. Vaughn's** class tied for second! All three classes will receive a pizza party!

Thank you students and parents for donating all those water bottles. We had a surplus that will be used for future ROE events. Your generosity allows the money that would have been spent on water to go toward making ROE a better place.

Again, many thanks!

CALLING ALL VETERANS

Calling all veterans...do you have a family member or friend who is serving in the military? How about someone who served before? ROE is observing Veterans Day with a big celebration on **Friday, November 11th** and we would like to invite all past and present service members of any branch of the service to join us.

Please send the name, rank, service, which years the person served, and whether the person will be attending the program to Terri Zimmermann at terriz@swbell.net so we can include your service member in our Honor Roll.

Also, if you have a family member or friend who gave his or her life serving our country, please send that information so we can include it in the Memorial portion of our program.

SCHOOL HOUSE PARTNERS

Do you have unfinished projects around your house or repairs that need to be done, but no time to find the right company to do the job?

Don't worry, because SchoolHouse Partners has done the work of finding reliable service providers for you. Visit www.myschoolhousepartners.com to see a list of pre-screened service providers in all areas of home maintenance and repair. The best part about scheduling your project through SchoolHouse Partners is that ROE will receive 20% of what SchoolHouse Partners earns from referral fees paid by the service provider you select, and you will get a best price guarantee.

So, if you need something done around your house, go online, become a member of SchoolHouse Partners and designate ROE as your school of choice. You will get your work done and ROE will benefit at the same time! Look for the magnet coming home today and keep it handy for when you need your next repair.

—Caroline Sterner, Affinity Programs

VETERANS DAY CARE PACKAGES

In support of Veteran's Day, ROE is beginning a collection drive for care packages to be sent to Houston-based soldiers serving in Afghanistan. These items will be collected through **Friday, November 4th**. Please check your child's take-home folder today for a flyer with information about the items needed. Any support will be greatly appreciated!!!

We are also looking for volunteers to take these care packages to the post office. All packages will be ready to ship – we just need volunteers who can take the boxes and pay for the shipping. If you are willing to help with this, please email Becca Pfeifer, IB Coordinator, at rpfeifer@houstonisd.org