



ROE News

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CALENDAR ITEMS

November 5	FALL FRENZY!
Nov. 7-11	Magnet Awareness Week-Tours @ 1:00pm
Nov. 18 & 19	Book Fair-Barnes & Noble
November 9	PTO Board Meeting in Library from 6:00-7:00 pm
November 19	2 nd Grade Play Date

FROM THE DESK OF DR. FOVARGUE

Congratulations! It is with great pleasure that I share with you that our school is a **2011 National Center for Educational Achievement (NCEA) Higher Performing School** (formerly known as *Just for the Kids Higher Performing School*).

Higher performing schools are based on two measures: above-predicted growth based on a value-added analysis, or an above predicted percentage of continuously enrolled students scoring at the Commended level on the 2009-2011 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). Last year, our students excelled in the following areas:

Math- Higher performing in both Commended and Growth
Reading- Higher performing in both Commended and Growth

Writing- Higher performing based on Growth

For more information, please click

http://www.nc4ea.org/index.cfm/e/higher_performing_schools/st/texas

Please take a moment to show thanks to our teachers for their unwavering dedication to our students. Without a doubt, ROE has the best teachers in Houston ISD!

--Dr. Keri Fovargue, Head of School

TREES

The Davey Tree Expert Co. has assessed the trees on our ROE campus and identified several that are dead or dying, due to the severe drought, disease and/or insect infestation.

HISD will be removing the affected trees over the next several weeks. Although we are sorry to lose some of our precious trees, the safety of our students, teachers, staff,

and visitors must be our priority.

--Dr. Keri Fovargue, Head of School

FALL FRENZY NOVEMBER 5TH

Dear ROE Families--On behalf of ROE PTO, we look forward to our upcoming Fall Frenzy next weekend on, **Saturday November 5th**. This annual event is a fun time as we come together as an ROE Community There will be wonderful food, music and a fabulous silent and live auction for all to enjoy!

Don't miss this special time together amongst ROE friends. Purchase your tickets this week. Also this year, there are fantastic teacher/staff prizes through the raffle and let's stack the deck for the teachers and staff to win these fabulous raffle prizes.

All purchases may be made on line or in cash/check payment to PTO or at the event. Look forward to seeing you on November 5th. Thank you.

--Holly Shilstone, PTO President

FALL FRENZY REV UP

Please join us this **Wednesday, November 2nd** 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

CHILDCARE FOR AUCTION NIGHT

Saturday, November 5th, you can conveniently rely on Gymnast Factory or Discover Gymnastics to entertain your children while you attend the Fall Frenzy. PLEASE call now to reserve your spot! Signed waivers required.

Gymnast Factory - Total \$18 per child (pre-registration price) \$25 at the door registration, www.gymnastfactory.com, 2520 Albans (off Kirby), Houston, TX 77005, 713-527-8753

Discover Gymnastics - \$9/hr, webmaster@discovergymnastics.com, 747 N. Shepherd Dr. #400, Houston, TX 77007, 713-680-0045

Please plan on attending. The event is FULL OF FUN. It is a casual & relaxed (blue jeans & t-shirt) fundraiser for all. ROE thanks & greatly appreciates the parents' support and involvement

GIRL SCOUT DONATION DRIVE WINNERS

Congratulations to **Ms. Goodman's** class **Mr. Anderson's** class and **Ms. Bustamante's** class for bringing the most items for the Girl Scout donation drive. Each class will have an ice cream party. So many classes had donations that we also recognize Ms. Taylor's class and Ms. Calderon's class with special treats this week. We collected over 1,000 books and over 1,000 spa and snack items. The director of a Simple Thread wrote "Please thank the ROE community for their extremely generous donations which will help to make the lives of Houston's homeless children and adults a little easier." The Girl Scouts of Troop 25268 were thrilled with the support of their school.

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!

SPOOOOKTACULAR BAKE-OFF RESULTS

The teachers and staff were sure in for a TREAT on Wednesday, October 26th when the teacher's lounge was filled to the brim with yummy, creepy, gooey, tasty and crafty goodies that the ROE parents contributed to show how much we appreciate our fabulous staff.

We certainly have some talented parents out there! The teachers and staff piled their plates high, sampled all the goodies and then voted for their FAVORITE treat!

1st Place Linda Wittig, 1st Grade parent - Pomegranate Yogurt Parfaits with a Side of Monster Eyeballs

2nd Place Nikki Dickerson, 4th Grade parent - Pumpkin Cheesecake Bars with Whipped Cream

3rd Place - Tie Danielle Mulcahy, Kindergarten parent - Pumpkin & Ghost Brownie Pops, Vanessa Wodehouse, 5th Grade parent - Chocolate Cake with Marshmallows

Honorable Mentioned Michelle Taylor, 1st & 3rd Grade parent - Gelatin Brain & Cheesecake Brownies

Jennifer Brannen, Kindergarten parent - Pumpkin Bars with Chocolate Chips,

Amie Canfield, 3rd Grade parent - Sugar Cookies Zabin Khandwalla, Kindergarten parent - Chocolate Cake with Spider Web

Adrienne Draper, 5th Grade parent - Red Velvet Cupcakes with Cream Cheese Icing

Thanks to all who contributed their time, efforts, skills and talents! We would also like to send a BIG thank you to Amie, Jackie & Gaby Canfield, Jason & Sammy Gerber and Mills McCormick for their set-up help!

--Teri Gerber and Jennifer McCormick
PTO Teacher Appreciation Directors

VETERANS DAY CARE PACKAGES

We will continue to collect items for care packages for U.S. Soldiers through this **Friday, November 4th**. A flyer with ideas and suggestions was sent home with your child last week. Each grade level was assigned a certain category of items, but any support will be greatly appreciated!!!

We are still 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

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. For anyone wishing to attend, please send the name, rank, service, which years the person served to Terri Zimmermann at terriz@swbell.net so we can include your service member in our Honor Roll. There will also be a reception for service members and their families after the ceremony.

SCHOOLHOUSE 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; 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!
--Caroline Sterner, Affinity Programs

LEARNER PROFILE & ATTITUDES

This month at ROE, students and staff will focus on being **OPEN-MINDED** by showing **RESPECT** and **TOLERANCE** of others, their culture, and their personal histories. Students are always encouraged to be open to other perspectives and points of view in order to learn that although other people can have differing opinions, they can also be right. So be sure to ask your student(s) this month how they are being **OPEN-MINDED** and what they are doing to show **RESPECT** and **TOLERANCE**.

VOLUNTEERS ON ELECTION DAY

We are looking for volunteers to **welcome voters to ROE on Tuesday, November 8**. We'd like to have volunteers staffing two tables for 1-2 hour shifts from

7:30 – 3:15 at the school entrance and the Rotunda. (one person per table for 1-2 hour shifts).

If you are interested in helping out, please contact us at volunteers@riveroakspto.org.