



ROE News

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LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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CALENDAR ITEMS

September 2	Last day to submit contact info for Directory
September 8	Last day to submit Kinder Grade Rep Board nominations.
September 12	Final deadline to submit all business and spirit ads for the Directory
September 13	Open House for K-2 at 5:30 to 7:00..
September 15	Open House for 3-5 at 5:30 to 7:00.

FROM THE DESK OF DR. FOVARGUE:

Welcome back for another great week at ROE! As we kick off Back to School, please join us for **Open House** on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 13th K-2 (5:30-7:00)

Thursday, September 15th 3-5 (5:30-7:00)

Additionally, National Grandparents' Day is the second Sunday in September and our school along with many other HISD elementary schools will honor grandparents with a special lunch on **Thursday, September 8th**. Please look for special invitations in your child's backpack this week.

As a reminder, we are continuing HISD's First Class Breakfast program where each student receives a free breakfast delivered to the classroom. Starting September 18, 2011, breakfast will be served in each classroom beginning at 7:45 AM. We will no longer serve breakfast in the cafeteria. If you do not want your child to receive breakfast, simply email your child's teacher.

Thank you to everyone who is arriving promptly for our 7:45 AM start on school. As a reminder, our carpool lane opens at 7:15 AM, and flows smoothly until approximately 7:40 AM. Please plan your routes accordingly, and arrive early. We will begin counting tardiness this Wednesday. If you have questions, please contact me at kfovargu@houstonisd.org.

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PTO KINDER GRADE REPRESENTATIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS:

Dear Kinder Parents: Welcome to ROE!!! The PTO Board is comprised of officers and representatives from each grade level. Two grade representatives serve per grade with one vote on Board as per our PTO Bylaws. The PTO Board meets once a month on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The primary responsibility of the grade level representative is to communicate and encourage involvement from their grade level families at ROE. If you are interested in filling this position of Kindergarten grade Rep, please submit your nomination with one brief summary describing why you would like to serve in this role by **September 8th via email or hardcopy by September 8th to email address president@riveroakspto.org** or to the President's ROE inbox. Thank you and enjoy the start of school.

- Holly Shilstone, PTO President

ROE DIRECTORY:

All parent contact info is due by this **Friday, September 2**. If you have not submitted it, please, email it today to directory@riveroakspto.org. Returning students who returned their green form last May do not have to resubmit as we have updated your info over the summer. New students who entered data on a green form have also been updated. Please do not submit multiple forms as it causes unnecessary work for the volunteers. Green forms may be turned into the school office. **Note:** The directory is pulling data from the green data forms and emails this year and changes made to your data in the online store **will not** be used for this year's directory.

September 2, is the last day to submit spirit ads. Send to spiritads@riveroakspto.org.

September 7 is the last day to guarantee your spirit ad will be placed with your child's class listing. Ads after this date will be placed wherever space is available.

September 12 is the final deadline for all ads -- business and spirit ads. No ads will be accepted after this date. Ad pricing and other details can be found in the directory section of the PTO website at www.roepto.org. Payment can be handled online or via check to ROE PTO. Send business ads to businessads@riveroakspto.org.

If you are interested in helping with the directory this year, we would love the help! Email directory@riveroakspto.org.

- Thanks, Maria Onufrow and the Directory team

2011-2012 YEARBOOK

Buy your child's 2011-2012 yearbooks online now at the price of \$25. The price will go up to \$30 on **September 17**. You can go directly to Jostens.com and click "shop" then "yearbooks" and search for River Oaks Elementary. Alternatively, go to roepto.org/yearbook and click on the link to the Jostens order page. Yearbooks are **NOT** available for purchase through the ROE spirit store website.

If you'd prefer to pay by check, please drop a check made out to "ROE PTO" in the yearbook locker in the kindergarten hallway. The cost is \$25 per book until **September 16**, after which it will be \$30. Please put "yearbook" on the memo line and also write your child's name and homeroom teacher on the check. As always, please email yearbook@riveroakspto.org with any questions.

ROE MOVIE NIGHT:

Mark your calendars for ROE's second annual Movie Night on **Friday, September 30th**. Come and enjoy a big-screen showing of a family-friendly movie outside on our playground. Showtime will be at 7:30 and feel free to come early to set up your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a picnic dinner with your family.

- Meredith Maierson, VP of Internal Relations
Greensheet Art News

VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Parents please note--we have been notified by HISD VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) that all returning parents will need to submit a copy of their ID to the front office to reactivate their VIPS record in the HISD system before volunteering at ROE this school year. Please submit this information to the Front Office (Attn: Lenora Munoz) for reactivation. Please note for returning VIPS volunteers-one does not need to register again on line. Only submit proof of ID to the school for reactivation.

If you have not registered with VIPS, please go to www.houstonisd.org/vips and register online and provide a copy of your ID to the Front Office. This approval process takes about 10 to 14 days so please plan in advance. This is a requirement before volunteering at all HISD schools.

FROM NURSE PETNER

Here are a few additional food allergies: **K** Walulek-ALL nuts, Ponder egg, milk and walnuts. **1** McHale-nuts and eggs, **3** Gibbins:sesame and garlic, McCurley-chicken, **4** Bustamante-eggs, **5** Beery Citrus, especially oranges and orange juice, Wilkerson-peanuts, cashews and walnuts

We are planning to have a Food Allergy Parade on Friday at 9:00 AM to help the cafeteria and office staff to get to know the children who have allergies better. If you don't want your child to participate, please let me know.

- Jan Petner, RN jpetner@houstonisd.org

THE SPIRIT STORE

The ROE Spirit Store is up and running and items are flying off the shelves! Our kids are excited to display their ROE Spirit and you can too! Did you know that our store also carries ROE gear for parents? We currently have several items on back order that should be in by the end of September. We made our first round of deliveries from online purchases last week. If you received a partial order or nothing at all, please know that your items are on back order and we will deliver them as soon as they arrive. Please be on the lookout for a few new items coming soon! Kindergarten families who purchased school supplies online will be receiving a spirit shirt as a part of those supplies. As soon as we have the list of names, those shirts will be delivered. Thank you to everyone for your support of ROE and our spirit store.

-Shenequa Animashaun – ROE Spirit Store

GT IDENTIFICATION

If your child is in grades 1- 4 and you would like for them to go through the gifted and talented identification process for the 2011-2012 year, please turn in an application to the front office by next Wednesday, September 7, 2011. Applications are available at the front office as well as online. This process would only pertain to students who have not applied and tested within the last 12 month period. Contact person is Andy Williams, 713-942-1460.