

September 10, 2009

GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT LYONS:

Houston ISD & Lyons Elementary School are planning a special celebration in honor of grandparents. This year Lyons will be honoring grandparents of our students for 2 days: grandparents with students in grades Pre-K through 2nd are invited to join their grandchildren for lunch on Tuesday, September 15 and grandparents with students in grades 3rd through 5th are invited to join their grandchildren for lunch on Wednesday, September 16. This will be done during their grandchild's lunch period. (Please see the flyer for lunch times) Lunch will cost **only \$4.00 per plate**. PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY TO PREPAY FOR LUNCHES – PAY AT TIME OF PURCHASE. Flyers were sent home with the students – please fill out and return to your child's teacher by Tuesday, September 8. We look forward to seeing you here

OPEN HOUSE:

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the parents who took time out from their busy schedules to come to Open House yesterday afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many parents at Lyons!

FINAL NOTICE:

Pre-kindergarten parents – **PLEASE NOTE: THE LAST DAY TO ORDER PRE-K FIELD TRIP T-SHIRTS IS TOMORROW, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.**

WELCOME:

Welcome to Lyons Ms. Harris!! Ms. Harris is our new school nurse. She is excited about being at Lyons. Ms. Harris used to be a second grade teacher at Fonwood Elementary in North Forest ISD before she became a nurse. She participated in after-school programs at different school after becoming a nurse.

CONGRATULATIONS TO. . . .

Ms. Dixon! – she retired from HISD this past summer. Ms. Dixon was school nurse at Lyons for the past 17 years. She will be missed.

Mr. Martinez – he was named principal of Browning Elementary this past summer. Mr. Martinez was assistant principal at Lyons for the past 3 years. We wish him well at his new school!

IMPORTANT TIPS TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF FLU:

Parents, please go over the following with your children to help prevent the spread of the flu.

- ▶ Practice good hand hygiene – wash / use sanitizer

- ▶ Cover mouth & nose with tissue when coughing or sneezing
- ▶ Stay home until fever-free for 24 hours

If your child is ill at school:

- Make sure your contact information is correct
- Children with fever will be sent home – parents are expected to pick up
- Student is to remain out of school until fever-free

Your cooperation in following these few tips to help keep our students and staff healthy is appreciated!

MEETING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR PARENTS OF G/T STUDENTS:

There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2009 for parents of G/T students in grades 1 – 5 from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. in the multipurpose room. This is **ONLY** for parents and students in the G/T program - no other family members will be allowed.

Lyons Robotics Club:

Do you like playing with Legos? Do you think building stuff is neat? Do you want to learn some robotics? This might be the club for you! It's time for Robotics! Learn to create and build machines with Legos! Come TRYOUT for Robotics!

Robotics Tryout Schedule:

| Day | Date | Time | Grade |
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| Tuesday | 9-15-09 | 3:30 – 4:30 | 3rd |
| Thursday | 9-17-09 | 3:30 – 4:30 | 4th |
| Friday | 9-18-09 | 3:30 – 4:30 | 5th |

Tryouts will be held in the Science Lab.

Robotics limited to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders

LYONS FALL BOOK FAIR:

It is time for the Fall Book Fair at Lyons. The Fall Book Fair will be from ***Wednesday, September 9th – Wednesday, September 16th*** from 8:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. Parents, family, and friends are invited to come and shop at the Book Fair. With the holidays right around the corner, books make wonderful gifts! The Book Fair will also be open during Open House until 4:00 P.M. Not only can you buy books for your children, you can also donate your spare change to “One for Books” to help students low on funds or maybe a classroom to get books. We look forward to seeing you at the Lyons Fall Book Fair!! ***Remember; the Book Fair accepts only cash or credit cards – NO CHECKS. Tax is charged***

Make your next destination the Lyons' Fall Book Fair!

MILLIONAIRE CLUB:

Don't forget to turn in your Millionaire Club Card for your free t-shirt – it is due to Ms. Scott, the librarian tomorrow, Friday, September 11. Parents

must sign the card at the bottom. Include your teacher's name and the size t- shirt you need.

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| T shirt sizes: | Youth - Medium | Adult - Large |
| | Youth - Large | Adult – X Large |
| | Adult – Small | Adult – XX Large |
| | Adult - Medium | Adult – XXX Large |

PLEASE SPECIFY IF SHIRT IS YOUTH OR ADULT

HISD REACH OUT TO DROPOUTS DAY:

Saturday, September 12, 2009, neighborhoods will be visited by volunteers from the schools and community in Houston ISD in an effort to re-enroll “no show” students at 23 high schools in the district-wide effort to support HISD's *expectation: GRADUATION.*

SKATETIME AT LYONS:

Kindergarten to 2nd grade students will be skating at Lyons during their PE ancillary time beginning Tuesday, October 1. Cost of skate rental is \$8.00 – cash only. Helmets and knee pads will be provided. ***Students may not bring skates from home.*** The money is due by Wednesday, September 16. Permission slips have been sent home, if you need another, you may request one from the main office, Mr. Mata, or Mrs. Stuart. Parents are more than welcome to come watch their children skate. The PE teachers would welcome any help you can give. Remember, if you are going to volunteer to help, you must be a registered VIP. The skating schedule will be in the next Pawprints and also on the flyer being sent home.

EARLY DISMISSAL:

Every Wednesday is early dismissal at 1:00 P.M. PLEASE BE ON TIME TO PICK-UP YOUR CHILDREN, AS THERE IS NO SUPERVISION AVAILABLE AFTER 1:15

SIGN-IN PROCEDURES:

All parents and visitors who enter our building are asked to please enter through the front doors, register at our reception desk (located at the front entrance in the main hallway), and wear a visitor or volunteer pass. A valid driver's license or picture I.D. is required to sign in (HISD policy) – please remember to bring your driver's license (or valid picture I.D.) with you every time you come to Lyons. ***This procedure is for the safety of our children!!***

SCHOOL-WIDE FUNDRAISER:

Get ready! Get ready. . .it is that time again – Cookie Dough is coming. Kick-Off is Monday,

September 15. Please look for information that will be sent home. Again, we will be selling cookie dough, cheese cakes, kolaches, pizzas, and more. Let's make this the best year ever! ALL of the money earned will be used to benefit our students and their needs.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

REMINDER: EARLY DISMISSAL EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

- Sept. 8-21 TPRI & Tejas/Lee Testing Grades 1 & 2
- Sept. 9 Open House 1:30-4:00 P.M.
- Sept. 9-16 Lyons Fall Book Fair
- Sept. 10 NNAT Testing – Lower Grades
- Sept. 11 Last Day to Order PK Field Trip Shirts
- Sept. 12 Reach Out to Dropout Walk
- Sept. 13 National Grandparents Day
- Sept. 14 NNAT Testing – Upper Grades
Choir Practice Begins
- Sept. 15 & 16 Grandparents Day at Lyons
- Sept. 15 Cookie Dough Kick-Off 8:30 -10:00 a.m.
- Sept. 16 SkateTime permission forms and money due
- Sept. 17 G/T Ice Cream Social 5-7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 21 Cheerleader Tryouts 3:30- 5:00 MP Room **Grades 2-5 only**
Fitness Club Begins
- Sept. 28 Fall Holiday – **NO SCHOOL**
- Sept. 20-Oct. 12 TPRI & Tejas/Lee Testing for Kindergarten
- Oct. 6 Last Day for Free/Reduced Lunch from 08-09
- Oct 1-15 SkateTime

Approved: _____
Cecilia A. Gonzales, Principal

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