

September 3, 2009

NO SCHOOL:

**THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2009
DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.**

School resumes Tuesday, September 8nd

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**. 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:

Open House at Lyons Elementary will be next Wednesday, September 9 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Parents are invited to come meet our faculty and staff. This time has been set aside for parents to learn about expectations, tests, academic goals, grade level activities, grade level instructional goals, daily route, promotion standards, and attendance. School shirts and yearbooks will be available to purchase at this time.

(cash only).

The Lyons' Fall Book Fair will be open during Open House from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the school library. Parents are invited to come shop during this time.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU HERE!!

5TH GRADE PANORAMIC PICTURE DAY:

Fifth grade students will be taking panoramic pictures tomorrow, Friday, September 4. Students are to wear a Lyons t-shirt. The cost of the picture is \$35.00. Checks may be written to Goldbeck. Payment must be made in advance.

LABOR DAY FIREWORKS SHOW:

There will be a Labor Day fireworks show this Saturday, September 5 2009 from 6:00–9:30 p.m. at Sylvester Turner Park (2800 West Little York). This family affair is being sponsored by State Representative Sylvester Turner. The fireworks will be begin at

8:45 p.m., following the baseball exhibition show at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call 713-683-6363.

YEARBOOK SALE:

Did you mean to purchase a Lyons' Yearbook last year or a couple of years ago and just never got around to it? Well now is your chance. . .there are a **limited** number of yearbooks from years past now on sale.

2004-2005. . . \$5.00 (next to last year Mrs. Berger was principal)

2006-2007. . . \$5.00 (year Mr. Viator was principal)

2007-2008. . . \$5.00 (year Mrs. Gonzales became Lyons principal)

2008-2009. . . \$10.00 (last year's edition)

This may be your last chance, don't wait too long! Please see Mrs. Bridges to purchase your copy NOW.

HELLO FROM THE SPEECH TEACHER:

Ms. Gena Perry is Lyons' new Speech Language Pathologist. She is looking forward to working with Lyons' students and parents. At this time, she is working hard updating all of the records in order to provide consistent and reliable therapy for the students. Her first priority is to complete re-evaluations of students. If your child is one of these students, she will be contacting you in order to complete the necessary paperwork. Be please patient. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the school at 713-696-2870.

NNAT TESTING FOR GIFTED & TALENTED STUDENTS:

We are currently accepting applications for our Neighborhood Gifted & Talented Program for students in 1st – 4th grades. If you would like to have your child tested, please stop by the office to pick up an application. Return the completed application to your child's teacher by tomorrow, Friday September 4, 2009. Applicants in lower grades will be tested on Thursday, September 10; upper grades will be tested on Monday, September 14. ***(NOTE: DO NOT complete an application if your child took the NNAT last 2008-2009 school year.)***

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:

Teachers, staff and students, did you read at least 5 books this summer? If you did, welcome to the Millionaire Club! Please remember to turn in your Millionaire Club green card with the name of the books listed. Parents must sign the card at the bottom. Include your teacher's name and the size t-shirt you need. Lost the green card? That's ok – you may simply write the book names on a piece of paper – include student's name, parent's signature, teacher's name and t-shirt size. Everyone who turns in their information will get a chance to win tickets to a Houston Dynamos game – there will be 2 winners!! Also, Lyons Elementary library is giving away paperback books to 10 students that turn in their cards. Teachers and parents who turn in their list of books will also receive a free t-shirt and book. **THE DEADLINE TO TURN IN YOUR MILLIONAIRE CLUB CARD IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.**

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*.

DID YOU REMEMBER?:

If you have not completed and returned the following papers to your child's teacher, please do so as soon as possible:

Required forms to be completed and returned:

- 1) Acknowledgement of Receipt of the District's Code of Student Conduct
- 2) Enrollment Card – ***must be completely filled out – At least 3 working phone numbers must be included***
- 3) Lunch application
- 4) Media Release Form
- 5) Student Residency Questionnaire
- 6) Employment Survey

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.

NOTIFICATION ON PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS:

As required by law, the school district is providing this notification that the district periodically applies pesticides at school sites. Information concerning these applications may be obtained from the district's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Coordinator at 713-867-0818

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

VIPS REGISTRATION & CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS:

PLEASE NOTE: VIPS and Criminal Background Check applications are now done via the internet - please see Mrs. Bridges for assistance. A copy of your picture identification will be needed – the copy can be made in the front office for you.

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!!***

FROM THE NURSE:

ALL students requiring medication during school hours **MUST** have a 2009 - 2010 medication form completed by their physician on file at the school. (Last year's form is no longer valid.) This form may be obtained from the school nurse.

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.

FREE BREAKFAST:

BREAKFAST WILL BE FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS AGAIN THIS SCHOOL YEAR!!

Breakfast is served from 7:00 to 7:30 A.M.

Remember that breakfast is the most important meal of the day – it gives us the fuel we need to do a good job throughout the day!

Student lunch costs \$1.60, reduced is 40¢. Lunches may be prepaid after breakfast between 7:30 – 8:30 A.M. Applications for free/reduced lunch were sent home on the first day of school

According to TDA regulations, applications from the proceeding year may be used to support eligibility only during the first 30 operating days of school. If a student qualified for the free or reduced lunch program in Houston ISD last year, that child may receive free or reduced meals until **Tuesday, October 6, 2008**. Students who do not qualify for free/reduced lunch or who do not have an approved application on file, will have to pay the full price of \$1.60. It is very important that applications are filled out completely and returned to school as soon as possible. *You need only fill out one application per family.*

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

- Sept. 4 G/T Applications due
- Sept. 7 Labor Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- 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. 12 Reach Out to Dropout Walk
- Sept. 13 National Grandparents Day
- 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. 28 Fall Holiday – **NO SCHOOL**
- Sept. 20-Oct. 12 TPRI & Tejas/Lee Testing for Kindergarten
- Oct 1-15 SkateTime

Approved: _____
Cecilia A. Gonzales, Principal

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