



Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter
May 22, 2025

Dear Lyons Families,

Wow — it's hard to believe the end of the school year is already here! With just 8 more days of school, excitement is in the air, but teaching and learning are still going strong.

One of the special events we're looking forward to is the Senior Clap Out on Thursday, May 29th. Graduating seniors who once walked the halls of Lyons will return for one last walk-through, while our students and staff cheer them on. It's always heartwarming to see our former students and hear about the amazing things they've accomplished.

As we wrap up this incredible year, I want to take a moment to say what a *pleasure* it has been to serve as your principal. Thank you for trusting me and welcoming me into the Lyons community with open arms. I'm truly grateful for your support.

I'm already looking forward to Year 2 — it's going to be even bigger and better!

Have a safe and wonderful, fun-filled summer!



Principal Nekia L. Petry



Paw Message from Mrs. Petry

"Don't stop because you're tired.

Keep going because you're almost there!"

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School Hours

Monday- Friday
7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Instruction begins at 7:30 A.M.

Tardy Slips begin at 7:40 A.M.

Dismissal begins at 3:00 P.M.

Office Hours

Monday – Friday
7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Social Media

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Important Dates for the Week:

Tuesday, May 27:

- Students Return from Memorial Day break
- Field Lesson 3rd – 5th Grades
Incredible Pizza

Wednesday, May 28:

- Kinder Field Lesson – AMC Theater
- GT Field Lesson – Main Event

Thursday, May 29:

- 2nd Grade Field Lesson –
Incredible Pizza
- Awards Day:
1st – 8:30 a.m.
PK - 10:55 a.m.
- Lyons HS Grads **CLAP OUT** 1:30


NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

MONDAY, MAY 26

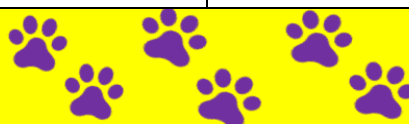
STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY, MAY 27


May 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19	20	21	22 PK Field Lesson NASA	23	24
26 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY	27 STUDENTS RETURN ~~~ Field Lesson 3 rd -4 th -5 th Incredible Pizza	28 Kinder Field Lesson – Amc Movie ~~~ Gt Field Lesson Main Event	29 2d Gd Field Lesson – Incredible Pizza ~~~ AWARDS: 1 st – 8:30 PK – 10:55 ~~~ Lyons HS Grads CLAP OUT 1:30 	30 PK Field Lesson – Chuck E Cheese ~~~ AWARDS Kinder 8:30 2 nd – 1:00	31

June 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 AWARDS 3 rd – 8:30 4 th – 1:00	3 AWARDS 5 th 8:30	4 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS ~~~ REPORT CARD DAY	5	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	14 Sunday June 15 FATHER'S DAY 

BE HERE EVERY DAY – ALL DAY!

LYONS NEWS

Pawprints is a weekly newsletter that contains school information, news, and upcoming events.
It is available online every Thursday.

<http://www.houstonisd.org/LyonsES>

If you do not have a computer or internet access, there will be some newsletters available in print at our Parent Corner outside the office.

**THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF PAWPRINTS
FOR THE 2024-2025 YEAR**



NO SCHOOL

Monday, May 26, 2025

STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY, May 27, 2025

MEMORIAL DAY



FROM THE NURSE - MEDS:



NOTE: The end of the year is fast approaching.....all maintenance medicines that are with the school nurse must be picked up on the last day of school by a parent or adult – medicine will not be sent home with students. All medications left will be properly disposed of.

SENIOR CLAP OUT:

**Lyons ES, High School
Graduating Class of 2025!**

Join us as we celebrate you with our
Únete a nosotros mientras te celebramos
con nuestro

Senior Clap Out

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025

**Time: please arrive at 1:00,
event will begin promptly at 1:30!**

**Location: Lyons ES
800 Roxella St, Houston Tx 77076**

Fecha: jueves 29 de mayo de 2025

**Hora: por favor llegue a la 1:00,
El evento comenzará puntualmente a la 1:30!**

**Locación: Lyons ES
800 Roxella St, Houston Tx 77076**

Please RSVP by 5/25

via QR code



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING OUR FORMER STUDENTS HERE!

AWARDS DAY SCHEDULE:

A graphic titled "AWARDS CEREMONIES" with a blue background, gold stars, and confetti. It contains a table with three columns: DATE/DAY, GRADE, and TIME. The table lists six ceremonies for grades 1st through 4th, Pre-K, and Kinder. Below the table is a note about students not participating.

DATE/DAY	GRADE	TIME
Thursday 5/29	1 st grade	8:30am
Thursday 5/29	Pre-K	10:55 am
Friday 5/30	Kinder	8:30am
Friday 5/30	2 nd grade	1:00 pm
Monday 6/2	3 rd grade	8:30 am
Monday 6/2	4th grade	1:00 pm

****Students who are not participating in the awards ceremony are strongly encouraged to remain in school to ensure consistent learning.**

Please note that the Pre-K Awards Day is being held on Thursday, May 29th in the Pre-K classrooms.

Parents will enter the building at the Pre-K entrance where they will sign in and proceed to their child's class. If parents are taking their PK child home after awards, they will sign them out with their teacher and exit out the Pre-K entrance. We ask that if the Pre-K child has siblings in other grades, that parents refrain from taking them out of school early. Consistent learning will still be happening.

This also applies to all of the other award ceremonies. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

5th grade awards day



LOST AND FOUND:



Wednesday, June 4th is the last day of school. Our Lost & Found is overflowing with students' lost items – clothing, lunch kits, backpacks, etc. A table will be set up by the reception desk with all lost items and clothing. Please remind your children to look check the table for anything they may have lost. Parents are welcome to come and

look. Everything left will be donated to a non-profitable organization at the end of the week.

CLASSICAL BALLET CLUB SPRING RECITAL:



The community and Lyons families are cordially invited to attend the classical ballet club spring recital on Friday, May 23rd at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Adams and the students have been working hard all year to put on this recital. The cost is \$6 per person. Concessions will be available for purchase. We hope to see everyone there! Flyers have been sent home.

LYONS BAND PERFORMANCE:

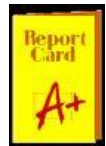


Please join us on Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. for a performance by the Lyons Band. The students have been working hard to put on this performance. The community and Lyons families are all welcome

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL INFORMATION:



- ▶ **BACKPACKS – NO** BACKPACKS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! Backpacks and all materials will be sent home with your child on Tuesday, June 3. Students should only carry home report cards on the last day of school.



- ▶ **REPORT CARDS – NO** REPORT CARDS WILL BE RELEASED TO A PARENT OR CHILD BEFORE DISMISSAL ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (Wednesday, June 4). Report cards of students who are absent or leave early may be picked up later that week



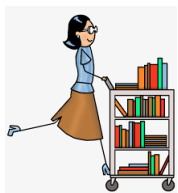
- ▶ **LAST DAY -** The last day of school is Wednesday, June 4, 2025

PRE-K PICNIC:



Pre-K will have an end of the year picnic in the Spark Park on Wednesday, June 4th from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Two adults for each student are invited. Non- school aged children are welcome – ages 3 and under only. R.S.V.P. with invitation has been sent home. Please return the R.S.V.P. by Thursday, May 29th to your teacher. You are welcome to bring your lawn chair or blankets. Parents will enter at the entrance to the park.

FROM MRS. PEÑA, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN:



- ❖ May 16 was the last day to check out campus library books this school year. All library books must be returned this week, before Friday, May 23. If your child receives an overdue notification, please help him/her find and return all our campus library books. Next week, beginning on May 26, families will begin receiving notifications to pay for lost books.
- ❖ Accelerated Reader is a Renaissance product promoting reading comprehension. At Lyons ES, we administer this program through the library. On Tuesday this week, Lyons students surpassed 30,000 passed quizzes. Our goal is 35,000 quizzes this school year. Ask your child about their 6th cycle AR goals and encourage them to meet his/her AR goals and finish strong.
- ♥ Thank you to all who attended our final Community of Readers Mothers and Literacy breakfast event on May 9th. We appreciate your participation and look forward to seeing You again next year. Watch for news of events next school year.



SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR PREK PROGRAM FOR 2025-2026

Parents still have time to enroll for the 2025-2026 PreK Program at Lyons Elementary. If you have any questions or concerns, you may email gracine@houstonisd.org or call the school at 713 696-2870 to set up a time to come and enroll.

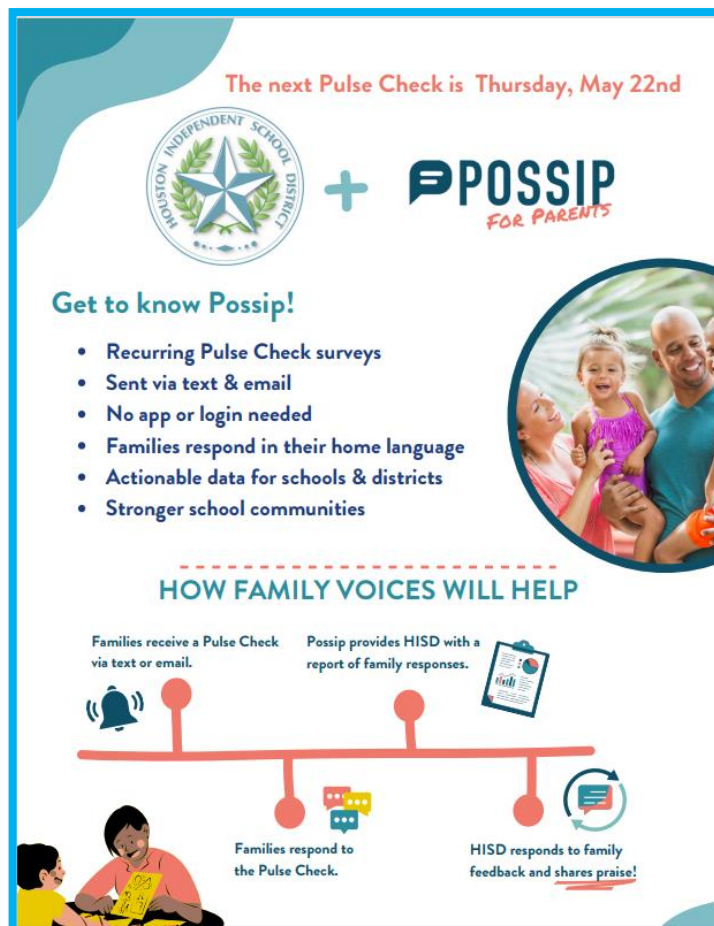
Requirements for Enrollment:

Parent must be present to enroll – **NO EXCEPTIONS.**












Documents required:

- ✓ Birth Certificate, Hospital Birth Facts or Baptismal Certificate of Child
- ✓ Shot Records (Must be up to date)
- ✓ Parent Picture ID or Passport
- ✓ Proof of Address (light, gas, water bill and/or lease agreement with receipts)
- ✓ Social Security(optional)
- ✓ Proof of Income (most recent pay stub, SNAP/TANF Benefits, if self-employed income tax 2024)

Enrollment dates for Kinder through 5th grade will be announced after the school year ends as the final report card is a requirement for enrollment.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

	May 22	Pre-K Field Lesson – NASA 8:30-2:00 Lyons Band Performance @ 6:00 p.m.		
	May 23	Classical Ballet Club Spring Recital 5:00 p.m.		
	May 26	NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY		
	May 27	3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th Grade Field Lesson – Incredible Pizza 9:30-2:00		
	May 28	GT Field Lesson – Main Event 8:30-2:00 Kinder Field Lesson to AMC Movie Theater 9:30-2:00		
	May 29	Awards Day: 1 st Grade 8:30 a.m. PK 10:55 a.m <i>in classrooms</i>		
		CLAP OUT 1:00		
		2 nd Grade Field Lesson – Incredible Pizza 9:00 – 2:00		
	May 30	Pre-K Field Lesson – Chuck E Cheese 10:30-2:00		
		Awards Day: Kinder 8:30 a.m. 2 nd Grade - 1 p.m.		
	JUNE 4	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – REPORT CARD DAY		
		Awards Day: 3 rd Grade 8:30 a.m. 4 th Grade 1:00 p.m.		
	June 2	Awards Day: 5 th Grade 8:30 a.m.		
	June 3	Awards Day: 5 th Grade 8:30 a.m.		
	June 15	Father's Day		

Approved

Nekia L. Petry

Nekia L Petry, Principal

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WHAT IS MEMORIAL DAY?

Memorial Day is the day we honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives in service to our country. It is a day to reflect on their sacrifice and to honor their memory with gratitude.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ ***Memorial Day*** was originally known as Decoration Day, and it was first observed on May 30th, 1868. One hundred years later in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act which made Memorial Day a federal holiday that always landed on the last Monday of May.
- ❖ ***American flags*** are flown at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day and then raised to full-staff for the rest of the day as a symbol of the nation's resilience and determination.
- ❖ ***The red poppy*** has become a symbol of Memorial Day. This tradition dates back to World War I when a poem called "In Flanders Fields" described red poppies growing on the graves of fallen soldiers.
- ❖ ***Arlington National Cemetery*** in Virginia is one of the most famous military cemeteries in the United States. It was established during the Civil War, and today it is the final resting place for more than 400,000 military veterans and their families.

Source: Carry the Load (Google)

