



# Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter  
March 27, 2025



Dear Lyons Families,  
We are quickly approaching **testing season**, and **every day counts** more than ever! As we prepare for these important assessments, it is critical that your child is present at school **every single day**. Consistent attendance helps ensure that your child stays on track, builds confidence, and is fully prepared to succeed when test days arrive.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Principal Nekia L. Petry



  
Paw Message from Mrs. Petry  
Small steps lead to  
BIG outcomes!"

## E.A. "Squatty" Lyons Elementary School

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Houston, TX 77076  
(713) 696-2870  
<https://www.houstonisd.org/lyonses>

### 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

Follow us on Facebook:  
Lyons Elementary School-HISD  
Follow us on Twitter:  
@LyonsElementary

### Important Dates for the Week:

- Monday-Friday, March 24-28
  - Kinder Story Hour
- Wednesday, March 26
  - GT EXPO 4:00-6:00
- Friday, March 28:
  - Pre-K Field Lesson to Old McDonald Farm  
**RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER**
  - Kinder Kite Day
- Saturday, March 29:
  - **NO SATURDAY TUTORIALS**
- Monday, March 31:
  - **NO SCHOOL**  
**Huerta-Chavez Day**  
*Students return Tuesday April 1*

# March 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24 Spanish Spelling Bee	25	26 GT EXPO 4 – 6 PM	27	28 PK Field Lesson to Old McDonald Farm <b>RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER</b> ~~~~~ Kinder Kite Day	29
<b>KINDER STORY</b> →					
31 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Chavez/Huerta Day					

# April 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Bunny Hop	5 TUTORIALS 8:00 – 10:00
7	8	9	10 Bunny Pictures	11 Field Lesson PK & K Disney on Ice	12 TUTORIALS 8:00 – 10:00
<b>PRE-K ROUND UP</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> 7:30-2:00 / 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> 7:30-6:00 →					
14	15  Reading 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	16	17	18 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> SPRING HOLIDAY	19
21	22  Science 5 <sup>th</sup>	23	24  Math 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	25 REPORT CARD DAY	26
28	29	30	May 1	May 2	
<b>LAST WEEK FOR TUTORIALS!</b> →					
<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>					

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

# 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.



**NO SCHOOL**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025**  
**HUERTA-CHAVEZ DAY**  
**STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY, APRIL 1**



## GT EXPO NIGHT:



Thank you to everyone who attended our GT EXPO last night. Thank you to all of our GT students for working so hard on your projects. They were GREAT!

1<sup>st</sup> place Ayden Ruiz – Lego Engineering (5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ms. Hernandez)



2<sup>nd</sup> place Monserrat Mata – Jurassic Wonders (4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. Sanders)

3<sup>rd</sup> place Zoe Ramirez – The Bees (1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Mrs. Diaz)



## KINDER KITE DAY:



Kindergarten students will have Kite Day **tomorrow**, Friday, March 28 during their recess time from 10:35 - 11:05 a.m. Parents who are registered VIPs are invited to participate in flying kites with their child. Please let your child's teacher know that you will attend **no later than 1:00 Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**NOTE: STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR KITES ASSEMBLE AND READY TO FLY!**

## BUNNY HOP:



Pre-K team is sponsoring a Bunny Hop (Dance) on Friday, April 4 during students' ancillary time. Cost of the dance is \$2. Snack and trinkets will be sold— cost range is 50¢ - \$3. (cash only please) Order forms will be sent home next week.

**THIS DANCE IS FOR LYONS STUDENTS ONLY!**

## EASTER BUNNY PICTURES:



Get Ready! . . . the Easter Bunny is on his way to Lyons to take a picture with you. He is really excited to meet you. Pre-K will be taking Easter Bunny pictures on Thursday, April 10. The cost is \$6 for 2 – 4X6" pictures – cash only please. Only one student per picture. You may choose to take the picture with or without the Easter Bunny. Order forms will be sent home soon. **Please DO NOT send the picture money with the Bunny Dance order form**

## LOST AND FOUND:



Tomorrow, Friday is Lost & Found Day (last Friday of the month) – 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 and welcome to come and look. Everything left will be donated to a non-profitable organization.

## COMMUNICATION:



Update your contact info!

Have you changed your phone number recently? Did you remember to update your phone number with Lyons? We depend on working numbers to be able to contact parents/guardians in case of an emergency, checking on students who are absent, etc. Please remember to contact Lyons and update your phone numbers and email addresses. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## TUTORIAL DISMISSALS:



**PLEASE NOTE:** ALL AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORIAL CLASSES ARE DISMISSED AT THE PRE-K/KINDER DOOR. CLUBS ARE DISMISSED FROM THE CAFETERIA/MP DRIVEWAY. (*Clubs dismiss from the cafeteria side of the school*)

## LYONS PRE-KINDER ROUND UP:



In honor of The Week of the Young Child, Lyons will be offering guided tours for prospective Pre-K parents and students. Please note, we will be assisting parents to complete the Pre-K application on-line. Enrollment will take place once the Pre-K application is approved by the district and a seat has been offered. Required documents will need to be presented at the time of enrollment. Please see the dates and times listed on the flyer below:



**HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*Offers full day Pre-K for 3-and 4-year-old children*

# Lyons PRE-K ROUND UP

Visit your neighborhood school to complete the application process for the 2025-2026 school year on:

**APRIL 7 & 10**  
7:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
**APRIL 8 & 9**  
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Parents will receive application support and have the opportunity to tour the campus.

Scan the QR code to start the application today:



[bit.ly/HISDPREK1](https://bit.ly/HISDPREK1)

For more information and to see the list of schools with PreK Programs:  
[www.houstonisd.org/prek](http://www.houstonisd.org/prek)  
713-556-4393

## HOUSTON-AREA HIGH SCHOOL TEEN SYMPOSIUM:



Connecting College, career, and Community Teen Symposium will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 9:00-1:00 p.m. at HCC Coleman College. This free symposium is open to all high school students, parents and community members across Houston and surrounding areas. Attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Explore college and career pathways across various industries
- Engage with community resources and industry professionals
- Participate in interactive sessions led by HCC, local employers and Houston ISD partners
- Learn about Dual Credit, career programs, and postsecondary options to help plan for the future.

Students and families can register through the dedicated event page on the HCC website: <https://www.hccs.edu/youthandteen>



In partnership with HISD and the City of Houston, join HCC for a free and inspiring event designed to help youth, teens, and their parents prepare for higher education and the workforce.

### What to Expect:

- ▶ Explore career paths and opportunities
- ▶ Access valuable community resources
- ▶ Gain tools and guidance to make confident decisions about your future

### Event Sponsors:



**Saturday, April 5**  
**9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
HCC Coleman Campus  
1919 Pressler St.

Learn more at:  
[hccs.edu/youthandteen](https://hccs.edu/youthandteen)



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**PLEASE**  
**BE RESPECTFUL OF OUR NEIGHBORS.**  
**DO NOT PARK IN OR BLOCK DRIVEWAYS!!**  
*Residents have the right to have police resolve the issue.*

### FROM MRS. PEÑA, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN:



Our 2025 Spanish Spelling Bee was conducted on Tuesday, March 25. Eleven students participated in our campus Spanish Bee after school in the Library. **Abigail Mosqueda** (4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. Maya) won the contest with the word: *despacio*. Second place and runner up is **Yeilin Ulloa** (5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mr. Romero), who will step in to represent Lyons if Abigail is unable to participate in the HISD district Spanish Bee on May 5th. Congratulations to all Lyons who studied and participated in this competition.

- ♥ Huge appreciation to Houston-based nonprofit, Books Between Kids for their partnership with Lyons Elementary. Each year, Books Between Kids opens a grant session in October. Lyons applied for this Book Celebration grant to provide an opportunity for our campus students to receive free books for their at-home libraries, Lyons Elementary was awarded the grant and held a free book fair in conjunction with our 2025 Read Across America celebration. Thank you for participating last week. Each child may still present their book list to earn the 2025 Read Across America brag tag.
- ♥ The 2025 Read-A-Thon library fundraiser is coming to a close in April. It's not too late to encourage your child's independent reading by sponsoring minutes of reading; no donation is too small. We are also seeking and inviting local commerce to help us reach our goals. Families can find communication tools for requesting local business support in our Read-A-Thon fundraiser in Dojo class library threads. Thank you so much for making this fundraiser successful. Our March award, **Family Movie Night** is scheduled for Friday, April 4. Families will be notified of meeting the March challenge on Monday, March 31.
- ♥ PreK is exploring digital books and expanding their love of reading with Renaissance product myON. myON is found as a district resource in Clever and all Lyons students have access to this eBook platform. Many books have auditory tools to read to inexperienced readers as well as digital annotations and highlighting tools. Help your child log into Clever and read an eBook in myON this week.

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March 28	PK Field Lesson to Old McDonald Farm 8:00-1:30	
	<b>RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> DUE TO WEATHER</b>	
	Kinder Kite Day	
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Parent Notification Day for School Choice - PREK 3 &amp; 4</b>	
April 4	<b>NO SCHOOL – Chavez-Huerta Day</b>	
	Bunny Hop	
	Family Movie Night 4-6:00 <i>Sponsored by Read-A-Thon</i>	
<b>April 5</b>	<b>Saturday Tutorials 8:00-10:00</b>	
<b>APRIL 7 &amp; 10</b>	<b>LYONS PRE-K ROUND UP 7:30 A.M – 2:00 P.M.</b>	
<b>APRIL 8 &amp; 9</b>	<b>LYONS PRE-K ROUND UP 7:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.</b>	
April 10	Bunny Pictures	
April 11	PK & Kinder Field Lesson to Disney on Ice	
<b>April 12</b>	<b>Saturday Tutorials 8:00-10:00</b>	
<b>April 15</b>	<b>RLA STAAR Reading Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>April 18</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – SPRING HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>April 22</b>	<b>STAAR – Science 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	
<b>April 24</b>	<b>STAAR – Math Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>April 28-May 2</b>	<b>Last Week for Tutorials</b>	
April 28	PK Field Lesson to Old McDonald Farm 8:00-1:30	
	<b>RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 28<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>May 2</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY, MAY 5</b>	
<b>May 5-9</b>	<b>Last Week for Clubs</b>	

Approved

*Nekia L. Petry*

Nekia L Petry, Principal

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The March 31st day of service is in honor of César Chávez and Dolores Huerta, two of the most significant leaders in the American farmer worker's movement. César Chávez was an American farm worker, labor leader, and civil rights activist who, with Dolores Huerta, co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the [United Farm Workers](#) (UFW).

*Source: Occidental College*