



Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter

April 3, 2025



Dear Lyons Families,
We're in a fast sprint to the end of the school year, and the next two months will be very busy. Testing season is here, and we need every student present and on time. Please limit early pick-ups as much as possible, as once testing begins, the building will be closed to visitors. Please refer to the STAAR Calendar listed in this issue of Pawprints. Let's stay focused and finish strong! Thank you for your continued support!!

Kind Regards,

Principal Nekia L. Petry



Paw Message from Mrs. Petry

*"The race is not over yet.
Your last sprint awaits."*

E.A. "Squatty" Lyons Elementary School

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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

Follow us on Facebook:
Lyons Elementary School-HISD

Follow us on Twitter:
@LyonsElementary

Important Dates for the Week:

Friday, April 4:

- Bunny Hop

Saturday, April 5:

- **SATURDAY TUTORIALS 8-10:00**

April 7-10:

- Pre-K Story Hour 10:55-11:45
- Pre-K Round Up
(see calendar for times)
- Lyons Band Concert 6:05 P.M.

Thursday, April 10:

- Bunny Pictures

Friday, April 11:

- PK & K Field Lesson to
Disney on Ice

April 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Bunny Hop Read-A-Thon Movie Night 4-6:00 PM	5 TUTORIALS 8:00 – 10:00
7	8 PRE-K ROUND UP 7:30-2:00 / 8th & 9th 7:30-6:00	9	10 Bunny Pictures March Reading Adventure Log Due	11 Field Lesson PK & K Disney on Ice	12 TUTORIALS 8:00 – 10:00
<p>7th & 10th →</p> <p>PK STORY HOUR 10:55-11:45 →</p>					
14	15 STAAR Testing Reading 3rd-5th	16	17	18 NO SCHOOL SPRING HOLIDAY	19
21	22 STAAR Testing Science 5th	23	24 STAAR Testing Math 3rd-5th	25 REPORT CARD DAY	26
28 PK to Old McDonald Farm	29	30	<p>LAST WEEK FOR TUTORIALS! →</p>		

May 2025



			1	2 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	3
5	6	7	8	9	10

MISSING SCHOOL = MISSING OUT!

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.

BUNNY HOP:



Pre-K team is sponsoring a Bunny Hop (Dance) **tomorrow, 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 have been sent home.

THIS DANCE IS FOR LYONS STUDENTS ONLY!

STAAR TEST CALENDAR:

E. A. "Squatty" Lyons Elementary School					
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APRIL 2025					
Friday, March 28: Mock STAAR – READING – 3 rd -5 th GRADES					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 MOCK STAAR SCIENCE 5 th Grade Only	5 Saturday Tutorials 8:00-10:00 a.m.
7	8	9	10	11 MOCK STAAR MATH 3 rd -5 th Grades	12 Saturday Tutorials 8:00-10:00 a.m.
14	15 STAAR READING 3 rd -5 th Grades	16	17	18 SPRING HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	19
21	22 STAAR SCIENCE 5 th Grade Only	23	24 STAAR MATH 3 rd -5 th Grades	25	26

PLEASE NOTE: Dead Week – There will be no Clubs or Tutorials on Monday, April 14 - Tuesday, April 15 and Monday, April 21 – Thursday, April 24. Please limit early pick-ups – once testing begins, the building will be closed to visitors.

STUDENT DRESS CODE:

Please be mindful of Lyons Student Dress Code. See the exert below and discuss with your children about what is not permitted. Parents will be called to bring appropriate clothing/shoes. (The completed Student Dress Code can be found in the Student Handbook.)

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Code of Student Conduct describes a broad range of behavior considered student misconduct. We believe in providing your child high quality instruction and your support is essential to a positive learning environment:

1. Students should be fully clothed, neat, and clean.
2. Students must always wear shoes for their own safety and protection. **Crocs, Slippers, flip-flops, sandals, clogs, and high heels are *not permitted*.**
3. Mini-skirts and mini-dresses are unacceptable. **Skirts/skorts and shorts length must be *no shorter than 3 inches above the knee*.**
4. **Pants and shorts *should not be distressed nor have ripped holes*.** They should not be skintight. **Leggings and bicycle shorts may not be worn.** Shorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

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***

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.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT SUMMIT:

There will be a Special Education Parent Summit this Saturday, April 5, 2025 at Austin High School (1700 Dumble St.) Please refer to the following flyer for more information.

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL EDUCATION
**PARENT
SUMMIT**

Join us for a morning of learning, connection, and empowerment!

This free summit is designed to support parents and caregivers by providing valuable tools and insights on:

- Special Education 101
- Autism and behavior support
- Dyslexia awareness and practical approaches
- School Choice
- Guardianship
- How to prepare for life after high school
- Understanding the evaluation process and timelines

**EMPOWERED PARENTS, BRIGHTER FUTURES:
NAVIGATING SPECIAL EDUCATION TOGETHER**
Austin High School
SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH
9 A.M. – 12 P.M.
1700 Dumble St
Houston, TX 77023

Come connect with other families, educators, and experts and leave feeling empowered to advocate for your child's success!

Door Prizes Food & Drinks Entertainment

For more information, call: 713-556-7042

HISD Office of Special Education Services
REMOVING BARRIERS. RAISING EXPECTATIONS.



SPECIAL ED FUNDRAISER:



Lyons Special Ed team is having a fundraiser. They are taking orders for t-shirts. All orders are due by tomorrow, Friday, April 4. Cost of the shirt is \$25. Taking orders for children and adults. Order forms are available in the front office. (on back of flyer). Your support of our SPED department is greatly appreciated!

LYONS ELEMENTARY SPED DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

SPED T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Thank you for supporting our special education staff & students!

A large image of a t-shirt with a colorful design. It features a lion's face in the center, surrounded by puzzle pieces and the text 'LYONS ELEMENTARY' and 'SPECIAL EDUCATION'.

ORDER NOW

DEADLINE: April 4th

\$25

We are pieces of a PUZZLE & a RAINBOW of possibilities!

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:

A flyer for the Lyons Pre-K Round Up. The top section is blue and contains the text "HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT" and "Offers full day Pre-K for 3-and 4-year-old children". Below this is the title "Lyons PRE-K ROUND UP" with colorful letters and an apple. The middle section is white and contains the text "Visit your neighborhood school to complete the application process for the 2025-2026 school year on:". To the right is a circular photo of a family looking at a laptop. Below the photo is a purple box with the text "Parents will receive application support and have the opportunity to tour the campus." The bottom section is white and contains a yellow starburst with dates and times: "APRIL 7 & 10 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM" and "APRIL 8 & 9 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM". Below the starburst is the text "Scan the QR code to start the application today:" and a QR code with the URL "bit.ly/HISDPREK1". To the right of the QR code is a magnifying glass icon and the text "For more information and to see the list of schools with PreK Programs: www.houstonisd.org/prek 713-556-4393". The bottom of the flyer has a green and blue wavy border.

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



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RESCHEDULED BAND CONCERT:



The cancelled Spring Band Concert has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:05 P.M. in the multi-purpose room. Parents and the community are invited to come support our Lyons Band students. See you there next Thursday!

FROM MRS. PEÑA, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN:



♥ Thank you to all Kinder families who participated in our Kinder Story Time, a Community of Readers event, sponsored through our campus library. Families joined their Kinder student during library ancillary for an interactive read aloud concluding with an Accelerated Reader quiz (research-based Renaissance product). All children attending received a copy of the book read during the event. Huge appreciation to local nonprofit, Books Between Kids, for the beautiful books offered. We love partnering with our learning community to promote literacy among our young learners fostering a love of reading and learning.

- ♥ The Following Lions earned the February Pleasure Pier Book Adventure free pass to Galveston Pleasure Pier: Adeline Soria, Ana Aguilar; Junior Zamparripa; Madison Castro; Freddi Encino; Andre Lee; Cesar Amador; Julliana Salazar; arla Ayala; Nathaniel Paina; Genesis Meza; Alejandra Rodriguez; Esthela Elizondo; Mia Moncada; Leyhla Toledo; Maya Bilton; Jocerlyn Rodea; Emma Contreras; Camila Caldron; Anthony Perez; Aitana Molina; Savannah Saldivar; Riley Celestine; Axel Rojas; Ezra Canales; Baldemar Agostadero; Mayte Rodriguez; Eber Valle; Damian Gaitan; Julian Torres; Erick Zelaya; Esteban Porras; Johathan Ayala. Please plan to submit your March Pleasure Pier Book Adventure reading log to participate in the last month of partnership with Pleasure Pier Galveston before April 10th. All March Book Adventure reading logs must be turned in to our campus library by April 10th showing 20 minutes of reading each day in March.
- ♥ Huge appreciation for all families who participated in our first Kinder Story Time session. Students read with their parents and took quizzes as well as carried a copy of the book home for their at-home library. We look forward to providing this opportunity again in the Fall of 2025. Watch for flyer information after the summer months.
- ♥ Our final PreK Story Hour will take place during the week of April 7th during Library ancillary session. Flyers were sent home this week with additional information.
- ♥ This Friday, April 4th, students having met the March Read-a-Thon challenge join their family for our first Family Movie Night event. Students earning this reward have received a flyer and movie pass. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Pena at carrie.pena@houstonisd.org. Families were asked to RSVP but is not necessary. Watch for details of our final Read-A-Thon challenge soon. Our Read-A-Thon goal is to raise \$6,000.00 for new books for our library next year. Join today to help us reach our goals.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 4	Bunny Hop	
	Family Movie Night 4-6:00	<i>Sponsored by Read-A-Thon</i>
April 5	Saturday Tutorials 8:00-10:00	
	Special Ed Parent Summit 9-12:00 @ Austin HS	
	Youth & Teen Symposium 9- 1:00 @ HCC Coleman College	
April 7-10	Final PK Story Hour	
APRIL 7 & 10	LYONS PRE-K ROUND UP 7:30 A.M – 2:00 P.M.	
APRIL 8 & 9	LYONS PRE-K ROUND UP 7:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.	
April 10	Bunny Pictures	
	Lyons Band Concert 6:05 P.M.	
	March Book Reading Adventures Logs Due (with 20 min. per day)	
April 11	PK & Kinder Field Lesson to Disney on Ice	
April 12	Saturday Tutorials 8:00-10:00	
April 15	RLA STAAR Reading Grades 3rd – 5th	
April 18	NO SCHOOL – SPRING HOLIDAY	
April 22	STAAR – Science 5th Grade	
April 24	STAAR – Math Grades 3rd – 5th	
April 28-May 2	Last Week for Tutorials	
April 28	PK Field Lesson to Old McDonald Farm 8:40-2:00	
	RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 28th	
May 2	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY, MAY 5	
May 5-9	Last Week for Clubs	
May 26	NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY	
JUNE 4	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	

Approved

Nekia L. Petry

Nekia L Petry, Principal

NLP/vc

It is the policy of the Houston Independent School District and E. A. "Squatty" Lyons Elementary School not to discriminate on the basis of age, color, handicap, or disability, ancestry, national origin, marital status, race, religion, sex, veteran status or political affiliation in its education or employment programs and activities, as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

PLEASE

**BE RESPECTFUL OF OUR
NEIGHBORS.**

DO NOT PARK IN OR BLOCK DRIVEWAYS!!

Residents have the right to have police resolve the issue.