



Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter
November 20, 2025

Dear Families,

As we move into the holiday season, we embrace a climate of thankfulness, family, and friendship that will shape the weeks ahead. At the same time, we remain committed to providing our students with the high-quality instruction they deserve. We have **one school day** before Thanksgiving break and **15 instructional days** afterward until winter break — **17 days total**. Let's make every day count.

We are now in **Cycle 3**, and our **December Attendance Challenge** is in full swing! Students who achieve **perfect attendance**, **no tardies**, and **no more than three early dismissals** will be invited to our **Attendance Holiday Celebration on Friday, December 19th**.

A reminder that **Thanksgiving break is next week**, and students will **return to school on Monday, December 1st**. Please plan your holiday schedules accordingly.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I want you to know how thankful I am for you and your children. Your support means so much to our school, and your children bring joy to our days.

Wishing you a wonderful break filled with family, fun, and lasting memories. Have a happy Thanksgiving and safe travels!

Best Regards,
Principal Nekia L. Petry



Paw Message from Mrs. Petry

*"A life full of good people
is a life full of gratitude!"*



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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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Lyons Elementary School-HISD

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@LyonsElementary

Important Dates for the Week:

Wednesday, Nov. 19:

- Popcorn/Candy orders for Friday Due

Friday, Nov. 21:

- Popcorn/Candy Sales

Wednesday, Dec. 3:

- Coffee with the Principal 8:30 am

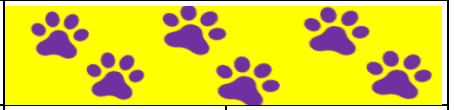
**NO SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 24-28
THANKSGIVING BREAK**
Student return Monday, Dec. 1st

November 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10 REPORT CARD DAY	11 Veteran's Day at Lyons PK to Little Beakers	12 Popcorn/Candy orders for Friday Due	13	14 Fall Picture Retakes & Absences Group Pictures ~~~~~ PK & K Popcorn & Candy Sales	15
17	18	19 Popcorn/Candy orders for Friday Due	20	21 PK & K Popcorn & Candy Sales	22
24	25	26	27 happy thanksgiving	28	29
NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK – STUDENTS RETURN DEC. 1					

December 2025

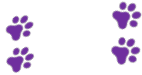


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ~~~~~ Homeroom Spelling Bee ~~~~~ ZEARN Turkey Challenge Due	2 Coffee with the Principal 8:30 am	3 Popcorn/Candy orders for Friday Due	4	5 PK & K Popcorn & Candy Sales	6 HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS @Lyons ES 8 am – 12 noon

Attend today and achieve tomorrow!!

LYONS NEWS

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



<https://lyons.houstonisd.org>



If you do not have a computer or internet access, there will be some newsletters available in print in the front office.



NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 24 – 28, 2025

(Monday-Friday)

Thanksgiving Break

STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025



LOST AND FOUND:



The end of the month is fast approaching. The last Friday of every month, all items left in the lost and found box are donated to a non-charitable organization. There is just not enough space to store all that is “lost”. Students and parents are welcome to look through the lost & found box. It would be a really big help, if lunch boxes, backpacks, jackets, etc. were labeled with the student’s first and last name. **NOTE:** The last Friday of this month is **TOMORROW, Friday, November 21st**, since there is no school on Friday, November 28th.

PRE-K & KINDER FUNDRAISER:



The Pre-K and Kindergarten teams are sponsoring a popcorn and candy fundraiser. They will be selling freshly popped popcorn and candy for \$3.00 on Fridays (**CASH ONLY**). This is a preorder sale. Order forms with payment are due the Wednesday before each delivery date. Order forms have been sent home. More are available in the main office.

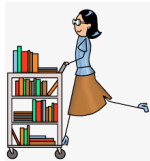
ORDER DUE DATE	DELIVERY DATE
Wednesday, November 19	Friday, November 21
Wednesday, December 3	Friday, December 5
Wednesday, December 10	Friday, December 12

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB FUNDRAISER:



Coach Sanchez, sponsor of Lyons' Cross Country Club, is selling popcorn in order to offset expenses for the Cross Country Club. Cost is \$2 a bag. He has an assortment of flavors: pickle, salsa and cheddar, caramel, chocolate, vanilla, white cheddar, and kettle.

LIBRARY NEWS:



- ❖ A huge thanks to all our Lyons families who shared in students' reading success and attended the Read-A-Thon Family Movie Night. Everyone had a great time watching Mufasa in the courtyard. Stay connected to Parent Square for future Read-A-Thon challenges and family events.
- ❖ Lyons Library hosted Denise Cornell of Texas Wildlife Association in their Soil Stewardship presentation for Kinder through 5th grade classes on Wednesday, November 12. This amazing TEKS-based learning opportunity included hands-on activities exploring soil origins, properties and benefits. We value our partnership with the Texas Wildlife Association to bring and extend learning opportunities for our young Lions.
- ❖ Lyons Library hosted the Texas Wildlife Association's adaptations discovery/learning trunk between November 10 and November 18. Students get to handle authentic and replica artifacts from indigenous Texas wildlife. We explored and compared specimen adaptations among various species and specimens, identifying how feature and structure contribute to survival within the Texas biome. Ask your child about which herbivore we examined.
- ❖ Lyons participates in 2026 Scripps Spelling Bee - Homeroom-level spell bee will be in a written format and conducted during library ancillary during the week of December 1. Homeroom-level bee winners will advance to the campus-level bee on Friday, January 9th as an oral competition. Study material will be released to all students during the week of November 17. If you have questions, please email carrie.pena@houstonisd.org for assistance.



GOBBLE FOR ZEARN!:



The following activity sheet was distributed to all students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade, along with instructions. The sheet is to be returned to Mrs. Petry when students return to school on Monday, December 1st. Students who complete the activity will be given a prize. Be sure the student's name is written on the paper.

**Turkey
ZEARN Challenge**

Monday 11/24	Tuesday 11/25	Wednesday 11/26	Thursday 11/27	Friday 11/28

**This fall break we challenge you to complete 2 lessons per day to earn a PRIZE!
Color in a turkey for each lesson you complete.
Return to Ms. Petry**

YOU GOT THIS!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 24-28

NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK



December 1

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

ZEARN Turkey Challenge due to Mrs. Petry

Dec. 2

Coffee with the Principal 8:30 am

Saturday Dec. 6

HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS EVENT @Lyons ES 8am – 12 noon (see following letter)

December 19

Attendance Holiday Celebration

Dec. 22 – Jan. 5

NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK





ALL families of Lyons Elementary students are invited to Lyons Elementary for a special Christmas event sponsored by the Dream Center of Grace Church on

Saturday, December 6th, 2025
from 8:00am-12:00pm

Students enrolled at Lyons Elementary will be invited to participate in a Christmas activity while parents and guardians get to shop for **FREE** Christmas gifts for their children.

****ONLY Students enrolled at Lyons Elementary** will be invited to participate. You will need to register using the QR code below. **Deadline for registration is Wednesday, December 3rd**, due to the size and preparation of this event.
No exceptions can be made.

We ask that you please adhere to the designated time slots listed below according to your students' last name, in order for the event to run smoothly.
Please note: if you need assistance with registration, contact the school (713) 696-2870.

Last Name	Time Slot
A-E	8:00a-9:00a
F-L	9:00a-10:00a
M-R	10:00a-11:00a
S-Z	11:00a-12:00p



Approved:

Nekia L. Petry

Nekia L Petry, Principal
NLP /vc

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DECEMBER 2025

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3  CRINKLE CUT TURNIP SLICES	4  TEXAS AMBROSIA APPLES	5
8	9  WATERMELON RADISH COINS	10	11  PINEAPPLE CHUNKS	12
15	16  CAULIFLORETS	17	18  TEXAS ORANGE WEDGES	19
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