



Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter
May 28, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we wrap up this incredible school year, I want to take a moment to share what a true pleasure it has been to serve as your principal. Thank you for your trust and continued support. I am sincerely grateful.

This year, we have truly unlocked our full potential. Our students have matured in so many ways, demonstrating growth not only academically, but also in their social skills and understanding of school expectations and structure. It has been inspiring to watch their progress.

As we look ahead to next year, we know that change is inevitable—but together, we will continue to adapt and thrive. While some things may evolve, our focus will remain the same: strong attendance and high-quality instruction for every student, every day.

Let's continue working together to ensure we remain a TOP school in our district! Wishing you and your families a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled summer. We look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for another great year.

Best Regards,
Principal Nekia L. Petry



Have a safe and wonderful, fun-filled summer!



Paw Message from Mrs. Petry

*"Success is not final,
failure is not fatal.*

It is the courage to continue that counts!"



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<https://lyons.houstonisd.org>

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, May 29:

- ECSE / SLL EOY Celebration 10:30-11:30
- PK Field Lesson – Chuck E Cheese
- 2nd & 3rd Gd Field Lesson – Incredible Pizza
- Senior Clap Out 1:00 
- 5th Gd Dance 5-7:00 pm

Monday, June 1:

- PK Awards 12:30

Tuesday, June 2:

- SLL Awards 11:00
- Kinder Awards 1:00




Wednesday, June 3:

- 5th Gd Awards 1:00

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026
LAST DAY of SCHOOL**

MAY 2026



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 NO SCHOOL  MEMORIAL DAY	26 School-Wide Fundraiser Money Due	27 K Field Lesson to AMC Theater ~~~ 4 th Gd Field Lesson Incredible Pizza	28	29 ECSE/SLL EOY Celebration 11:30-11:30 ~~~ PK & K Graduation Picture \$ Due ~~~ PK Field Lesson to Chuck E Cheese ~~~ 2 nd & 3 rd Gd Field Lesson to Incredible Pizza ~~~ SR CLAP OUT 1:00  ~~~ 5 th Gd Dance 5:00-7:00 pm 	30

JUNE 2026



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Pre-K / ECSE Awards MP Room 12:30 p.m.	2 Kinder Awards MP Room 1:00 p.m. ~~~ SLL Awards 11:30 In Classroom	3 5 th Gd Awards MP Room 1:00 p.m.	4 PK PICNIC 9:00-10:30 AM ~~~ LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! 	5	6
8	9	10 SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS 7:30-2:00	11	12	13

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.

LAST PAWPRINTS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR



LOST AND FOUND:



There are a lot of items in our Lost & Found box! Please remind your children to check for anything they may have misplaced/lost. Parents are welcome to check, also. Remember **EVERYTHING** left in Lost & Found will be donated to a non-profit organization after June 4th.

PK AWARDS
JUNE 1
12:30

5TH GRADE
AWARDS
JUNE 3
1:00

KINDER AWARDS
JUNE 2
1:00



LYONS
ELEMENTARY
AWARD CEREMONY
We Are Celebrating Excellence!

We are excited to inform you about our upcoming **Student Award Ceremonies**, where we will celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students. Your support has played a vital role in their success!

★ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ★
Ceremony celebrations will look a little different this year. All students will be celebrated in some way; however, **ONLY PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN, AND 5TH GRADE** families are invited to attend in person for this special occasion.
You will receive specific ceremony details from your student's teacher.

★ IMPORTANT REMINDERS ★

- DRESS CODE:** For award ceremonies held on campus, parents, please dress appropriately for the occasion. Guests who are not dressed appropriately may be asked to leave the building.
- GUEST LIMIT:** Space is limited. We are requesting no more than **3 family representatives**.
- ARRIVAL TIME:** All students must be at school by **7:30 AM**, which is the regular school start time.
- EARLY DISMISSAL:** Students are **not allowed** to leave early.
- SIBLINGS:** Siblings will not be able to be checked out if it is **NOT** their Awards Ceremony day.

We look forward to celebrating our students' success with you!

ONLY 3 FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES PLEASE

NO EARLY DISMISSALS

PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY

5TH GRADE PROMOTION DANCE:



There will be a promotion dance for Lyons fifth graders on Friday, May 29th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. There will be a DJ, a photobooth and dinner. Every student must be accompanied by an adult to attend the dance. Only 2 parental figures will be allowed to attend with each child. All attendees are encouraged to wear their best attire – please follow school dress code.

The cost is \$10 for one student and 1 adult. An additional adult will cost an additional \$10. May be paid by cash, Zelle, or Cash App. Fliers/order forms were sent home this Wednesday with QR codes attached for payment. QR codes and fliers will be available in the main office.

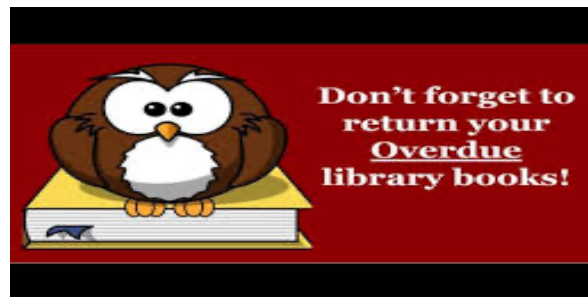
**ALL PAYMENT IS DUE BY TOMORROW
FRIDAY, MAY 29TH**

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.

FROM THE LIBRARIAN:



Lyons library was awarded a grant to support summer reading programming. A committee is working on all the details, so watch for more details over the next week. Students will be required to register to participate. Students who meet the Lyons Summer Reading Challenge will be eligible for prizes, be able to attend author visits with free books and participate in a writing workshop. All students who meet the challenge will be invited to a back-to-school bash with inflatables and food.



Lyons Pre-K Class Picnic

WHEN: **THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026**

TIME: **9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

WHERE: **SPARK PARK**

PLEASE BRING	IMPORTANT RULES
Picnic chair Folding Lawn Chair Blanket	MAX 2 ADULTS per Child NO SCHOOL-AGE students CHILDREN UNDER 2 welcome

RSVP by **MAY 29, 2026**

Student Name: _____ Adult Guest 2: _____

Adult Guest 1: _____ Under 2 Child Attending? Yes No

SUMMER SCHOOL:



Summer school will begin on Wednesday, June 10th from 7:30 – 2:00. Summer school is by invitation only. Those students requiring summer school were sent letters from HISD. The summer school principal will be Mr. R. Pineda from Moreno ES and the assistant principal will be our own AP Mrs. S. Figuereo. Summer school will end on Friday, July 17th. There will be no summer school on July 2-3, 2026 (4th of July holiday).

FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN:



Houston ISD will be offering free breakfast and lunch for all children up to 18 years of age at Lyons Elementary this summer from June 10- July 17, 2026. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11:00 - 12:00. School will be closed on July 2-3 for the 4th of July holiday.

CELEBRATE YOUR GRADUATE!

PRE-K GRADUATION PICTURES

PACKAGE A

\$15

Includes:
1 - 5x7 Portrait
2 - 4x6 Portraits

PERFECT FOR SHARING!
Includes 3 quality prints.

PACKAGE B

\$25
(most popular!)

Includes:
1 - 8x10 Portrait
1 - 5x7 Portrait
2 - 4x6 Portraits
8 - MINI WALLETS

BEST VALUE!
Preserve Every Memory!
Includes 12 prints total.

ORDER FORM

Student Name: _____ Teacher/Class: _____
 Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Package Selected (A/B): _____ Quantity: _____

Payment Info: Cash only
Due Date: May 29, 2026.

PRE-K & KINDER GRADUATION PICTURE PAYMENT IS DUE TOMORROW, FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026!

How to Apply for Pre-K

2026-2027 Pre-K Applications

HISD offers full-day Pre-K for children who are 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1. Only students who are new to Pre-K need to apply. Current Pre-K 3 students moving to Pre-K 4 do not need to submit a new application unless they are requesting a different school. HISD is still accepting applications for new Pre-K students for the current school year.

Before Applying

- Explore available programs and identify which program best aligns with your child's interests.
- ▷ **School Tours:** Contact the campus directly or visit their website for details.
- ▷ **Pre-K Events:** *(more details below)*
- **Ranking Matters!** Consider how you will rank your choices. You will be asked to rank your choices based on preference. Families can apply for up to 10 programs/schools.

Submit Your Application

- If your student is a current student with HISD, you will need their HISD ID number.
- Go to chooseshisd.my.site.com.
- Login to your account or create one.
- Once you have added your student to your account, click on **Take Action** to begin your applications.
- Continue with application until you see the green success message indicating your applications are submitted.

After Applying

- Eligibility documents must be uploaded between April 1 and April 20.
- Confirm you've submitted any documents needed by going to **Next Steps**.
- Monitor your School Choice account regularly for updates.
- Keep track of the School Choice key dates. *(listed below)*
- Before the April 17 deadline, you can make changes to your selections. Click **Take Action** and be sure to continue with the application process until you get the green success message.

Pre-K Events

Assistance with submitting a Pre-K application, connecting with local school representatives to explore Pre-K programs, and enjoying fun activities for the entire family.

Feb 7: 9 am – 12 pm • Mandarin Immersion
Feb 21: 9 am – 12 pm • Wheatley HS
Mar 11: 9 am – 12 pm • Hartman MS
Apr 11: 9 am – 12 pm • Madison HS
May 16: 9 am – 12 pm • Mickey Leland Academy

School Choice ParentSquare

Scan the QR to subscribe to the School Choice ParentSquare.

Apply Now

Scan the QR to login or create your parent account, submit applications, and check your application status.

Pre-K Application Key Dates

Phase 1 Pre-K Application Opens	Jan 21
Families begin uploading eligibility documents	April 1
Phase 1 Pre-K Application is Due	April 17
Last day for families to upload eligibility documents	April 20
Notification of Lottery Results	May 5
Phase 2 Application Opens	May 5
Last day for families to accept lottery offers	May 11
Phase 2 seat offers by TEA priorities (PK4 Tuition, PK3 Eligible, PK3 Tuition), if available.	May 18
Families must accept their child's placement	5 Days After Seat Offer

HISD
713-556-6734
SchoolChoice@HoustonISD.org
SchoolChoice.HoustonISD.org

G/T Testing Request link available by August 14th

Gifted and Talented Testing Interest Survey

About

Gifted and Talented Testing is available for students currently enrolled in K-12th grades and Entering Kindergarten 2027-2028. Gifted and Talented Identification is required to be eligible to apply for Vanguard campuses in HISD.

Entering Kindergarten 2027-2028 students' birthdates must be between 9/2/2021 – 9/1/2022

giftedandtalented@houstonisd.org
 713-556-6954
www.houstonisd.org/GT

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Are you interested in G/T Testing?

Complete the interest form below to receive a link to register for Fall G/T testing.

Scan the QR code and complete the request.

<https://bit.ly/interest-gt>



HISD x Children's Museum Houston

HISD DAY

at the
Children's Museum

HISD's Family and Engagement Community (FACE) is inviting you to the Children's Museum Houston for a **FREE** day of hands-on learning.

**Monday, June 8
10 am – 4 pm**

All HISD families welcome.



Scan QR to register or visit link:
cmh.ticketapp.org/portal/product/118

Free Onsite Parking Available



HOUSTON MUSEUM of NATURAL SCIENCE

You belong in a museum!

25% Off Memberships for Lone Star Cardholders
Present card at HMNS Box Office upon arrival.

15% Off Memberships for all families and staff
Use coupon code **OUTREACH15** at checkout at HMNS Box Office, (713) 639-4616 or www.hmns.org/joinnow. QR code populates the coupon!




HMNS MEMBER BENEFITS

- Unlimited, **FREE** admission to permanent halls at main campus in Hermann Park (paleontology, Texas and African wildlife, chemistry, energy, Americas, Fabergé, ancient Egypt) and HMNS at Sugar Land
- Members Priority ticket line
- Invitations to members-only events
- Discounted admission for Cockrell Butterfly Center, Burke Baker Planetarium, Wortham Giant Screen Theatre and all special-ticketed exhibits
- 10% off Gift Shop merchandise
- Discounts for programs — including teacher workshops and summer camps
- 3 free Digital Vouchers

Learn more at www.hmns.org/membership

**Free Tuesdays
5-8 p.m.** (last entry 7:30 p.m.)

To make sure that everyone is able to visit the museum, HMNS has Free Tuesdays!

Complimentary tickets to the Permanent Exhibit Halls can be picked up at the museum box office upon arrival. These tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. While not likely, a sellout is possible.

Free Tuesday tickets are not available online.

www.hmns.org/hours

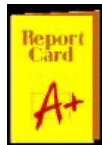
Houston Museum of Natural Science
www.hmns.org

HMNS at Sugar Land
www.hmns.org/sugarland

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 Wednesday, 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 (Thursday, 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 Thursday, June 4, 2025



DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 26 *Last day to turn in chocolate fundraiser money*

May 29 ESCS/SLL End of Year Celebration 10:30-11:30 *In the inner courtyard*



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 2nd & 3rd Grades Field Lesson to Incredible Pizza
 5th Grade Dance 5:00-7:00 PM
 HS Senior Clap Out 1:00 PM



June 1 ECSE / Pre-K Awards Day 12:30 p.m.

June 2 SLL Awards Day 11:30

Kinder Awards Day 1:00 p.m.

June 3 5th Grade Awards Day 1:00 p.m.



June 4 End of Year Pre-K Picnic 9:00-10:30 a.m.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



JUNE 10 **FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL 7:30-2:00 BY INVITATION ONLY!**
June 21 **FATHERS DAY**
July 2-3 **NO Classes (4th of July Holiday)**
JULY 17 **LAST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL**

Approved:

Nekia L. Petry

Nekia L Petry, Principal
NLP /vc

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★ 2026 - 2027 ★

PATRICK HENRY

SUMMER BRIDGE CAMP

★ FOR INCOMING 6TH GRADERS ★

Make the transition! *Build your future!*

★ HOSTED BY ★

PATRICK HENRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

- BUILD CONFIDENCE**
Start strong for middle school!
- STRENGTHEN SKILLS**
Sharpen academic and 21st century skills!
- PREPARE FOR SUCCESS**
Get ready, stay organized, succeed!
- CONNECT & GROW**
Make friends and build relationships!

JULY 20 - JULY 23, 2026

★ MONDAY - THURSDAY ★

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

OR USE THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER:
<https://forms.gle/hQqtPSkkaYB9vnXq8>

INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE

THERE IS **NO** TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED.

STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP **BY 2:00 PM.**

ACADEMIC GROWTH

Reading, Math, Writing & More!

HANDS-ON LEARNING

Engaging activities & real-world connections!

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Make friends, work together, have fun!

HEALTHY HABITS

Mind, body & heart ready for success!

HISD Houston Independent School District

HISD ENROLLMENT
Ready to enroll? Visit the HISD website for enrollment information and support.

<https://www.houstonisd.org/schools-academics/student-enrollment>

LEARN ★ GROW ★ CONNECT ★ SUCCEED

10702 E. Hardy Rd., Houston, TX 77093 | (713) 696-2650

Explore Your Future

Discover our engaging STEM+M program and the Medical Pathway that prepares students for future success in these exciting fields.

Medical Pathway Partnership

Through our medical pathway, students dive into anatomy, health sciences, and patient care fundamentals. In partnership with Baylor College of Medicine, learners gain early exposure to college-level resources, mentorship, and career exploration in the medical field—laying the foundation for future healthcare professionals.

A Launchpad for success

Patrick Henry Middle School is more than a classroom—it's a launchpad for discovery. Our magnet program fosters curiosity, leadership, and academic excellence. Whether students are flying drones, diagnosing virtual patients, or coding robots, they're building the skills and confidence to thrive in high school, college, and beyond.

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