



Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter
September 3, 2026

Dear Lyons Family,

Thank you for your continued patience and partnership as we settle into the school year. We are pleased that **dismissal is running smoothly**, and we appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping us maintain an efficient process. As always, **student safety remains our top priority**.

Communication is Key!

ParentSquare is our primary platform for school communication. Please make it a habit to check ParentSquare **daily** for important campus announcements, teacher updates, reminders, and upcoming events.

Progress Reports

Progress reports will go home **Friday, September 4th**. Please take time to review your child's progress, celebrate their successes, and connect with their teacher regarding any areas where additional support may be needed.

Help Us Keep Classrooms Stocked!

As we continue through the school year, our teachers can always use a little help replenishing classroom supplies. If you are able, please consider donating:

- Disinfecting wipes
- Kleenex
- Dry-erase markers
- Pencils
- Highlighters

Every contribution is appreciated and helps our teachers keep classrooms ready for learning! Enjoy your holiday. We look forward to welcoming our students back on Tuesday, September 8th, rested and ready to learn!

Have a wonderful week!
Principal Nekia L. Petry



Paw Message from Mrs.
Petry

"Every morning is a fresh start. Be
Kind, try your best, & remember -



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<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, SEPTEMBER 7 – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, Sept. 8 – Students return

September 2026



	1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	10	11	12
NO SCHOOL <i>Labor Day</i>					
14	15	16	17	18	19
	Grandparents' Day PK, 1 st , 4 th , 5 th , Ms. C. Martinez	Grandparents' Day K, 2 nd , 3 rd , Rangel, Galasinao ~~~~ PK OPEN HOUSE 4:00 – 5:00 pm Book Fair 5:00-5:30	OPEN HOUSE 4-6:00		
21	22	23	24	25	26
NO SCHOOL <i>PD Day</i>					
28	29	30	31		
	Title I Parent Meeting 12:00				



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 in the front office.



NO SCHOOL:



There will be **NO SCHOOL** Monday, September 7, 2026 due to the Labor Day holiday. School will resume on Tuesday, September 8.

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REMINDER:



Please remember to label your children's coats, jackets, sweaters, backpacks, lunch kits, water bottles, etc. This makes it much easier for us to get lost / misplaced items back to the students. Our Lost & Found box fills up quickly and unmarked items don't always get back to the students. Every Friday and table is set up by the reception desk for students and parents to look through. At the end of the month, all unclaimed items are donated to a charitable organization.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY:



Grandparents' Day is right around the corner! Our nutrition staff is excited to invite the grandparents of our students to lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to share a meal, connect across generations, and proudly introduce their grandparents to their school community. This year, Lyons Elementary is going to celebrate Grandparents' Day on two different days -Tuesday, September 15 and

Wednesday, September 16 (schedules are listed below). This event is for grandparents only. Fliers with order form has been sent home. Orders and payment are due no later than Friday, September 11 – **NO EXCEPTIONS!** (The cafeteria needs a count in order to prepare the meals) Cost is \$8 per grandparent - ***ticket purchase required for admission*** (outside food permitted)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

GRADE	TIME
PRE-KINDER	10:00 – 10:30
1 st	10:40 – 11:10
4 th	12:00 – 12:40
5 th	12:00 – 12:40
SLL – Ms. C. Martinez	11:15 – 11:45

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

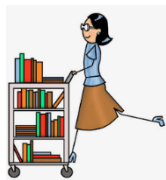
GRADE	TIME
KINDER y Mrs. Rangel	10:35 – 11:05
2 nd & Mrs. Galasinao	11:15-11:45
3 rd & Galasinao	11:20 -11:50



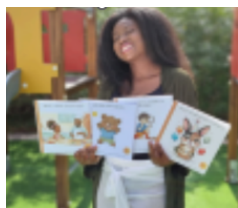
We look forward to seeing our grandparents!



FROM MRS. PENA – LIBRARIAN:



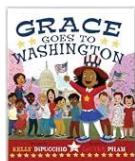
Pre-K Story Hour - Thank you so very much for families who attended the Pre-K Story Hour this week. I hope you enjoyed to view of our library routines including dances, Lego activity and library ancillary rules. All students received a copy of *The Secret Words*; please read this book with your children at home focusing on the pictures. During library, we will delve into the words in a read aloud of this beautiful book repeatedly over the next few weeks.



Author Ashley Woods will visit Lyons Elementary on Thursday, September 17, honoring Hispanic Heritage Month. Students in Kinder, third, and second grades will attend Ms. Wood's lively lessons featuring her amazing books. Families will be able to purchase these books while she is on campus. Watch for pre-sale flyers to go home this week.



2026/2027 Read-A-Thon is underway - 41 students will receive snack during their ancillary session on Thursday, September 10 for registering for this library fundraiser during August. Families can earn free passes for Family Movie Night on Thursday, October 15 by meeting the September Read-A-Thon Challenge. Simply earn an additional \$25 donation total and log 70 minutes of reading in the Read-A-Thon online reading log. If you have questions, please reach out to Mrs. Pena.



Lyons Elementary will host the Houston Law Association on Thursday, September 17th during the 4th-grade ancillary session. 4th-grade students will participate in a read aloud of *Grace Goes to Washington*, read by a local member of the HBA.

FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE:



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!! At Houston ISD, missing school can lead to a student not receiving grades or being retained. This includes those students under an IEP (individualized education plan) and Section 504 plans. Students should not miss more than 10% of the school year.

What to do if your child is absent:

- Call the attendance office to report child's absence and reason. HISD automatically calls parents/guardians when student is marked absent
- Absence excuses should be turned in **NO LATER THAN 3 DAYS AFTER DATE OF ABSENCE.**
- Only 3 written/emailed excuses from parent per semester are permitted per school year

- All excuses may be emailed to gracine@houstonisd.org or sent thru Parent Square
- Remember to obtain and turn in to attendance office all excuses from doctor/dentist office, funeral home, other needed appointments, etc.
- The counselor, Mrs. Nzei, will reach out to families of students with more than 3 absences.

PLEASE NOTE: *Call the school office if your child is absent – the office calls parents of absent students on a daily basis. If you call beforehand, this will save time and an interruption of your daily routine.*

TARDIES:



It is very important that students come to school on time everyday! School begins at 7:30 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 7:45. Tardy slips will be issued to the students who arrive late. Parents must accompany their child into the school and sign the tardy book. When students come to school late, they lose valuable learning time and it causes an interruption in the classroom. Students with more than 3 tardies will not be able to participate in any extra-curricular activities or clubs. This time will be used for the student to complete the work that was missed from being tardy.

LUNCHES FROM HOME:



If your child brings lunch from home, please send it with them when they arrive at school in the morning. To protect instructional time and minimize classroom interruptions, we are unable to call classrooms for lunch deliveries during the school day.

GT APPLICATIONS:



GT applications for students in Kindergarten through 5th grades is now open. To apply, please go online And scan the QR code.

VISITORS:



Houston ISD requires **ALL** visitors who come to our campus to enter through the main entrance and register at our reception desk. A valid driver's license, ID or passport is required to sign in, you **must register** every time you visit our campus. A volunteer or visitor pass must be worn and be visible at all times while of campus. Any other doors are not to be used as an entrance or exit. This is for the school's security and our students' safety.

VOLUNTEERS:



Houston ISD requires **ALL** school volunteers to pass background checks. The background checks may take up to 2-3 weeks so if you wish to volunteer for a field lesson, help out with a school event, and/or attend a classroom event, you ***MUST*** be a registered VIP.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 7	NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY <i>return to school Tuesday 9-8-26</i>
September 15	Grandparents' Day (PK, 1 st , 4 th , 5 th and C. Martinez)
September 16	Grandparents' Day (Kinder, 2 nd , 3 rd , Ms. Rangel & Mrs. Galasinao) Pre-K Open House 4:00-5:00 (Book Fair open 5:00-5:30)
September 17	Author Ashley Woods visits Lyons Houston Law Association visits 4 th Grade Open House 4:00-6:00 <i>Fall Book Fair will be open from 3:30-5:30</i>
September 17-28	Fall Book Fair
September 21	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS <i>return to school Tuesday 9-22-26</i>
October 29	Trunk or Treat
October 30	Halloween Dance

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

LYONS ELEM BELL SCHEDULE



7:00

School Time

7:30



7:45

SCHOOL

Attendance

9:30

EARLY PICK-UP
CUTT OFF

2:15



3:00

REMINDER: The latest a student can be checked out of school early is 2:15. The end of the day is just as important as the beginning of the day! Teachers are reviewing, wrapping up, passing out notices, etc.



OPEN HOUSE

FOR PRE-K PARENTS ONLY!

 To ensure you are able to fully participate and hear all of the important information shared during Open House, we kindly ask that you make arrangements for your children to remain at home during the presentation, if possible.

 We understand that childcare may not be available for everyone. **Childcare will be provided during Open House for families who need it.**

 Our goal is to make sure all families have the opportunity to listen, ask questions, and receive important information about the school year.

 **DATE:**
September 16, 2026

 **TIME:**
4:00–5:00

 **WHERE:**
Cafeteria 



THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION!

 **If you need childcare during Open House, please let us know!**

Please check one:

☐ YES, I will need childcare.

☐ NO, I will not need childcare.

If yes, how many children will need childcare? _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____