



Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter
September 10, 2026

Dear Lyons Family,

Wow! It's hard to believe we are already heading into **Week 6!** Time is flying, and we have a busy and exciting week ahead filled with opportunities to celebrate, connect, and learn together!

Grandparents Day | September 15-16

We are excited to welcome our wonderful grandparents to campus for **Grandparents Day!** We look forward to celebrating the special role grandparents play in the lives of our students

Open House & Book Fair

Our **Book Fair** is opening just in time for Open House! We hope you'll join us:

- **September 16 – Pre-K Open House**
- **September 17 – Kindergarten–5th Grade Open House**

During Open House, teachers will provide families with an overview of **grade-level expectations, classroom routines, and learning for the year.** Please remember that Open House is a group setting. If you would like to discuss your child's individual progress or have a one-on-one conversation with your child's teacher, please schedule a separate conference.

Hispanic Heritage Month

We are also excited to kick off our celebration of **Hispanic Heritage Month!** We look forward to honoring the rich history, culture, and contributions of the Hispanic community. We can't wait to see the wonderful projects our students create as part of the celebration!

Thank you, families, for your continued partnership and support. **Week 6 is going to be a great one, and we look forward to seeing you on campus!**
Onward and Upward!

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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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:

Tuesday, September 15:

- Grandparents' Day
PK, 1st, 4th, 5th,
Ms. C. Martinez

Wednesday, September 16:

- Grandparents' Day
K, 2nd, 3rd, Rangel, Galasinao
- **PK OPEN HOUSE** 4:00 – 5:00 pm
- Book Fair 5:00-5:30

Thursday, September 17:

- **OPEN HOUSE 4:00-6:00**
- **Book Fair 3:39-5:30**

Thursday, September 17 – 28:

- **BOOK FAIR**

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

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



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.

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 NZEI – SCHOOL COUNSELOR - SAY HELLO WEEK!:

Start planning now for a week of fun activities – “Say Hello Week” to be held September 21-25. Everyone is encouraged to participate – students, staff, and parents. Please see the following for the daily activities:



CONGRATULATIONS, MS SANCHEZ!:



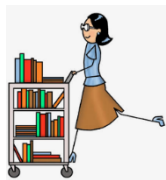
Congratulations to Ms. Jessenia Sanchez! She is one of our dedicated Lyons food service employees and proudly celebrated 25 years with Houston ISD Food Service this week.

WELCOME TO LYONS!:

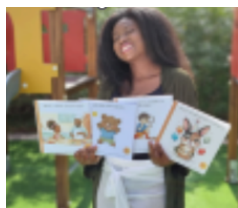


Please join us in welcoming Mr. Darrell Thompson to Lyons Elementary. Mr. Johnson began this week as our newest food service employee, and we are pleased to have him join the Lyons community

FROM MRS. PENA – LIBRARIAN:



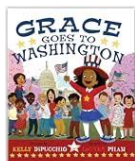
Pre-K Story Hour - Thank you so very much for families who attended the Pre-K Story Hour this week. I hope you enjoyed to view of our library routines including dances, Lego activity and library ancillary rules. All students received a copy of *The Secret Words*; please read this book with your children 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.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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 21-25	Say Hello Week
September 21	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS <i>return to school Tuesday 9-22-26</i>
October 29	Trunk or Treat
October 30	Halloween Dance

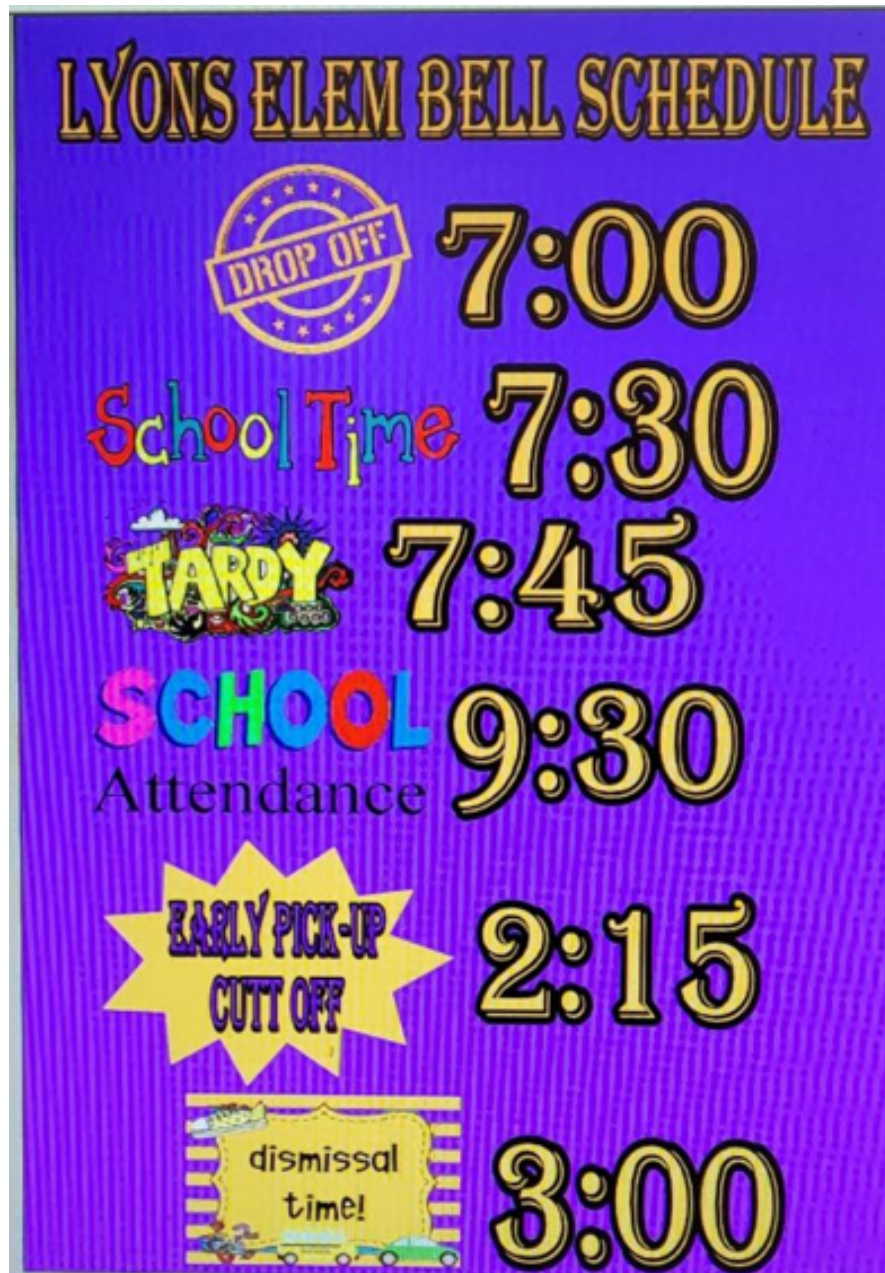
Approved:

Nekia L. Petry

Nekia L Petry, Principal
NLP /vc

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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: _____