



# Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter  
September 18, 2026

Dear Lyons Family,

It was wonderful to see so many grandparents join us for Grandparents Day! Our students truly loved sharing lunch and special moments with them.

Thank you as well to all the parents who attended Open House. I hope you found the evening informative and that it gave you a clear picture of expectations for this school year.

As we move forward, we will continue working with urgency to ensure every student succeeds. Daily, on-time attendance is critical—every day matters. At Lyons, great things are happening in the classroom. Our teachers are providing high-quality instruction to prepare students for success.

We ask for your continued support in reinforcing Lyons' rules and expectations. Together, we can make this an outstanding year for all our students.

Have a wonderful week!  
Principal Nekia L. Petry



Paw Message from Mrs.

Petry

"You don't have to be perfect  
to make progress!"

## **E.A. "Squatty" Lyons Elementary School**

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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:

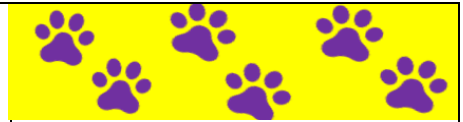
**Monday, September 21:**

**NO SCHOOL**

**Students return Tuesday, Sept. 22**

**BOOK FAIR: SEPT. 18-28**

# September 2026



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

**Be Here! Every Day. All Day. All The Way!**

# 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:



Thank you to all of the grandparents who attended our Grandparents' Day celebration last week. Our students were so excited to be able to have lunch with you!

A big thank you to our VIPs for the wonderful decorations!

## 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:



## HISPANIC HERITAGE LOTTERY NIGHT:



**\* P.T.O INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE AT OUR LOTTERY NIGHT \***

**DON'T MISS IT !! IT IS GOING TO BE A LOT OF FUN!!!**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2026  
FROM 5:00 PM - 7:00PM.**

**PLACE: LYONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

**WE WILL BE SELLING  
SNACKS \$.50 A \$5.00**

**\*SPACE LIMITED\***

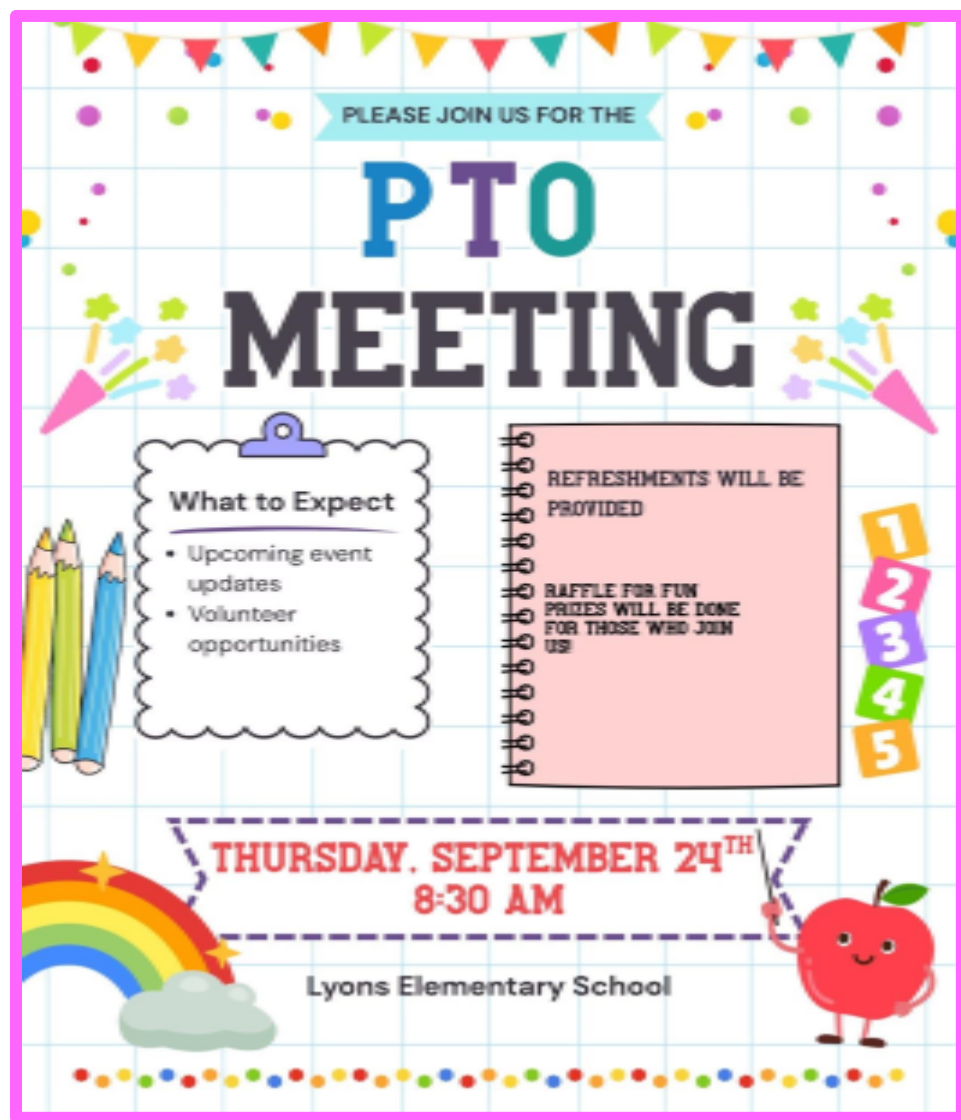
**LAST DATE TO RESERVE  
YOUR SEAT IS  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026**

**COST \$10 SEAT AND 1 CARD  
EXTRA CARDS WILL BE \$2 EACH**

**WE WILL HAVE  
REALLY GOOD  
PRIZES!!!**



## PTO NEWS:



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> grades is now open. To apply, please go online And scan the QR code.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

|                 |                                                                    |                                                                                     |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept15 - Oct 15 | Hispanic Heritage Month                                            |                                                                                     |
| September 17-28 | Fall Book Fair                                                     |                                                                                     |
| September 21-25 | Say Hello Week                                                     |                                                                                     |
| September 21    | <b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>                                      | <i>return to school Tuesday 9-22-26</i>                                             |
| September 24    | PTO Meeting 8:30 a.m.                                              |                                                                                     |
| September 25    | Lottery Night 5:00-7:00 p.m.                                       |    |
| September 29    | <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS. PETRY!</b>                                  |                                                                                     |
| October 21      | PK Field Lesson to Health Museum 8:30-1:30                         |  |
| October 29      | Trunk or Treat                                                     |                                                                                     |
| October 30      | Halloween Dance                                                    |                                                                                     |
| November 19     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Lesson to Children's Museum 10:20-2:00 |  |
| November 23-27  | <b>NO SCHOOL</b>                                                   |                                                                                     |

Approved:

Nekia L. Petry

Nekia L Petry, Principal  
NLP /vc

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Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15 to October 15 because this period marks the independence anniversaries of several Latin American countries.

The origins of Hispanic Heritage Month trace back to 1968 when it was initially deemed Hispanic Heritage Week by U.S. President at the time, Lyndon Johnson. It was expanded upon in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan, changing the duration of the commemoration from a week to a full month, starting on September 15th.

