



Pawprints

The Lyons Elementary Newsletter
October 1, 2026

Greetings Lyons Families,

The district has begun its annual campus leveling process to ensure schools are appropriately staffed based on actual student enrollment and student needs for the current school year. As a result of our current enrollment, staffing adjustments have been made at Lyons.

While change can bring adjustments, our commitment to our students remains the same. High-quality instruction and providing our students with the BEST educational experience continue to be our focus. We will remain focused on student success and continue moving Onward & Upward! ❤️ If your child's grade level has been directly impacted by these staffing changes, you will receive individual communication with additional information.

📅 Important Reminder – Next Week's Schedule

Next week will be a **4-day school week for students**. It is extremely important that **all students are present and on time all four days**.

- **No School for Students: Friday ONLY**

Every instructional day matters! We greatly appreciate your partnership in making sure our students are at school, ready to learn, and prepared for success.

Thank you for your continued support of Lyons Elementary! ❤️

Have a wonderful week!

Principal Nekia L. Petry



Paw Message from Mrs.

Petry

"Nothing is impossible!

The word itself says "I'm possible!!"

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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:

October 5-8:

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Thursday, October 8:

- Loteria Night 5:00-7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Students Return Monday, Oct. 12, 2026

October 2026

DOWN'S SYNDROME MONTH 1ST – 31ST



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3
5	6	7	8 LOTERIA NIGHT 5:00-7:00	9 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	10
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION →					
12	13	14 PARENT PALOOZA @Farias ECC 4-5:00 PM	15 PARENT PALOOZA @Mistral CEC 4-5:00 PM	16	17
19 4 th Gd Field Lesson to San Jacinto Monument	20 PARENT PALOOZA @Belford ECC 4-5:00 PM	21 PK Field Lesson Health Museum ~~~ PARENT PALOOZA @Lourenzo ECC 4-5:00 PM	22 PARENT PALOOZA Halpin ECC 4-5:00 PM	23	24
26 PARENT PALOOZA @MLK ECC 4-5:00 PM	27	28	29 TRUNK OR TREAT ~~~ PARENT PALOOZA @Fonwood ECC & Nelf ELC 4-5:00 PM	30 HALLOWEEN DANCE 	31

ATTENDANCE COUNTS

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.

Houston Independent School District

PRE-K PARENT PALOOZA



FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Do you want to enhance your child's social and emotional, literacy and math learning? Come and join us for a hands-on session, meet experts in the field, and learn quick strategies to further prepare your child for kindergarten!

EACH FAMILY WILL RECEIVE A PARENT BACKPACK FULL OF MATERIALS!

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, October 14, 2026	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Farias ECC
Thursday, October 15, 2026	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Mistral CEC
Tuesday, October 20, 2026	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Bellfort ECC
Wednesday, October 21, 2026	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Laurenzo ECC
Thursday, October 22, 2026	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Halpin ECC
Monday, October 26, 2026	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	MLK ECC
Thursday, October 29, 2026	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Fonwood ECC
Thursday, October 29, 2026	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Neff ELC

Please choose ONE location to attend and RSVP by scanning the QR code or registering at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2dxjvf8p>



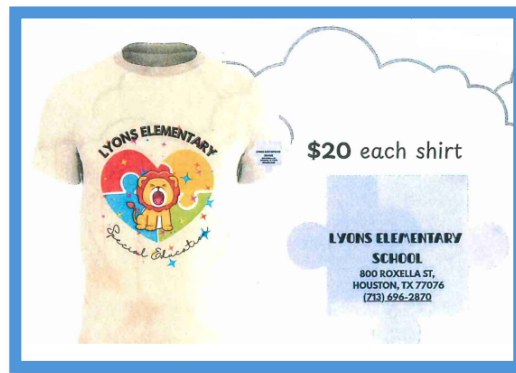
WELCOME BACK:



Welcome back to our Lyons family Ms. Escobar! We are so happy you have returned. Ms. Escobar has returned as a teacher's aide to Ms. C. Martinez's SLL classroom.

SPECIAL ED FUNDRAISER:

The Lyons Special Ed Department is having a t-shirt fundraiser. The cost of the shirts is \$20 (\$22 for 2XL & 3XL) – cash only please. Order forms are available in the front office. Flyers will be sent home next week. Orders with payment are due on Thursday, October 8. Please see the picture below.



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH:

Please join us in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month next week, October 5-8, 2026 by participating the daily fun activities. Students, staff and parents are invited to participate. See the following flyer for the list of daily activities:



CLUBS:

After school clubs will begin the second week in October. Please refer to the list of clubs below :

CLUB	SPONSOR	START DATE	TIME	GRADE	
Band	Mr. Page	Oct 5	3:30-4:45	3 rd -5 th	Boys/Girls
Book Club	Mr. Vercher	Oct. 6	3:30-5:00	3 rd -5 th Gd	Boy/Girls
Beyond the Numbers (Math)	Mrs. Figuereo	Oct. 19	3:30-5:10	3 rd -5 th Gd	Boys/Girls
Beyond the Numbers (Math)	Mrs. Figuereo	Oct. 20	3:30-5:10	1 st – 2 nd Gd	Boys/Girls
Cheerleading	Mrs. Ampudia Mrs. Nzei	Oct. 6	3:30-4:45	2 nd -5 th Gd	CLOSED
Choir	Ms. Horwath Mr. Page	Oct 5	3:30-5:15	3 rd -5 th	Limited to first 15 Boys/Girls
Dance	Ms. M. Martinez	Oct. 6	3:30-5:00	1 st Gd	Girls
Dance	Ms. M. Martinez	Oct. 7	3:30-5:00	PK	Girls
Dance	Ms. M. Martinez	Oct. 8	3:30-5:00	Kinder	Girls
Girls Who Code	Mrs. Maya	Oct. 7	3:30-4:30	3 rd -5 th Gd	Girls
Science	Mr. Moore	Oct. 13		2 nd - 5 th Gd	Boys/Girls
Math UIL	Mr. Acosta	Oct 14	3:30-4:30	2 nd -5 th	Boys/Girls
Volleyball	Ms. McClendon	Oct. 12	3:30-4:15	3 rd -5 th Gd	Boys/Girls
3D Print	Mr. Acosta Ms. Escobar	Oct 6	3:30-5:15	4 th -5 th Gd	Boys/Girls
3D Print	Mr. Acosta Ms. Escobar	Oct 8	3:30-5:15	1 st -3 rd Gd	Boys/Girls
Rake & Make Garden	Ms. Acosta Ms. Trevino	Oct 6	3:30-5:15	2 nd &3 rd	Boys/Girls
Rake & Make Garden	Ms. Acosta Ms. Trevino	Oct 8	3:30-5:15	4 th & 5 th	Boys/Girls
Make & Take Art	Ms. Acosta Ms. Trevino	Oct. 12	3:30-4:45	PreK, Kinder & 1 st	Boys/Girls

TARDIES:



SCHOOL BEGINS AT 7:30 A.M.. The tardy bell rings at 7:45. Please help your child arrive to school on time. Teachers begin instruction at 7:30 – when students arrive late, they miss out on the lesson that the class had been working on. Plus, it is a disruption for the rest of the class.

HISPANIC HERITAGE LOTTERY NIGHT - RESCHEDULED:



The Hispanic Heritage Loteria Night was rescheduled from Friday, September 25 to Thursday, October 8, 2026. Participation fee is due on Tuesday, October 6. New flyers will be sent home.

CIVILIAN RESPONSE & CASUALTY CARE:

Houston ISD is offering free training to the public in civilian response and casualty care. CRCC prepares civilians to respond during an active attacker event. The training covers "avoid, deny, and defend" strategies. This will be held at the High School for Law & Justice on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Space is limited. Please refer to the flyer below for more information:

HISD | Police
Safety & Emergency Communications
HISD

C.R.C.C.

Civilian Response and Casualty Care

Civilian Response and Casualty Care (CRCC) prepares civilians to respond during an active attacker event. The training covers Avoid, Deny, Defend strategies and basic Stop the Bleed skills to help protect others and provide life-saving care until first responders arrive.

Free to the public!

Limited spots available.

High School for Law & Justice
3505 Coyle St
Houston, TX 77003
10/06/2026
6pm-8pm

Sign up now!
Questions?
Email us!
SEM@HoustonISD.org

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.

ATTENDANCE:



WILL YOUR CLASS BE THE FIRST CLASS TO HAVE 100% ATTENDANCE??

IT IS NOT HARD TO DO - JUST COME TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY!!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 25 ~~Loteria Night 5:00-7:00 p.m.~~ **RESCHEDULED TO THURSDAY OCT. 8**

September 29 Title I Parent Meeting 12:00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS. PETRY!



October 1- 31

Down Syndrome Month

October 8 Loteria Night 5:00-7:00 p.m. – **rescheduled from Sept. 25**

October 19 4th Grade Field Lesson to San Jacinto Monument

October 21 PK Field Lesson to Health Museum 8:30-1:30



October 29 Trunk or Treat

October 30 Halloween Dance

November 1 Time change – set clocks back 1 hour.

November 19 2nd Grade Field Lesson to Children's Museum 10:20-2:00



November 23-27 **NO SCHOOL**

Approved:

Nekia L Petry, Principal
NLP /vc

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Down Syndrome Month

October is Down Syndrome Month. Down Syndrome is a genetic condition in which a person has an extra copy of chromosome 21. Chromosomes are small “packages” of genes in the body’s cells, which determine how the body forms and functions. When babies are growing, the extra chromosome changes how their body & brain develop. This can cause both physical & mental challenges. Distinct physical signs of Down syndrome are usually present at birth and become more apparent as the baby grows.

Source: Center for Disease Control & Prevention

