RUSTIC OAK elementary

RUSTY REPORT

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2026

SCHOOL HOURS

Grades PK-4.....7:55 AM – 3:15 PM
Front Doors Open.....7:15 AM
Breakfast Served.....7:15 AM – 7:50 AM
Students Enter Class.....7:45 AM
Class Begins.....7:55 AM

*Students must be inside their classroom by 7:55 AM. Students entering the building after this time will be tardy. If a student is tardy, parents are required to park and come into the lobby to sign them in.

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 16-18- Thanksgiving Picnics
Nov. 16-20- College & Career Week
Nov. 16-20- Food Drive
Nov. 23-27- Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 8- Fourth Grade Program 9am & 6:30PM
Dec. 18- Early release 12:55PM
Dec. 21-Jan. 5- Christmas Break

REMINDER

During morning drop off, if you need to get out of your vehicle, please park. Do not get out of your vehicle if you are in the drop off line. Thank you!

IMPORTANT LINKS

Absence Notes
School Cafe
Lunch Menu
Pearland ISD Calendar
Rustic Oak Student Handbook

RUSTIC OAK ELEMENTARY

THIS WEEK

FOOD DRIVE

Nov. 16-20

Join us in helping those in our community who are in need this holiday season!



ITEMS NEEDED

OATMEAL, CEREAL, BREAKFAST BARS, PANCAKE MIX, CAKE MIX, FROSTING, STUFFING MIX, CRANBERRY SAUCE, PUMPKIN, CHICKEN BROTH, CORNEBREAD MIX, MAC & CHEESE, INSTANT POTATOS, DRY RICE, DRY BEANS, YAMS, GRAVY MIX, CANNED FRUIT DRY, CANNED VEHETABLES, (POWDERED)MILK, SUGAR, COOKING OIL (UNEXPIRED ITEMS)

Monetary donations can be made on their website: pnctexas.com/donate

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

Attendance Works



Help Your Child Do Well in School:
Build the Habit of Good Attendance

Did you know?

- Too many absences in preschool and elementary school can cause children to struggle socially and academically.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Missing 10% of school (2 days each month) can make it harder to learn to read and do basic math.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school — and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool and through elementary school so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day, is important.

What you can do

- Set a **regular** bedtime and morning **routine.**
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks **the night before**.
- **Keep** your child **healthy** and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Develop **backup plans** for getting to school if something comes up.
- **Monitor** your child's **absences**.
- Try to schedule **nonurgent medical appointments** and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- **If** your child seems **anxious** about going to school, **talk to teachers**, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- **If** you are **concerned** that your child may have a contagious illness, **call** your school nurse or health-care provider **for advice**. Ask the teacher for ideas to support missed learning time.

Chronic absence is missing 2+ days every month over the course of a school year.



October 2025

Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!



Fall & Winter Clinic Reminders

As we move further into cold and flu season, we want to work together to keep our students, families, and staff healthy! Colds, the flu, and other respiratory viruses spread quickly when children are in close contact.

When to Keep Your Child Home

Please keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell or showing signs of a contagious illness.

Specifically, keep your child home if they have a fever (temperature of 100°F / 37.8°C or higher).

- **The 24-Hour Rule:** Children must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications (such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen) before returning to school.
- **Other Symptoms:** Please also keep your child home if they experience vomiting, diarrhea, severe/constant coughing, or extreme fatigue that stops them from participating in class. (*Note: A mild cold or minor runny nose is usually okay for school if there is no fever and your child feels well enough to learn.*)

How You Can Help Prevent the Spread



- **Handwashing:** Encourage your child to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Cough/Sneeze Etiquette:** Remind students to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue — or cough and sneeze into their elbow rather than their hands.
- **Vaccination:** Consider speaking with your pediatrician about seasonal flu shots and other recommended immunizations for your family.
- **Rest and Hydration:** If your child does stay home, make sure they get plenty of rest and fluids to recover faster.

Medication on Campus



Cough medications and cough drops require a signed Medication Administration Form before they can be given or used at school.

To help us comply with health and safety regulations, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- **Form Required:** A parent or guardian must complete and submit a Medication Administration Form for any over-the-counter remedy, including liquid cough syrups and throat lozenges. A parent signed medication form allows your child to be given over the counter medication for up to 10 days.
- **Original Packaging:** All medications brought to school must be in their original, packaging and unexpired.
- **No Self-Carry:** For safety reasons, students are not permitted to keep cough drops or liquid medications in their backpacks, pockets, or desks. All items must be stored and administered safely in the clinic.

If Your Child Needs Medication During the School Day...



You can pick up a paper form from the front office, download a copy from the school website, or scan the QR code below.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our school community safe and healthy!

ALL MEDICATION NEEDS TO BE DROPPED OFF AT SCHOOL BY AN PARENT/GUARDIAN.

COUNSELING CORNER

with Mrs. Angel



GRATITUDE



Review Gratitude as a family! Remember that Gratitude is choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives. Find a place in your home to display a glass jar. Cut up small slips of paper and place them next to the jar. Use the jar to collect special people, places, events, and memories that your family is thankful for. Find a time each week to add slips of Gratitude to the jar and assist students in writing or drawing gratitude as needed. Having a gloomy day or a challenging time as a family? Pull out the slips of Gratitude and read them aloud together as a reminder of your Grateful moments.

In need of resources? Have any questions/concerns?
Contact Mrs. Angel at 281-482-5400 or angell@pearlandisd.org.
Learn more about our school counseling program here.

Thanksgiving Picnics

November 16-18 (by last name)

11/16- A-H **11/17**- I-P **11/18**- Q-Z

Bring a blanket & lunch to enjoy with your child outside during their regular lunch time.

IMPORTANT

If you plan to attend, your child's teacher should have been notified by Friday, the 13th. If you have not yet informed them, please do so as soon as possible.

COUNSELING & GUIDANCE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

College & Career WEEK

NOV. 16 - 20

Monday

Military Monday

Wear your camo or red, white and blue.

Tuesday

College Spirt Day!

Wear college shirts.

Wednesday

Hats Off to College

Wear your favorite hat or cap

Thursday

Our Future Starts Here!

Wear school spirit wear and colors!

Friday

Let's Choose a College or Trade School

and don't sweat the next step wear Sweats.



Use your graduation as a stepping stone to reach your bigger goals. Have a wonderful journey ahead. The world is waiting to see your success.

BUILD PEARLAND Proud.

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER at

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers

THURSDAY, NOV 19 | 5-9PM
RAISING CANE'S 1601 BROADWAY ST. PEARLAND, TX 77581

Mention the fundraiser at the Restaurant or apply code **RCFUND96** to online or app orders at checkout and Cane's will **donate 15% of Net Sales*** to:

RUSTIC OAK ELEMENTARY PTA



Raising Funds with Raising Cane's

Learn more about how we can support you at **CanesAndCommunity.com**

Terms and conditions apply. Learn more: raisingcanes.com/fundraiser

RaisingCanes


POPS
Breakfast with Santa
Toy Drive
Rustic Oak Elementary PTA
Saturday, December 5 • 9–11am
Photos with Santa • Holiday crafts • Story time with Mrs. Claus
Bring 1 new, unwrapped toy (per person) in exchange for breakfast
Dads, Uncles & Grandpas: We would love for you to volunteer!
Partnering with Pearland PD benefitting:
TOYS FOR TOTS

THANK YOU!



Thank you to Scooters (35 & 518) and Starbucks (Longwood) for the coffee donation for our Veterans Breakfast. We appreicate it!


Natalie's
GiftLand™
HOLIDAY SHOP
Natalie's GiftLand Holiday Shop
is coming to our school!
Coming Soon!

RUSTIC OAK ELEMENTARY PTA

KINDNESS FUNDRAISER

We are raising funds to help support PTA programs, student activities, and educational experiences that benefit our school community.

STEP 1: **REGISTRATION:** Please visit our website link below or scan the QR code and you're on your way!

RaiseAboveIt.com/RusticOakPTA

STEP 2: **SHARE:** Invite friends and family to join our fundraising efforts by sending them an EMAIL or TEXT from your student's personal donation page!

SEND 10+ EMAILS/TEXTS & EARN A



For families with multiple students registered, please use the same Completion Code and each student will receive their own set of these prizes after sending a total of 10+ emails/texts.

COMPLETE YOUR KINDNESS PASSPORT FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE FROM THE MYSTERY PRIZE BOX!



RAISE $150 & EARN THE



For families with multiple students registered, they will receive 1 prize for every $150 raised as a combined family total.

STEP 3: **TURN IN YOUR BOARDING PASS:** Have your student return their Boarding Pass to school TOMORROW to collect their prizes with your signature and completion code.

BOARDING PASS

Completion Code:

Siblings should use the same Completion Code!

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

RUSTIC OAK PTA

Don't forget to fill in your completion code & bring your boarding pass back to school!

GO ABOVE AT SCHOOL

RAI$E ABOVE IT

GO ABOVE AT HOME

Passport Challenge

GO ABOVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

How to Win a *Mystery Prize!*

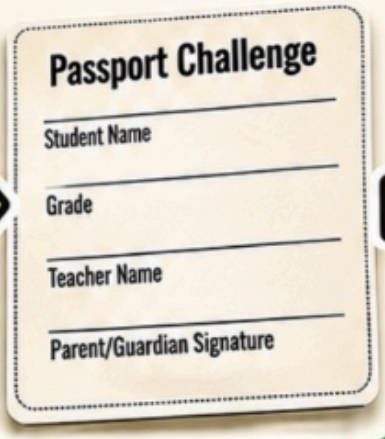
1

Complete your Passport Challenge.



2

Fill out page 10 and tear it out.



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Turn it in the Kindness Passport Turn-In Box.



It's That Easy!

Complete and turn in your Passport Challenge for a chance to win a special mystery prize!