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IMPORTANT CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

8-25		SEM Pathway to Excellence Campaign: Keeping Our Children a Step Ahead
15	Tues.	Parent University: SEM Overview 11:00 AM
15		TAG Info. Mtg. for Parents @ 6:45 PM - café. (For parents of students currently in TAG classes.)
16	Wed.	Early Student Release @ 12:45 PM (Afternoon buses will run their routes 2 hours early)
18	Fri.	Cub Scout & Girl Scout Reg. @ 6:45 PM
22	Tues.	2 nd & 4 th Grades – OLSAT Testing in AM
24	Thurs.	Watch D.O.G.S. Kick-Off Event @ 6:00 PM
23	Wed.	2 nd Grade - OLSAT Testing in AM
25	Fri.	Chess Coaches Meeting – 7:30 AM - 8:15AM
26	Sat.	RRISD Parent Summit @ PAC 8:00AM-4:00 PM
28	Mon.	Art Club Begins @ 2:45 PM – 412 & 415
29	Tues.	PTA Executive Brd. Mtg. in 210 @ 7:45 AM
29		Parent University: Enrichment Clusters & E-slot from 11:00 AM -12.00 noon
29		Chess Parent Information Night 7:00 - 8:00 PM

OCTOBER

New Date: Education Go Get It Week Activities - Oct. 5 – 9 th		
2	Fri.	Kindergarten Dads & Donuts @ 8:00 AM
2		First Day of Chess Club - 6:45 AM
3	Sat.	Marathon Kids Kick Off Mile @ 11:00 AM @ UT Stadium http://www.marathonkids.com
6	Tues.	Book Fair Sales - 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
6		Marathon Kids Jogging Club Begins @ 2:45
6		PTA Meeting & Story Night @ 6:45 PM
7-8		Book Fair 8:00-3:30 & 8:00 - noon on Friday
12	Mon.	Parent Conference Day - NO Classes
15	Thurs.	Cub Scout Pack Water Rocket Derby - 6:45 PM
16	Fri.	Individual Student & Staff Picture Day
16		PTA & School Family Picnic - 5:30 - 7:30 PM
23	Fri.	School Cook Out @ lunch
23		First Nine Weeks Grading Period Ends
26-30		Red Ribbon Week
28	Wed.	Family Clay Night @ 6:45 PM - Cafeteria

RRISD offers 4th Annual Parent Summit on Sept. 26

- Parent Summit on Saturday, Sept. 26, 8AM - 4:00 PM
- RRISD Performing Arts Center, 5800 McNeil Rd

The conference is designed to explore how schools and parents can work as partners to keep children safe and healthy and help them succeed in school. More than 30 parent-focused workshops are available focusing on wellness, special education, education, parenting and bullying. Some sessions will be offered in Spanish.

On-line registration is available through September 17th, at <http://www.roundrockisd.org>, or contact Jennifer Clitheroe @ jennifer_clitheroe@roundrockisd.org. Childcare is available on a limited basis for children from 18 months to 12 years of age. On-site registration will also be available at the Parent Summit.

For more information, contact Maria Rosas Garcia @ 464-5614, or by email at: parent_summit@roundrockisd.org.

Parent Information on the Student Enrichment Model

Mrs. Levitan & Mrs. Richards are hosting 1 hour meetings in portable 1 on the following dates to share information about the SEM program, Pathway to Excellence: Keeping Our Children a Step Ahead. The SEM Campaign begins on 9/8/09.

Sept. 15 - 11:00 AM Parent University: SEM Overview
Sept. 29 – 11:00 AM Parent University: Enrichment Clusters & E-slot

RSVP to Nicole_Levitan@roundrockisd.org with your name and the session you will be attending. Thank you!
(Add underscore between first & last name on RRISD email addresses.)

Artwork Needed for Student Directory

Fifth grade students can submit their original artwork for inclusion in the Laurel Mountain Student Directory. Entries should be line drawings in black ink, or marker and have a school-related theme (for example, the African lion mascot). Submit your artwork to Ms. Mercia Schorn, or Ms. Tiffany Nelson by **Friday, October 2nd**. Only one entry per student.

Girl Scout & Cub Scout Registration Night

Please attend the Scouting Registration night at LME if your children are interested in joining scouts:

Friday September 18, @ 6:30PM.

- Cubs Scouts, if you are not able attend the Sept. 18th, registration, you can send an email to the Pack169 Membership Chair and have the paperwork supplied to you prior to the meeting. Send your request to Tom Camardo at this address: camard1@sbcglobal.net.

PTA Reflections Projects for 2009-2010

Laurel Mountain Lions! Put on your dancing shoes, grab a camera, pickup a paintbrush, a pen and show your creative side with this excellent NATIONAL competition called Reflections! **This year's theme is "Beauty is....."**

Categories are - Photography, Visual Art, Literature, Dance, Music and Film Production. You will see the rules, useful links and other details on LME web page. All students from K-5 can participate!

Deadline is November 2, 2009

Do You Speak A Language Other Than English?

Laurel Mountain Elementary is a diverse community of families with a variety of nationalities, cultures and languages. Would you, or someone in your family like to serve our non-English speaking parents who need assistance with English translation? We are specifically in need of translators who speak Urdu, Mandarin, Korean, Chinese and Spanish. If you speak additional languages and would like to serve as a translator, please let us know!

Please contact **Jen Clitheroe, LME's Parent Support Specialist**, at jclitheroe@austin.rr.com or 917-9227.

Want to Learn, or Improve English Speaking Skills?

Please join us in the Parent Room (210) for **FREE** English as a Second Language tutoring classes! LifeWorks teachers will begin teaching class every **Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 – 2:30 PM, beginning on Tuesday, September 22nd**.

This volunteer based LifeWorks program teaches adults how to read and write in English. The program provides instruction to individuals 17 years of age or older and will be available to Laurel Mountain parents who are interested.

Please contact Jen Clitheroe, LME Parent Support Specialist, at jclitheroe@austin.rr.com or 917-9227.

RRISD Gifted and Advanced Academic Services Presents: Program Potpourri 2009 on September 24, 6:00 – 7:30 PM @ Old Hopewell Meeting Room (on 620 in front of RRISD Administration)

Come to this interactive event to hear more about a variety of out-of-school options and speak with representatives of the various programs! Following a *brief* overview of each program, representatives will be available to address questions and provide more information regarding their offerings. The featured programs may include: Destination Imagination, Robotics, Math Pentathlon, UIL, National History Day, RRISD Community Education, and Lonestar Mensa.

The Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students states in section 2.3A (Program Design) that "School Districts, when possible, shall provide out-of-school options relevant to the student's area of strength." Round Rock ISD supports the involvement of our advanced and gifted students in numerous programs and organizations which offer to meet the needs of these learners outside the regular school curriculum. Campus participation in such programs is optional, but encouraged. Many programs rely on parents or teachers to serve as the sponsor or team manager and are open to the full campus population.

Advertising in the LME Student Directory

Parents! Do you own your own company? Are you looking for a broader audience for your business? Advertise in the Laurel Mountain Student Directory! Contact Liz Pasternak at spasternak@austin.rr.com for more information. The deadline for submitting your ad is **Thursday, October 1st**.