

Good morning, it's October 1st , 2012, and welcome to Panther News.

I'm _____, _____th grade.

Ms. Alvarez, Public Relations and Fundraising for Tejano Center for Community Concerns, asked us to announce that there is still time for teachers and staff to confirm their attendance to the Tejano Center Gala.

The Gala will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Tejano Center for Community Concerns and Raul Yzaguirre School for Success. It will be held on October 19th from 6:00pm until midnight at the Houstonian Hotel.

Join this special night to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of the past 20 years!

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The Gala night will include: Captain's Dinner, Mariachis and DJ, Casino Room, Dancing in the Disco Room, Chocolate and Sweets Room, Awards Celebration, Silent and Live Auctions.

The auctions will include artwork from RYSS students, sporting event tickets to Rockets / Astros / Texans / Dynamos games, jewelry, and exotic vacation packages.

Order tickets, now! Single ticket - \$100.00 ; table of ten - \$1000.00.

Contact Ms. Alvarez for more information and to order tickets: 713-640-3732 or AlvarezG@TejanoCenter.org

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The Gala will be a very important night because it is also a fundraiser. What is a fundraiser? It is an event to request and collect donations/money from individuals, and businesses to support a good cause.

And the Tejano Center for Community Concerns and Raul Yzaguirre School for Success are certainly good causes because they improve life opportunities for children and families through education, social and health services, and community development initiatives.

And what is an initiative? It is an action taken by a person or a group of people to make something meaningful or positive happen. And again, the Tejano Center for Community Concerns and Raul Yzaguirre School for Success are a result of initiatives 20 years ago.

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“Communities in Schools” is very active on our campus. To give you an idea of what will be happening:

Today: Math Tutoring via Vocabulary. Homework Completion. Math Enrichment – Culinary Arts, “Pizza”, students will be baking mini pizzas and applying Math skills. Homework Completion. Physical Activity – Soccer Drills and Wii.

Tuesday: Science Tutoring via Vocabulary. Homework Completion. Science Enrichment – “Exploding Bottle”. Homework Completion. Arts and Crafts - "Craft Centerpieces". Health and Wellness – Basketball and Volleyball.

Wednesday: Reading Tutoring via Vocabulary. Homework Completion. Reading Enrichment – “Scrabble Challenge”. Homework Completion. Physical Activity – Soccer, “Dribbling and Control”, Wii.

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This is Hispanic Heritage Month, and our teachers are preparing special events to celebrate. More about these events in a later broadcast.

Each year, Americans observe Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15.

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The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, is within this 30 day period.

If you have a computer and the Internet at home, go to: HispanicHeritageMonth.gov to read interesting information and view photographs. Join in to pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

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We are anxiously waiting for composition submissions so our fellow students will have an opportunity to read them “live” on PANTHER NEWS. Teachers, please submit your students’ compositions so we can then contact them for our broadcasts.

“Going live” with a broadcast is a fantastic experience to build confidence, and be proud of who you are and what you do. You will also be representing your grade level and RYSS in a very special way.

The entire world can tune in to PANTHER NEWS because we use a website called Ustream. This is your opportunity to be a star regarding your education. So, work on your sentences, and polish up your grammar and spelling.

Some quick announcements:

Mr. Brown's Pi Club/Math Club is up and running. Club meetings and practice for competitions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:20 to 7:50am in room 80A.

Students, grades 6 through 8, are encouraged to join.

If you are interested in being a part of the PANTHER NEWS team, let our advisor, Mr. Chambers know. He is in room 331.

If you see trash in the hallways of our buildings and anywhere on our campus, please pick it up, and throw it in a garbage can.

Respect each other as you pass by in the hallways. Stay to your right, and NO BULLYING, please!

Wear your ID badge at all times while on campus. It increases the security and sense of community that keeps you safe.

Lunch Menu:

Today: Meat loaf Patty & Gravy or Roasted Chicken, Potato Salad, Sweet Corn, Fat Free Pudding, Wheat Bread Sliced Pineapple Tidbits.

Tuesday: Meat and Cheese Enchilada or Baked Fish Fillet, Spanish Rice, Steamed Zucchini, Mixed vegetables, Peach Cobbler.

Wednesday: Sloppy Joe on Bun or Pork Tamales, Steamed Cauliflower, Pinto Beans, Ice Cream cup, Fresh Grapes.

We will have a special guest, Mr. Villarreal, our Intervention Specialist, in just a moment, but first, let's take a look at the word, intervention.

What does this word mean here at RYSS? It means that our school gets involved in a variety of life areas for students, making life easier for them, improving the school and helping them feel better about why they are here.

Mr. Villarreal has been at RYSS for several years, and he has worked very hard to help students understand the importance of staying in school, and getting a good education.

Welcome!