



IB Programme Newsletter



Robert E. Lee High School, Tyler, Texas

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CAS Opportunities:

See window of room A117



News from Mrs. Martin



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Buenos dias and Bonjour!
 With Spring comes new beginnings, so I'd like to welcome all of our new students and parents for the 2008-2009 school year to our IB family. We'd love to have you as a member of our IB Parent Organization (IBPO) and to become active in our support of our students, the teachers, and Robert E. Lee High School. Please contact our membership chair, Francie Hodges, for details.

Recently, all of our students had the opportunity to take a field trip to Houston, and almost all of them attended. A special thanks to two of our bravest parents, Cynthia Howland and Penny Davis, for giving of their time and helping with chaperoning the trip. They both also spent the night with us at IB camp last summer. They've discovered how fun we are ...since they keep coming back for more! J We'd like for even more parents to join us in the future. Don't worry! More opportunities will come.

Thanks to Mrs. Duncan (9th grade PIB English teacher) and to

Rebecca Hoffman (9th grade PIB student) for making it possible for the visit to our English classes by a published author, Jonelle Hoffman – Rebecca's grandmother. Mrs. Hoffman has already had a historical adventure novel set in the 1800's, --For the Love of Annabel, published and is still writing. In the works are: a cookbook for diabetics who like sweets, a murder mystery that she loves and can't find a way to stop writing, a novel of a family that is captive on a pirate ship and lands in Galveston. Mrs. Hoffman spoke to the students about writer's block and how to handle it, as well as gave advice for publishing their own writing. Maybe we'll see some of them years from now with writing careers! (Pictures included from her classroom visit)

As I wish you health and happiness until our next newsletter, I'd like for each of our parents to search your heart about how you can contribute your time to impact the success of our students. In addition to several committees of various types that have

short term goals, please consider serving as an officer of the IBPO. No previous experience is required, and the board is very informal. We have a wonderful board now that came together beautifully after their appointment to office. They've paved the way for success and have worked hard to accomplish a great base for future boards. Next year's board needs to be in place by May 1 for a smooth "passing of the torch" from this year's officers. Both boards will work together in May to help orient the new board for the upcoming year. If you are interested in being appointed to an office for next year, please fill in the attached interest form and indicate the office in which you would like to serve. A list of offices and their duties is also attached, and don't hesitate to contact one of the current board members if you have questions.

Until we talk again...

Becky



Calendar

<p>TAKS 4/28 4/29 4/30 5/1 5/2</p>	<p>April 19th (1-3:45pm) - IB student Games Day Event CAS Hours Due April 30</p>	<p>Juvenile Arthritis Walk on May 3 will count in final hrs. See info – Room A117</p>
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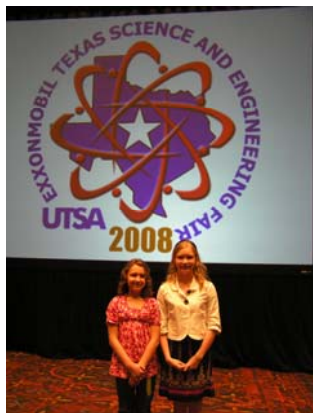
Upcoming Events

<p>The First Annual REL IB Spring Games Day</p> <p>Game Day April 19th (Saturday) Venue: Green Acres Baptist Church - Family Life Center 903-525-1100. Time: 1:00 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.</p> <p>We will have bowling (shoe rental is \$1), WallyBall tournament, volleyball,</p>	<p>basketball, billiards, tournament, ping-pong and many more fun games.</p> <p>Bring a snack to eat or drink. All I.B. students and families invited RSVP to: Lance Sturrock LanceSturrock@sbcglobal.net 903-509-0450</p>	<p>Barnes and Noble Book Fair Fund raiser on May 17th.</p>
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Spotlight

<p>Congratulations to Jessica Emery for her recent accomplishments at the Region and State Science Fairs.</p> <p>Her project is entitled "Making High Quality H2O for Hemodialysis: Year 3". She competed at the Region Science Fair in Kilgore, Texas on March 8. She won second place in the Physical Science category at the Senior High level. She also received several specialty awards: the US Naval award medal, the Herbert Hoover Young Engineer award medal, and an award for the best scientific method at the senior level. From the Region level, she advanced to the State level and most recently competed at the Exxon Mobile State Science and Engineering Fair April 10 – 12 in San Antonio, Tx.</p> <p>This was her fourth consecutive year qualifying and competing in the State Science and Engineering Fair. At the junior level last year, she won first</p>	<p>place in the Medical/ Health category. She also was named the top 400 and then the top 75 young scientists for the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge.</p> <p>As a freshman, this was her first year to participate at the senior level of medicine/health category at the State Science and Engineering Fair, competing against all of the regional science fair winners from across the State of Texas.</p> <p>This was the largest and most difficult Science Fair competition in the United States. We are proud to announce that she was awarded a national award from the National Kidney Foundation at the awards ceremony on April 12, 2008.</p> <p>A very special thank you and recognition to RE Lee Biology teacher Mr. Benji Wood for his expert advice, and to IB</p>	<p>director Becky Martin and the TISD advanced studies coordinator Chalna Trawick for their support. Also thank you to UT Tyler Chemistry teacher Christina Reagan, for her support and assistance in the lab.</p> <p>Along with her academic interest in Science and Math, she is also participates in many extracurricular activities in music and dance.</p> <p>She has played the violin for the past eight years and is currently the first chair violinist with the Robert E. Lee Orchestra, and also plays with the Robert E. Lee Texas Swing Fiddlers. She participates in many violin competitions and made the TMEA All Region Orchestra, as well as State for UIL Solo and Ensemble. She most recently performed with the non-varsity Orchestra as principal violinist playing a solo part for the UIL Orchestra and Sight-reading competition in which</p>
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Pictures courtesy of Ms. Shauna Emery



Spotlight...

She has played piano for the past five years and participates in several piano competitions. She is also a senior solo company member with Ballet Tyler Company. She most recently performed several solo parts for the Peter Pan ballet at the Cowen center on April 5th. Again

congratulations to Jessica on her many accomplishments and thank you to all of her teachers who have helped her along the way!

Photo Galleries

Jonell Hoffman's Visit



Courtesy of Ms. Donna Duncan

Houston Trip



Courtesy of Ms. Becky Martin

Thank you cards from Students and Teachers to the IBPO!



Last TRIVIA:

When was Texas admitted to the Union?

1845

TRIVIA:

What are the six flags that have flown over Texas?



CAS Opportunities

The Caldwell Zoo Earth Day Event Saturday April 19th

This is a fun and easy way to earn some of your required CAS hours. If you are interested in volunteering for CAS hours, please contact Lea Mewborn at the zoo for more details. Be sure to bring your CAS forms to fill out.

Lea Mewborn
lmewborn@caldwellzoo.org
903-593-0121

Bethesda Health Clinic Saturday April 19th 8:00am-12:00noon

Bethesda Health Clinic is a non-profit clinic that provides health care for the working uninsured of East Texas.

This will be an opportunity to read books and entertain the children in the waiting area of Bethesda Medical clinic while the Doctor is seeing their parents.

You will be instructed and supervised by a Bethesda Health clinic adult volunteer.

Anyone wanting to practice his or her Spanish this would be a great opportunity.

There are only spots for 4-6 volunteers and it would be helpful if at least 2 of these volunteers were bilingual. So sign up soon. Be sure to bring your CAS forms to fill out.

To sign up please e-mail
Catherine Harrison
(903) 581-7533
ceharrison@suddenlink.net

Arthritis Foundation Juvenile Arthritis Walk Saturday May 3

See info on window of room A117 or talk to **Mrs. Norris**

East Texas Medical Center

The Director of Volunteer Services is Mrs. Jacque Fowler. She can be reached by calling (903) 597-0351. Applications are taken for youths interested in volunteering for the summer. The experience offers a

chance to job shadow, help in various areas of the hospital with patients and visitors, education seminars and fundraising.

Tyler Day Nursery

The facility offers a unique opportunity to work with children in a daycare setting. **Contact the Director** for additional information.

YMCA

There are several different areas for students interested in being a part of the summer programs offered by the YMCA.

For the junior high and high school students the YMCA has a summer program helping school-aged children at four sites. This summer students can volunteer at Andy Woods Elementary, Birdwell Elementary, and the YMCA at the main campus and in Whitehouse. For those interested in tots (2-5-years old) the main YMCA is the place for you. Volunteers can help with Story Time, Arts and crafts and other organized activities. In addition, for those more interested in being in the water, they need help with swim lessons.

Contact Mrs. Debra Davis at (903) 593-7327 ext. 26 to complete an application.

The YMCA also has a special events program and if this is your area of interest contact Mr. Stuart Gilpin at (903) 593-7327 ext. 24

PATH

Contact **Becky Duncan** if your interest in more social services. She can be contacted by calling (903) 597-4044.

Salvation Army

Students can volunteer to help at the seniors living facility, William Booth Apartments. This may involve help senior citizens in their home as well as in their yards, planting flowers or other household tasks. Help is also needed at the Salvation Army Resale Shop. If you

are interested in volunteering contact **Cindy Bell** at (903) 593-0257

Tyler Public Library

To help at the library (downtown) contact **Evelyn James** by calling (903) 593-7323

Habitat for Humanity

If you are too young to assist with building they need volunteers to provide lunch and water.

IB Summer Camp

We're on for giving CAS hours to the incoming 10th graders for being counselors and helpers this summer at camp. This will cover ½ of the hours needed for the year.

They will begin Aug 15 at 6:00 (get maybe 3 ½ hours that night) and finish at 6:00 on Aug. 16 (get about 9 hours that day). They will work with the Camp Tyler Staff and with Ms. Martin, helping with activities, and helping parents- with food and cleanup.



Membership Information

IB PROGRAMME

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Go Raiders!

Contact:

Francie Hodges
903.581.0947
bryanhodges@suddenlink.net

Projects/Fundraising

Ken's Pizza Night: very successful, great fun to visit & meet IB families, made \$224 in donation to IBPO. Will do again!

Our second **Barnes and Noble Book Fair** will be on Saturday, **May 17th**, all day!

Please respond to Jody Schrupf to volunteer to help. Invite everyone you know to come in that day and remind them to say they are with the REL IB when checking out so we will get credit for the sale; we get a % of each REL IB sale (we made about \$800 last fall!).

Becky Martin will be collecting the summer reading lists for REL and we will have those on hand at our

table (as well as some of the books); this is a great time for every student to buy all the books they need.

We are also planning a few special events during the day such as chess, student music and story time with the kids. Please let Jody Schrupf know if you are your student are interested in helping with this (CAS provided!).

IBPO News

Board Members

President

Catherine Harrison
(903) 581-7533

Vice President

Miguel Narvaez
(903) 939-1665

Secretary

Lynn Summers
(903) 894-6886

Treasurer

Rise' Jones
(903) 534-8367

Fund Raising

Kristin Baldwin
(903) 570-3171

Parent Volunteer Liaison

(CAS)
Chris Roberson
(903)312-5477

Historian

Shauna Emery
(903) 894-8670

IB Coordinator

Becky Martin
(903) 262-2661

Membership Coordinator

Francie Hodges
(903) 561-0908

4/4 PIB summer camp preparation

Be sure to check out our IBPO information at:

http://www.tylerisd.org/Schools/REL/IB/IB_PO/index.htm

President's Comments:

We have reached the end of our capital campaign and I am happy to announce we fulfilled our budget requirements for the year. However, the parent organization never stops raising money. Contributions made through the Tyler ISD Foundation to us are tax deductible and always welcomed. As our student population grows so will the need for more funding. It has always been our goal to support the IB program teachers and enhance learning opportunities for students. I am confident that next years slate of IBPO board officers will be up to the challenge. Thanks to the generosity and

efforts of many parents and donors the IBPO was able to help keep the cost of the Houston trip as low as possible by providing funding for the 2 buses and trip scholarships for students.

We have already started taking memberships from incoming IB students and have asked teachers to start thinking about how the IBPO can help them by providing funding for educational trips, any needed supplies and by organizing team building events.

We have been able to accomplish more than I imagined in such a short period of time. The pace has been set, expectations are high, now all we have to do is succeed.

Catherine Harrison

Games Day Planning

Committee

Sturrock House
4908 Inverness Dr.
Tyler, Texas 75703
903-509-0450

Call for 2008-2009 IBPO Officer Interest Forms:

If you are interest in serving as an officer of the IBPO, please contact Becky Martin. We need energetic and dedicated parents to carry the torch of the first PO board. The ground work has been set this year.

Please join this caring group. It's important to show our students that we are there to support them in this rigorous academic path they have chosen.



**Duties of Executive Committee Offices
IB Prep/IB Parent Organization
RE Lee High School**

President

The president shall set meeting agendas and preside at all meetings of the members and of the executive committee. The president shall call all special meetings and appoint chairs of standing and ad hoc committees, is an ex-officio member of all committees, and approves all communications of a general nature sent out in the name of the IBPO. The president performs such other duties as directed by the Executive Committee and the IB Coordinator.

Vice President

The vice president shall perform the duties of the president if the president is absent or unable to perform the same. The vice president shall perform such other duties as directed by the Executive Committee and the IB Coordinator.

Secretary

The secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the member meetings and of the Executive Committee and shall submit the minutes to the president and the IB Coordinator. The secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the IBPO and the ExCom; shall be responsible for giving notice of the date and time of all meeting dates and of all special ExCom meetings. The secretary shall perform such other duties as directed by the Executive Committee and the IB Coordinator.

Treasurer

The treasurer is the accountant of all funds of the IBPO. The treasurer shall report to the ExCom and membership at each meeting or when requested by the ExCom; shall keep an accurate record of deposits and expenditures, shall prepare a budget for ExCom approval; shall keep an accurate record of the membership for voting purposes; shall make the same available upon request to the ExCom. The treasurer shall perform such other duties as directed by the Executive Committee and the IB Coordinator.

Fundraising Chair

The fundraising chair shall coordinate, facilitate, and oversee fundraising activities of the organization. The fundraising chair shall perform such other duties as directed by the Executive Committee and the IB Coordinator.

IB Coordinator

The IB Coordinator is an ad-hoc member of the Executive Committee and serves as a liaison between the ExCom, Lee administrators, teachers, and students. The IB Coordinator shall advise the ExCom of allowable IBPO activities within TISD and Robert E. Lee High School. The IB Coordinator shall appoint IBPO officers within the ExCom after yearly interest forms are returned.

****Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the ExCom shall be called upon the request of the president or three members of the ExCom. The secretary shall provide notice by email or telephone one week in advance of the date of any special meeting.

****Historian** - the Executive Committee shall decide whether to include this office. TBD later.

RE Lee IB Prep/IB PO - Executive Board Interest Form 2008-2009

Name:	Student Name:
Phone:	
Office Desired:	2 nd Choice:
Previous leadership experience (not needed to hold office):	
Please list the characteristics you display that will make you a good officer:	
***I (will/will not) be able to attend all general meetings and scheduled board meetings. (please circle one) Board meeting dates to be held prior to general meetings.	
***If appointed to office, I will always support students and teachers in their educational goals, the parent organization as it works toward the same goals, and will abide by all sections of the article concerning Conduct (read on back) of the IBPO by-laws.	
Signed:	Date:

(By-law sections concerning membership conduct on reverse side. Please read prior to signing interest form.)

IB Prep/IB PO Conduct By-Law

- Section 1. The IB Prep/IB Parent Organization shall not interfere with school policies or administration of the various activities. Any such actions shall, at the request of administration officials, terminate the Charter of the IB Prep/IB Parent Organization.
- Section 2. The IB Prep/IB Parent Organization shall establish only those goals and duties that are of community and financial support of academic enhancement programs, materials, and aide for the direct benefit of students and staff involved in the program, and indirectly strengthening the entire student body and high school program. Examples include field experiences, supplies, scholarships, banquets and ceremonies, etc.
- Section 3. Any member who willfully tries to goad, embarrass, or otherwise harass another member, a school administrator, or any faculty member shall be subject to expulsion by the Board. Such expulsion shall forfeit all membership privileges.
- Section 4. Anyone representing the IB Prep/IB Parent Organization in the community, on the school campus, or at any site of any IB activity (i.e. Tyler, the State of Texas, the United States, or any foreign country) must refrain from harassment, embarrassment, or inappropriate conducts as deemed by the IB Coordinator or the school principal. Such behavior shall result in the forfeiture of all privileges of membership.