MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Hello ARJH Longhorn Parents!

Each week that passes by, I become more excited about how well our kids are doing in forming positive relationships and working towards personal goals. This week alone, I have met with several students who have made appointments with me to discuss a variety of initiatives, community projects, and clubs. Everything from a recycling club, Amazing Shake club, save our strays club, to an advanced math club. We have several extracurricular opportunities for our kids to become plugged into this year in addition to athletics, career and technology, FFA, band, theater arts, and art to name a few.

My goal is to have every student involved in something! This is another reason we began Houses this year- it is important that every child feels connected and a part of a team! We will begin our exploratory clubs 2nd 6 weeks which will give students opportunities to explore areas of interest during our Longhorn Time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will send out details soon! It is an exciting time to be a Longhorn!

Have a great week!

Dr. Sanzo
Proud Principal of Reading Junior High
UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

9/20 – Back to School Dance, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
9/24 – RJH Fall Pictures
9/27 – Fort Bend County Fair Day – Student and Staff Holiday

RJH SPIRIT DAYS

September- 16th - Jersey Day- "Tackle the Chargers"
September 24th - PJ Day "Nite Nite Gators"
September 30th - Twin Day "Have the Eagles Seeing Double"

HOUSE COMPETITIONS! THIS WEEK’S WINNER- REVEUR!

This past Friday, we held our first House Challenge- Color War! Students came out in Orange, Yellow, Blue, and Green! RJH Staff participated as well! We had a great time during lunches with a Rock, Paper, Scissors Challenge, and a Word Tennis Challenge! It was fun to see our kids have fun- Junior High Style for RCA Houses! Reveur dominated the color war, with blue apparel, tutus, tiaras.... but Amistad was not far behind! Isibindi came in 3rd with Green and Altruismo came in 4th in their bright yellow! We will continue to promote positive behavior and academic excellence with House Awards and coming soon... House Coins! Students will begin to be awarded coins for displaying Character Counts traits, academic excellence and
growth, and leadership. We will have 4 House containers that students can drop their coins in to gain points for their House. Let's see which House can collect the most coins!

**SAFETY AND SECURITY - AFTER SCHOOL CAR RIDERS**

Please make sure that you are picking up your child on the right side of the road in front of the school by the sidewalk. We have had a few students meet their parents in the middle or third lane, which is not allowed due to safety. Please pull all of the way up so that we can keep the line moving. We love our Longhorns and want to ensure they stay safe! Thank you!

**PTO NEWS**

Hello Longhorn Parents!

**Membership Drive - ENDS SEPT. 30th!**

If you have not already done so, please take a moment today to join the PTO! The PTO supports the school in many ways including the 7th Grade Field Trip, the 8th Grade Career Expo, the 8th Grade Year End Celebration, the School-wide Color Run, Teacher/Staff Appreciation Events, Teacher/Staff Requests and more. Dr. Sanzo has big plans for this coming year and all of the funds we raise will go back to helping her make this a great year for our children!

Join here: [https://sites.google.com/view/readingpto/membership?authuser=0](https://sites.google.com/view/readingpto/membership?authuser=0). Please note that after completing the online form you'll need to click on the Paypal link to pay for your membership.

Or, if you prefer, you can send the attached family membership form along with your payment, to school with your child.

**SWEATSHIRT PRE-ORDERS - ENDS SEPT. 30TH!**

We are accepting pre-orders for the sweatshirts through September 30th! If you would like one, please fill out the attached form and send it, along with your payment, to school with your child.

Membership shirts, bags and sweatshirt orders will be delivered in October.

**SPIRIT NIGHT**
Let’s celebrate National Cheeseburger Day on September 18th with a spirit night at Freddy’s from 5:00-9:00 pm!! Dine-in or drive-thru and make sure to mention that you are dining for Reading Junior High as it is tracked electronically!! See you there!!

**HOSPITALITY**

Because of your generosity, we were able to provide an early dinner for our teachers on the evening of Open House. This was truly appreciated as the staff needed to stay on campus until late in the evening. The teachers enjoyed their Firehouse Subs and we spoiled them with a few raffle prizes! Thank you for always showing up for our beloved teachers!

**VOLUNTEERS**

There are still a few spots open on the Dance sign up. The student decorating committee needs parent volunteers to help put up all the decorations that they’ve been working on. If you come to help decorate, you’re also welcome to stay for the dance.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084fa4ab2fa4fc1-dance4](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084fa4ab2fa4fc1-dance4)

**THANK YOU, PARENTS!**

We could not do this without you and we appreciate you! Thank you so much parents- from providing dinner last Tuesday to staff, Dads on Duty coming in the morning-lunch-afternoon, and moms selling donuts and saying good morning to sleepy children getting off of the bus Friday. Your continued support and presence makes a difference to ALL of our kids! We want you as often as you can come in- True Longhorn Family!

**BURDETT ROAD CLOSURE**

Temporary road closure of Berdett Road from FM 762 to Reading Road, during construction; beginning September 25th. This is for pavement reconstruction.

**LONGHORN VOLLEYBALL**

The 7B Longhorns started off strong with a win over the Mustangs 25-10 and 25-16. Key servers were Brooke Robbins and and Addi Jarvis. It was a strong start to the season.

The 7A team beat Lamar in 2 sets, 25-19, 25-10. The Horns had a slow start but soon gained momentum in the second set. Jessica Reyes and Ryann Farmer led the team in serves. Sydney Bryant and Desiya Glover added a few power moves to bring home the victory.
The 8B Longhorns beat the Mustangs in two sets; 25-19 and 25-14. Top servers were Kelly Powell and Kate Dolan. The Longhorns played a great game.

The 8A team dominated Lamar in the first set 25-7 behind 19 serves from setter Jordan Sigafoes, which included numerous aces. Avery Ameen was tough at the net and at the service line with tough serves along with Brooke Avery who had multiple aces as well to finish up the second set 25-16.

Congratulations! Saturday Tournament- 8A won the 8A Tournament
8B received runner-up in 8B division

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**CHEERLEADERS ROCK!**

RJH Cheerleaders woke up early to cheer on runners at the Annual Run Over Cancer Race sponsored by the SnowDrop Foundation. They even decided to get in on the action and and run the kids 1K race.

**MEET THE CHARMS!**

Our new Dance Team- The Charms! They will be performing half-time shows during RJH football games. Come out and see our Charms!

**FRIDAY LUNCHES**

Every Friday, our students enjoy eating outside, music and recess- junior high style!
AMAZING SHAKE
An exciting and competitive new club is arriving at RJH this year! Ron Clark's Amazing Shake is an opportunity for your child to learn and improve on professional conduct, manners, etiquette, and more! Students will practice with fellow classmates, other teachers, and professionals from our community to hone their skills and prepare for “The Gauntlet” Competition in December 2019. Some challenges and skills students will practice include: giving a proper handshake, interview skills, eating etiquette in social and professional settings, giving composed speeches, professional dress, staying up-to-date on current events around the world, and more. The Ron Clark Academy created a fantastic mini-documentary (25 minutes) if you would like to get more information: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SsZpeePKn7k

Any questions can be emailed to: Chelsea Bruce (chbruce@lcisd.org) or Mitali Sanghvi (mitali.sanghvi@lcisd.org).

I-READY

What is i-Ready? i-Ready is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that will help your child's teacher(s) determine your child's needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year. i-Ready allows your teacher(s) to meet your child exactly where he/she is and provides data to increase your child's learning gains. All students will be taking an i-Ready Diagnostic in the content areas of math and reading over the next few weeks; a follow-up will also be administered in Jan. 2020 and May 2020. It is not necessary for your child to study. The i-Ready Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your child's needs. Each item a student sees is individualized, based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions. The purpose of this is not to give your child a score or grade, but instead to determine how best to support your child's learning. Thank you for your support.

STUDENT ID'S

Every student must wear a student ID every day. Students can purchase a replacement ID from the library from 8:00-8:15 in the morning for $3.00 (lanyard is $1.00 extra). Students can wear their own lanyard if they choose. Thank you for your support!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Attention ARJH Students!! We are now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 ARJH Student Council. Applications can be picked up from the attendance office. The completed applications are due Friday, September 20, 2019, by 4:00 PM. (An application has also been attached in this parent communication)
**SEE TO SUCCEED**

Are your child's glasses broken? Lost? Do they simply need a new pair of glasses? RJH is participating in the See to Succeed Program. Your child can receive an eye exam and glasses through this program at no cost to you. If you are interested please contact Sheila Turner at sturner@lcisd.org or 832-223-4425. The deadline to have completed forms returned to Nurse Turner is September 16th.

**TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (TSA)**

Any student wanting to know more about TSA can go to longhornengineering.com or come see Ms. Ferguson in Room 1509.

Rachelle Ferguson  
Engineering and Technology Instructor  
Longhorn Engineering Advisor  
Reading JH, Lamar CISD

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A big thank you to everyone who has already joined!

**COLLEGE CAREER AND MILITARY NIGHTS COMING SOON!**

Terry HS and Foster HS will be hosting Lamar CISD's College, Career & Military Nights on September 30th and October 7th, 2019. The College Nights are open to all Lamar CISD, Fort Bend ISD, Katy ISD, Needville ISD, and Stafford Municipal School District students and their parents.
**FIRST SCHOOL DANCE - FRIDAY, SEPT. 20TH!**

Mark your calendars for our Back to School Dance on Sept. 20th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

RJH Cafeteria

Drop Off in the Back of the school on the bus porch.

Students Chosen Theme- Hip Hop with 1980's and 1990's Decor! Dress 80's and 90's!

Would you like to help decorate, chaperone or sell food items? Please Contact Dr. Guillory

**LONGHORN LOTTOS**

Students receive Longhorn Lottos from teachers and staff for exhibiting character counts behaviors. We have daily drawings for prizes. If you would like to donate small prizes or gift cards (small amounts), please drop off at the front desk. Our kids are showing excellent Character every day!

![Six Pillars of Character](image-url)