



Outback Outlook

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Eureka!

Eureka! Is next Wednesday, Oct. 14, for 5th Grade. The experiment title is "Electrostatics". The class times are:
9:35-10:20 Lewis & Martin
10:35-11:20 Chisholm & Pinkerton
11:35-12:20 Lippold & Heuer
12:40-1:25 Goldsmith & Padilla
Please let us know which sessions you plan to attend by signing up online at www.okepta.org/eurekasignup.html. Walk-ins are great too! If you have any questions contact Kristin Mudra at eureka@okepta.org.

Parent Reminder – Student Drop Off

Students are able to enter the school at 8:00 am each morning. Please do not drop off students until this time. Teachers start morning duty each day at 8:00 am. Prior to this time, there is no supervision for students. If you are interested in morning child care at OKE, you may contact the YMCA at 281-392-5055. If you are dropping off your child in a vehicle, we ask that you join the car rider drop off line in the front of the school on Cinco Ranch Blvd. This line starts at the posted sign on Cinco Ranch Blvd and does not pull in to the drive until 8:00 am. The drive in front of the school is a no parking/no waiting zone. This area must be kept clear for emergency vehicles and other urgent matters. Thank you for your adherence to these requests.

Testing Dates

Please make a note of the following testing dates for 2nd and 5th Grade:
2nd Grade Tuesday, October 6th through Friday, October 9th, Tuesday, October 13th and Wednesday, October 14th.
5th Grade Tuesday, October 6th through Friday, October 9th.

Testing Information

Due to security, our campus will be closed to all visitors on several days throughout the school year on testing days. The following days are scheduled testing days:
Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – 4th grade Writing TAKS
Tuesday, April 6, 2010 – 5th Grade Math TAKS
(First Administration)
Wednesday, April 7, 2010 – 5th Grade Reading TAKS
(First Administration)
Tuesday, April 27, 2010 – 3rd & 4th Grade Math TAKS
3rd & 4th Grade LAT Reading
Wednesday, April 28, 2010 – 3rd & 4th Grade Reading TAKS
3rd & 4th Grade LAT Reading
Thursday, April 29, 2010 – 5th Science TAKS
Visitors to the building, lunch visitors and birthday treats will not be allowed on these scheduled testing dates. Thank you for your patience while we try to provide optimal testing conditions for our students.

OKE Spotlight

Each month students are chosen from OKE to have their artwork displayed at the Education Support Complex located at 6301 S. Stadium Lane, Katy. The artwork is on display and can be viewed Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. The following OKE students will have their artwork on display from October 5th through November 24th: Lola Geynet, Garrett Glause, Garrett Mack, Heather McMaster, Victoria Ng, Helena Orr, Victoria Stornello and Georgia Zelesky. Congratulations Koalas!

Playground in the Mornings

Parents, we need your assistance. There have been several students on the playground in the mornings before school. We are asking that children **not** be on the playground at this time. There is no supervision and this has been causing difficulties. Thank you for your assistance in this matter and helping keep our children safe.

ATTENTION ALL 5TH GRADE PARENTS!!

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 13th, in the Open Learning Center at 9:00AM to discuss the end of the year 5th grade celebration. We know you are thinking why in the world are we meeting for an event that will not take place for months?!! We would like everyone to get a chance to get acquainted and learn about where we are at this time in our planning. We will also discuss the 5th grade T-shirt design and form other "end of the year" committees. This will be our only meeting until January 2010, so please make plans to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Alison DiCamillo, alidicamillo@yahoo.com Or Wendy Maybruck, maybruck@comcast.net.

Gifted and Talented Screening

Information about Kindergarten GT screening went home the week of September 21, 2009. Parent checklists for Kindergarten are due October 16, 2009. Information about 5th graders who wish to be screened to GT classes in Jr. High will be sent home the first week of November. Information for GT screening for 1st – 4th graders will be sent home the week of Thanksgiving. Parent checklists for 5th graders and 1st – 4th graders will be issued upon request after these dates in November. The checklists for 1st – 5th graders are due December 16, 2009.

Last Chance for Spirit Items

The deadline to order spirit shirts, bows, hats and yard signs is Friday, October 9th. After this date the PTA will only sell what they have in limited inventory. Visit www.okepta.org to print order forms.



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OKE Campus Volunteer Guidelines

All volunteers must complete a Volunteer Registration form, which includes emergency contact information required by KISD to be kept on file at school. Volunteer forms can be picked up in the front office or you can register online at www.okepta.org. Dress appropriately and modestly, and wear your Raptor badge at all times. (Short shorts, sports tops, and spandex do not conform to the KISD dress code for students and are also inappropriate for volunteers.)

The campus Raptor system will log your ON-campus hours, but please remember to report your OFF-campus and after-hours volunteer hours to the VIPS Coordinator. **Each and every hour is counted and reported to KISD!** Our volunteers are greatly appreciated by the teachers, school staff, and the school district! You can report your hours online at www.okepta.org or via email to okevips@okepta.org. Don't interrupt instruction time.

Volunteer in the area where you are needed and do not wander through the building. Set up a conference to talk to teachers, instead of trying to "catch" the teacher during volunteer time. Contact a staff member if student discipline is required. Maintain confidentiality in regard to student work, behavior, teacher/staff/parent conversations, or any other information that may be seen, witnessed or overheard. Let someone know if you can't make your shift. Try to find a substitute if possible. Have fun and make new friends!

Younger children are allowed in the PTA volunteer workroom, but they should not be in the teacher workroom. Thank you for all that you do for our children and our school!

Reflections

It's that time of year and Reflections is here! Reflections is a National PTA sponsored Arts In Education program that encourages students to express their creativity by writing, dancing, composing or creating visual art inspired by a theme. The theme this year is "Beauty is..." Students can enter works in any of the six artistic categories: Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Musical Composition, Film Production and Dance Choreography. You should find a parent information note, entry form and general student guidelines in your child's Wednesday folder. Entries with a completed entry form are due by Friday, October 30. You can drop the entry with the completed entry form in the purple Reflections box located in the front office any day during the month of October. If you have questions, need another entry form or a copy of the rules for a specific category, please contact Alex Geiger at reflections@okepta.org. A link to all the forms and rules can be found on the www.okepta.org website (under the PROGRAMS tab choose REFLECTIONS).

Free Immunizations

Oct. 21, 4-7pm, Nov. 18, 4-7pm

Where: House of Amos
8030 Boone Road (Alief area of Houston)
Parent/guardian must accompany child.
Must bring child's immunization records or school nurse letter
*Sponsored by Spindletop International Charitable Foundation and The Methodist Hospital

VIPS

Discover U: Treat yourself to a day of fun, diversity, variety and discovery on October 16th at the KISD Education and Support Complex, 6301 S. Stadium Lane. The annual KISD conference for Moms, Dads, mentors and community members offers an array of wonderful workshops with dynamic presenters. Go to www.katyisd.org to register on-line.

Katy ISD Parent Newsletter

The Katy ISD Parent Newsletters are here and ready for use. Please go to the following website to view the September and October postings:
<http://www.katyisd.org/ppac/Pages/NewsLetters.aspx>. From this link you will find articles for Early Childhood, Elementary, Junior High and High School in English and Spanish.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 9 th	School Bookstore Exec. PTA Mtg., OLA, 10:00am Jeans Day Report Cards go Home
Monday, October 12 th	Student Holiday, Columbus Day
Monday, October 12 th – Friday, October 16 th	National School Lunch Week
Tuesday, October 13 th	CAT Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Library
Wednesday, October 14 th	EureKa!, 5 th Grade S.E.E.K., 3:40 – 6:00 p.m. Katy ISD College Night @ LMC

The Character Trait for October is:

Individuality

Discovering who you are meant to be so you can
make a difference.





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