



Outback Outlook

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EureKa!

EureKa! Is next Wednesday, Oct. 21, for Kindergarten. The experiment title is "I'm Bananas for Science! Weighing & Measuring".

The class times are:

8:55-9:45 De Luna & Snow

9:55-10:45 Yeager & Sanchez

11:05-11:55 Edwards & Tieman

12:00-12:50 Bennett & Dugosh

1:50-2:40 Brooks & O'Neal

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.

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.

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



CALLING ALL MOMS!!! JOIN US FOR IMOM EVENING!!!

Due to the incredible response for the first All Pro Dads Day in

September, **dates and times for iMom and All Pro Dad are**

changing! The new dates for this year for iMom are October 26 and

December 14 from 6:00-7:00p.m. Dinner will be served. Look for the

flyer in your child's Wednesday folder for more information. For

questions, please contact Carlene Bexley at imom@okepta.org.

This will still be a wonderful opportunity to slow down and spend time

with our children discussing a variety of interesting and relevant

topics that affect our kids' lives. With the move to evening, our time

with our children will be less rushed, and there will be no need to

stand in line for raptor badges (not to mention availability of closer

parking!) Moms will receive take home information on the topic

discussed.

OKE Spotlight

OKE held its first International Walk to School Day last Wednesday, October 7. It was a huge success and we had hundreds of walkers that participated. Thanks to all of our volunteers and coordinator, Paige Olmo, for a great morning.

Innisbrook Delivery Information

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 23rd, from 12-2:00 p.m. and 4-6:00 p.m. you may pick up your orders from Innisbrook. Please contact Cindy Cruz-Davis at ciccdavis1@comcast.net, with any questions.

CHILD FIND NOTICE

It is Katy ISD's responsibility to identify and evaluate students who within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 need special services or programs in order that such students may receive the required free appropriate education. A student who may need specialized instruction or programs within the intent of Section 504 is one who 1) has physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of life's major activities; or 2) has a record of such impairment; or 3) is regarded as having such an impairment. Students may be eligible under the provisions of Section 504 even though they do not require services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Parents who believe that they have a child who may qualify for special services or programs under Section 504 should contact Mrs. Maalouf, Assistant Principal for Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades or Mrs. Williams, Assistant Principal for 1st, 3rd and 5th grades, the campus 504 coordinators for Kilpatrick Elementary.

Pizza and a Teacher (Or a Principal) with Pizza Inn

Kilpatrick Elementary will be participating in a new fundraiser courtesy of Harvey Cobb and Pizza Inn. On Tuesday, November 3, 2009, all you have to do is call 281-693-2100, mention Kilpatrick Elementary Fundraiser, sit back, relax and see who delivers your pizza. Get your cameras ready to take a picture of the teacher or principal delivering pizza to your very own home. It could be Coach D'Andrea or Mrs. Audelo, or even Mrs. Rodriguez. Please join us for a night guaranteed to be fun for all and no cooking for you. On Tuesday, November 3rd, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., don't forget to call 281-693-2100 and you must be sure to mention that it is for the Kilpatrick Elementary Fundraiser. You do not want to miss out on the very special surprise delivery person.

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.

Holiday Family Photos

Holiday Family Photos are coming to OKE! On Saturday, October 24th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., our school photographer will be at OKE to take "High-Impact" family portraits against a snow-white background that you may purchase. Photos will be taken by reservation only! Please look for flyers being sent home in your child's back pack today to sign up!



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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.

Kilpatrick's Red Ribbon Week Activities

Kilpatrick's Red Ribbon Week kicks off on Monday, October 19th. All students are invited to "say No to Drugs" with the following schedule:
Monday, Oct. 19th – "Red-dy" to take on the World Drug Free", wear red.

Tuesday, Oct. 20th – "Riding the Waves to a Drug-Free Life", wear beach/Hawaiian prints.

Wednesday, Oct. 21st – "Hats off to Saying No", wear a hat.

Thursday, Oct. 22nd – "Give drugs the slip!", wear your favorite slippers.

Friday, Oct. 23rd – "Team Up Against Drugs", wear your favorite team shirt or jersey.

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).

OKE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Our Koalas were able to collect over 1200 Capri Sun pouches the first six weeks of school. Thank you so much for participating in this program. We are no longer accepting drink pouches. Please keep your eye out for our next recycling program. Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who participated in INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY. It was a great success! OKE is still collecting pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. We have collected over 19,000 so far this school year.

OKE Spirit Night

Tomorrow, Thursday, October 15th is our Spirit Night with Papa John's. Take the night off from cooking and order take out or delivery from Papa John's @ (281)347-7272 between 5 and 8 pm. Thank you for supporting OKE! 20% of the proceeds will come to OKE if you mention our name when ordering! Thank you Papa John's for being a great Partner in Education!!!

SAFETY FIRST

For safety reasons, please avoid sending your child to school wearing flip-flops. Sneakers or sturdy footwear that comes up around the foot stabilizes the foot better for physical activities such as running and playing on the playground. Your child's safety is important to us. Your Nurse, Kathleen Wilkening R.N.

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

Thursday, October 15 th	Picture Retakes OKE Spirit Night – Papa John's
Friday, October 16 th	Discover U, 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ESC Kindergarten GT Parent Checklists Due Spirit Day National Boss's Day
Monday, October 19 th	Author Robin LaFevers Visit, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., OLA KISD Board Work Study Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20 th	School Store PTA Reward Day
Wednesday, October 21 st	EureKa!, Kindergarten S.E.E.K., 3:40-5:00 p.m. Free Immunizations 4-7:00 p.m., House of Amos

The Character Trait for October is:

Individuality

*Kids need freedom to fail as well as freedom
to succeed in order to best
discover who they are meant to be.*

