



Outback Outlook

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EureKa!

EureKa! Is next Wednesday, Oct. 28th for 1st Grade. The experiment is "Spiders". The class times are:

8:40-9:30 Jones & Kotzebue

9:40-10:30 Brock & Lowers

10:40-11:30 Robins & Bickham

12:05-12:55 Marsh & Branch

1:00-1:50 Roman & Wicker

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.

OKE Student-Run Bookstore

There will NOT be a bookstore sale in November. The school calendar states that we will have a bookstore sale on November 6th. November 6th is an Early Dismissal day and the bookstore will NOT be open. The next date that the Student-Run Bookstore will be open is December 11th. We hope to see all of you on December 11th @ 8:00 a.m.

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

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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.

Holiday Family Photos

Holiday Family Photos are coming to OKE! On Saturday, October 24th, starting at 9:00 a.m., our school photographer will be at OKE to take "High-Impact" family holiday portraits that you may purchase. Photos will be taken by **reservation only!** To schedule a time, e-mail a request to Kilpatrick.Holiday@gmail.com, or call 281-485-9454.

BOX TOPS SUBMISSION DEADLINE!

Although we gladly accept Box Tops all year long, our Fall submission deadline for Box Tops is at the end of October! HEB is currently running a contest to award \$10,000.00 to 3 schools in Texas that submit the most Box Tops per student enrolled! We have already collected more than 5,000 Box Tops since the beginning of the school year, and we are hoping that you have even more to send in! Please send your Box Tops to school in a sealed bag marked with your child's grade level no later than Thursday, October 29th. Thank you for your support!

OKE Spotlight

OKE would like to thank "The Snakeman," Mr. Thomas Davis, for donating his time and expertise to help our fifth graders celebrate their great behavior in our first six weeks Principal's Night Out. Mr. Davis presented an hour long show covering all the aspects of snake behavior--identification, habitat, medical uses and more. The students viewed various non-poisonous snakes to better get to know these unusual creatures and learn the importance of conservation. "The Snakeman" would be a great addition to a party or any other social event. If you are interested in more information about the different shows Mr. Davis offers, please pick up a flyer in the front foyer or check out his website at www.barmollysplace.com.



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.

Kilpatrick's Red Ribbon Week Activities

Kilpatrick's Red Ribbon Week continues tomorrow with:

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.

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.

Innisbrook Delivery Information

Mark your calendars for this 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 cicdavis1@comcast.net, with any questions.



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Attention all Fourth Grade Parents

Exciting news: The 4th grade class of OKE is preparing a fun musical entitled, "Music and Me." The performance date will be Thursday, November 12th at 9:30 am, 2:00 pm, and 6:30 pm. Your child should have brought home a 2 page letter about the 4th grade musical and the costume/t-shirt information. (Take home folders on Wed., Oct. 14th.) Please read all the information about the costumes, hair styles, and make-up. We want to encourage you to purchase your 4th grader the beautiful turquoise musical t-shirt to wear as part of the chorus costume. ([Deadline for money for the t-shirt is Wed., Oct. 21st please.](#)) This shirt was designed by an extremely talented OKE mom, and will also be worn throughout the year for various 4th grade events. Thanks for helping to make your child's performance a great experience! Information about all of our music programs can be found on the music webpage at: <http://kisdwebs.katyisd.org/campuses/OKE/teacherweb/music/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

Katy ISD and OKE Holiday Regulations and Practices

Please take time to review Katy ISD regulations and OKE Elementary practices as we get closer to the holiday season and the activities surrounding these occasions. We want everyone to be familiar with these guidelines and the purpose behind them.

GUIDELINES for SPECIAL OCCASIONS: So that all students are ensured academic success, we strive to maintain a focus on instructional activities during the school day. This does not permit us to recognize most holidays listed on a typical calendar, unless they are mentioned in our instructional lessons, under the guidance of our classroom teachers. **For this reason, we do not allow students to wear costumes/make-up, unless they are directly related to a unit of study in the KISD curriculum.** We also ask that you refrain from bringing flowers, balloons or other treats to school for special events. Our campus takes pride in its quality instruction and commitment for all students to achieve their best academically and develop into successful individuals. We know that there are many significant and important occasions in the life of a child, but ask that you assist us to keep our campus environment free of distractions by celebrating these events outside of the school day. This also ensures that we comply with the regulations of the Texas Department of Agriculture regarding 'foods of minimal nutritional value'. **These guidelines prohibit parents from bringing food, snacks, candy or drinks to school for anyone other than their own child.** (See KATY ISD website link: www.katyisd.org/food_services Texas Department for Agricultural Nutritional Guidelines / Parent Section)

PARTIES: KISD policy allows for two classroom parties per year. Our two parties in the Outback are our Thankful and Valentine's parties. These parties are planned and organized by the PTA homeroom mothers /fathers who work cooperatively with grade level teachers and administration. Homeroom teachers have complete authority to determine which types of activities are acceptable and which are not acceptable. The PTA has a practice with coordinating party favors and refreshments so that all children are treated fairly on a grade level. Parents need to notify their child's teacher if he/she has any food allergies (i.e. peanuts, dairy, etc.)

Reflections

Parents, you still have time to encourage your child to enter the Reflections Program! This is your last full weekend to set aside time for your child to create a piece of artwork inspired by this year's theme, "Beauty is...". Students can enter as many works as they wish in any or all of the 6 categories: Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Dance Choreography and Film Production. **PLEASE** be sure to review the category specific rules *before* starting the artwork! And remember, all entries need a completed student entry form! All entries are due in 9 days! All entries are due Friday, October 30! You can get a copy of the general rules, a student entry form, or any of the specific rules for the 6 art categories by going online to the OKE PTA website and looking under Reflections tab: <http://www.okepta.org/Reflections.html> You may also find paper copies of rules and entry forms in the purple Reflections box located in the front office! All entries receive recognition and an award! All entries will be on display during the week of November 16 - 20! Happy Reflecting!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 22 nd	Red Ribbon Assembly
Friday, October 23 rd	School Bookstore
Saturday, October 24 th	Holiday Family Photos, 9:00 a.m. (By reservation only)
Monday, October 26 th	PTA Auction Begins IMom, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Gym KISD Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27 th	Leadership Team & Area Mtg., 8:30 a.m. GT Family Night, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Café
Wednesday, October 28 th	EureKa!, 1 st Grade S.E.E.K., 3:40-5:00 p.m. Progress Reports Go Home

The Character Trait for October is:

Individuality

"The reason most of us haven't been able to run after our dreams is that we were wearing the wrong size shoes. All we have to do is discover what fits us, and chances are we'll do just fine."

Barbara Sher

