



# Outback Outlook

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## EureKa!

EureKa! Is next Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. The experiment is Biometrics: Who are you? (Fingerprints). The class times are:

8:40-9:30 Hederman & Sciba  
9:35-10:25 Montgomery & Vickers  
10:30-11:20 Hicks & Nguyen  
12:55-1:45 Thomas & Wriborg  
1:55-2:45 Everhard & Hernandez

Please let us know which sessions you plan to attend by signing up online at [www.okepta.org/eurekasignup.html](http://www.okepta.org/eurekasignup.html).

Walk-ins are great too! If you have any questions contact Kristin Mudra at [eureka@okepta.org](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>. November 6<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see all of you on December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.

## No Place for Hate

Mix it Up: A Bold Declaration. Mix it up at Lunch Day is almost here, and on November 10, 2009, schools across the country will be participating in the national day. On this one day, students will be asked to sit with someone new in their class. Students and teachers will make a bold declaration that they will work toward creating a school environment that is welcoming of all. They will promise to promote inclusion and not exclusion.

## Core Essentials Traits

Don't forget to help us kick off our Core Essentials character trait for the month of November next Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. The trait for the month of November is Cooperation. Wear Yellow to help us celebrate the next "Core Essentials at OKE" trait!

## Gifted and Talented Screening

Information about 5th graders who wish to be screened for 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 November 23rd. 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.

## 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

We would like to announce the winners of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade 2009 – 2010 Yearbook Cover Art Contest. The top two winners of this contest will have their artwork displayed on the front and back cover of our 2010 OKE yearbook. Thank you 5<sup>th</sup> grade for creating wonderful artwork! The winners were selected based on the following; publishing quality, meaning, correct spelling, clarity, creativity and relative to school theme. The following 15 students met the challenge and we would like to recognize them today: **Katie Army** (Lewis), **Mitch Brooks** (Rubio-Padilla), **Patricia Cabanilla** (Lewis), **Alec De La Rosa** (Pinkerton), **Holden Easterling** (Goldsmith), **Juliette Esposito** (Martin), **Mollie Franklin** (Lippold), **Cora Garcia** (Lewis), **Preethi Kannan** (Pinkerton), **Cameron Kuehn** (Martin), **Lauren Meyers** (Pinkerton), **Jakob Mozill** (Lewis), **Esther Orta** (Lewis), **Carlie Range** (Pinkerton), and **Ashley Yen** (Lippold). After narrowing the 15 to 6 finalists (**Aromy, Brooks, Cabanilla, Garcia, Mozill, and Orta**) the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner, whose artwork will appear on the back cover of the 2010 Yearbook, was selected and is:

**Patricia Cabanilla**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> place Cover Art winner, whose artwork will appear on the front cover of the 2010 Yearbook is:

**Katie Army**

Congratulations to all of our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cover Art participants and winners!

## Innisbrook Fundraiser:

Many thanks to our students, parents and teachers for their support with our Innisbrook fundraiser. Would like to thank the following volunteers for their countless support on delivery day: Cindy Cruz-Davis, Patricia Gilarranz, Lisa Kana, Marilyn Lacy, Becky Morris, Heather Nichols, Veronica Quintanilla, Carie Rosa, Judi Smith, Kendall Walters, and Rowena Yap. Please be sure to call Innisbrook at 1-800-334-8461 for any questions or concerns with your order.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Aussie Auction

Have you ever wanted your own personal parking spot at OKE? Well, look no further than our Aussie Auction booklet for a complete listing of unbelievable priceless opportunities available to bid now! Any questions please email Cindy Cruz-Davis or Kendra Birchfield at [fundraising@okepta.org](mailto:fundraising@okepta.org).

## SchoolHouse Partners – Fixing Homes and Funding Schools

This school year we have partnered with a locally owned and operated business called **SchoolHouse Partners**. **SchoolHouse Partners'** mission is to connect people to qualified, pre-screened service providers and fund public and private schools at the same time. There is no fee to use this service. If you do choose to book a service provider through SchoolHouse Partners, you are guaranteed three things: (1) a pre-qualified service provider, (2) a discount on services provided that you don't receive if you call the provider directly and (3) 20% of what **SchoolHouse Partners** earns from billed and collected invoices will be contributed to Kilpatrick Elementary on every transaction you have with these providers. In short, Kilpatrick Elementary makes money while you save money. For more information, visit <http://www.myschoolhousepartners.com/> Or, to book an appointment with a service provider simply call 800-613-3903.



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## Pictures for the 2010 OKE Yearbook

We have had a busy 10 weeks of school! Please look through your photos and submit any images you might have for events that have happened up to this point in the school year. Some events and activities to consider could be the first day of school, Eureka!, School Bookstore, Core Essentials days, 2 x 2 Reading, Birthday Book Club, Morning Announcements, Outbacker of the Month Award, Spirit days, Challenge, Lunch/Recess, All Pro Dad or moms, Grandparent's Day, See you at the Pole, International Walk to School Day, Author Visit (Robin LaFevers), PTA Reward Day, Red Ribbon Week. To submit photos online go to:

<https://images.jostens.com>. Enter **username: 400000107** and **password: OKE (case sensitive)**. Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload. Enter information about the photo (*grade, event, teacher, students you know, etc.*). Provide contact information in case the OKE PTA Yearbook Advisers need additional information. Click "Save Details". You make the story, so thank you for everyone who has contributed images this year and in advance, for those of you that will! For questions, please email [yearbook@okepta.org](mailto:yearbook@okepta.org).

## Dyslexia Parent Information Meeting

Please join us on November 3, 2009 for a presentation on dyslexia intervention. Teachers and central office personnel will provide a demonstration of the programs used in kindergarten through 12th grade. You will get to experience for yourself dyslexia instruction and strategies. Information will also be provided on how you can support your child's reading development at home. There will be a particular focus on students with dyslexia in the secondary grades. Information will be available on how to prepare for college or postsecondary career training. Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Location: Education Support Complex, Room 1200 BCG. Please let us know if you plan to attend by signing and returning the RSVP below: Return it to your child's reading intervention teacher by October 30th.

I \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ plan on attending the dyslexia program training on November 3, 2009. The number who will be attending from my family are \_\_\_\_\_.

## 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. This 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. This Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Free Immunizations

Nov. 18, 4-7pm, 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.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade class of OKE is preparing a fun musical entitled, "Music and Me." The performance date will be Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am, 2:00 pm, and 6:30 pm. Your child should have brought home a 2 page letter about the 4<sup>th</sup> grade musical and the costume/t-shirt information. (Take home folders on Wed., Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>) Please read all the information about the costumes, hair styles, and make-up. 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](http://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.)



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## Reflections

There are only 2 days left to enter a piece of artwork in the Reflections Program! This Friday, October 30, is the LAST day to enter 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 2 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> Or you can 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!

The Character Trait for October is:

### **Individuality**

"We are all something, but none of us is everything."

Blaise Pascal



## Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	No Challenge
Friday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Reflections Due Spirit Day
Sunday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Daylight Savings Time Ends, Fall Back One Hour
Monday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	KISD PTA Council Mtg., 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup> Day of School, Dress Like the 50's.  Pizza Inn Spirit Night, 4:30-7:30p.m./ Faculty and Staff Delivery  Election Day
Wednesday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Core Essentials, Cooperation Wear Yellow  EureKa!, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade  S.E.E.K., 3:40-5:00p.m.