



Outback Outlook

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A Message From the Principal

Welcome back everyone! We are so excited to begin the 2009-2010 school year as we are "Riding on the Waves of Success!" It is going to be an incredible year. Thanks to all of our awesome parents that assisted in putting up our great bulletin boards this summer. They look incredible! We could not have done this without your help. From registration to Cheers N' Tears, our OKE parents are always so ready and willing to help us out. A special thanks goes to our wonderful OKE PTA. If you have not yet joined the OKE PTA, make sure and sign up soon. It's a great way to help all of our students and our school. Surf's up in the Outback!

CALLING ALL DADS!!!

JOIN US FOR ALL PRO DAD'S DAY

All Pro Dad's Day will be held before school (7:40-8:10) on Friday, September 11. Breakfast will be served for a nominal fee (no fee to join). It will be a time where fathers and their children meet with other dads and kids in the Open Learning Area. At this gathering, they will discuss a wide range of family topics, spend time together, have fun and be equipped with resources to strengthen their relationship. Dads, come connect with your kids in a fun, intentional way. For more information, check out www.allprodad.com. For questions regarding this event, contact Bill Bexley at 832-816-5139 or bill.bexley@gmail.com. Watch for sign-up sheet in your child's folder. Other All Pro Dad's dates: November 20, January 15, and March 12. Moms, be on the lookout for iMom mornings: October 16, December 4, February 19, and May 14!

Core Essentials

"Core Essentials" is a character education program designed for grades K-5. It is a District wide initiative. A different trait is emphasized each month and represents common attitudes that most parents and teachers want their children to learn and demonstrate. The program provides tools to bring together the campus, classroom, and home in a collaborative effort to teach and reinforce the monthly traits. The tools are simple and straight-forward with the goal of helping students learn to treat others right, make smart decisions, and maximize their own potential. Your child will be bringing a table card home the beginning of each month. It's meant to sit on your table at home (or on your refrigerator) and gives you some great ideas for discussion regarding what the character trait for that month is all about.

Don't forget to help us kick off our Core Essentials Trait for the month of September next Wednesday, September 2, 2009. The trait for the month of September is **Wisdom**. Wear red to help us celebrate the next "Core Essentials at OKE" trait!

OKE Spotlight

A huge "Thank You" to Harvey Cobb, owner of Pizza Inn, for a delicious lunch and dessert provided to our staff. Mr. Cobb treated us during our staff development week. Another huge "Thank You" to our OKE Parent, Shannon Melton for an incredible meal. Mrs. Melton also treated us last week with her home-baked lasagna. One more "Thank You" to a very special parent, Malcolm Repka, our principal's father, cooked all day to prepare brisket for all of us. Thank you so much to all of you for your tremendous hospitality.

Attendance Information

Please call the school office (281-237-7600) in the morning by 9:00 EACH day of your child's absence. **PHONE CALLS ARE THE PREFERRED REPORTING METHOD FOR ALL ABSENCES.** You **DO NOT** need to send a handwritten note the next day when you follow this procedure to report your child's absence due to **ILLNESS**. The only notes that will need to be sent to school when your child returns are **DOCTOR NOTES** (if you have any) or handwritten notes explaining absences for **NON-ILLNESS REASONS** (emergency, religious holiday, etc.). Any questions or concerns, please ask for the attendance clerk, Barb Kossegi.



Are you volunteering today?

This year, all visitors to campus will be asked that question at every check in, because OKE will now count your *on-campus, school-day* volunteer hours through our Raptor system. So, when you visit OKE to volunteer, your time in the building will be automatically tallied. All you have to do is answer yes with a smile!

Upcoming Events

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| Thursday, August 27 th | 2 nd Grade Orientation
5:00 p.m. in Gym
4 th Grade Orientation
6:30 p.m. in Gym |
| Friday, August 28 th | Spirit Day |
| Tuesday, Sept. 1 st | 5 th Grade Orientation
5:00 p.m. in Gym |
| Wednesday, Sept. 2 nd | Core Essential, Wisdom-Red
Innisbrook Kickoff
K-2, 1:45 p.m. in Gym
3-5, 2:30 p.m. in Gym |

