



Outback Outlook

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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, March 12. Moms, be on the lookout for iMom mornings: October 16, December 4, February 19, and May 14!

Eureka

EureKa! is next Wednesday, September 9, for Kindergarten. The experiment title is "Observation Skills: Using a Hand Lens." The class times are:

8:55-9:45 De Luna and Snow

9:55-10:45 Yeager and Sanchez

11:05-11:55 Edwards and Tieman

12:00-12:50 Bennett and Dugosh

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

Please let us know which sessions you are planning to attend by signing up online at www.okepta.org/eurekasignup.html.

Walk-ins are great, too! EureKa! t-shirts may be ordered for \$8.00 at anytime. The order form is available online, too! If you have any questions please contact Kristin Mudra eureka@okepta.org.

Attention All 5th Graders

You have the opportunity to join the Outback Singers Choir. We hope you received your form from your homeroom teacher last week. The deadline to join the choir is our first rehearsal date, Friday, September 11th. We rehearse every Wed. and Fri. mornings from 7:20 - 8:10 am in Mrs. Dial's music room. (At 8:00 am we dismiss those students who are helping with safety patrol or the school bookstore.) The **side doors on the East side of our building** (beside the music rooms) is where your parents may drop you off in the morning beginning at 7:10 a.m. Please get those sign-up forms into us along with the choir shirt order. We look forward to another fun singing year with all of you new 5th graders!

OKE Spotlight

We would like to thank OKE parent, Carolina Dalmas, for creating the design that is on our 2009-2010 school spirit shirts. She has dedicated many hours to OKE and we appreciate her so much. She is also allowing us to use her design on our OKE items this year. Thanks so much Ms. Dalmas!!!

We hope you have had an opportunity to see our surfin' bulletin boards in our hallways. We had several parents this summer who donated their time and talents creating these for us. Our thanks goes to the following: Zahaida Shahid, Rose Stornello, Nancy Munguia, Lisa Sterba, Shannon Clarkson, Jamillah Brock, DeDe Sanders, Lorian Ebert, Fon Deuterio, Casey Gao, Cindy Cruz-Davis, Brett Nicholson, and Heather Sanders.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

OKE is proud to introduce Environmental Awareness as an educational program to its community. Through this program we hope to help our community better understand their "footprint" while also learning different ways to give back. We are looking forward to continuing our pull-tab collection for the Ronald McDonald House. We will also begin a Capri Sun collection partnered with Terra Cycle.

Please look for details coming soon on how you can help with these programs as well as the expansion of our Environmental Awareness program here at OKE.

Get 70 BONUS Box Tops

Help your parents locate those Box Tops as you shop at HEB and help earn 70 BONUS Box Tops as you shop! You will receive 70 BONUS Box Tops instantly at checkout when you buy ANY 10 participating Box Tops for Education products. Then, all you have to do is bring in the receipt to PE and turn it in. You then will be proud to know that you just helped PE raise over \$7.00 in one trip to the grocery store.

Parent Information Center

The Parent Information Center is a one-stop-shop to sign up for eNews, Katy ISD Updates, Stranger Danger and Online Grades. Parents can also access Mealpay from here. For more information on the PIC, go to <http://www.katyisd.org>. On-line grades will go "live," around the third week of school.



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Cafeteria Help Needed!

Please help us assist the children at lunch. Monday-Friday 10:30-12:30 ANY AND ALL TIMES ARE APPRECIATED
What a great place to meet your children's classmates!
Please contact Suzanne Oshman at soshman@comcast.net or 281-450-8918.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Sept. 3 rd	Individual Picture Day 1 st Grade Orientation, 5:00 p.m. Gym 3 rd Grade Orientation, 6:30 p.m. Gym
Friday, Sept. 4 th	School Book Store Exec. PTA Mtg., OLA, 10:00 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 7 th	School Holiday – Labor Day
Tuesday, Sept. 8 th	School Resumes
Wednesday, Sept. 9 th	EureKa!, Grade Kindergarten

Paperless Outback Outlook

The Outback Outlook is going paperless after today. If you signed up for E-News, you may have already discovered that it will automatically be sent to you every week. You may also view it on the website at <http://kisdwebs.katyisd.org/campuses/OKE/ParentResources/Pages/OutbackOutlooks.aspx>. Just click on the date you are interested in. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to continue to receive a hard copy, please complete the following information and return to your child's teacher:

Please continue to send home a hard copy of the Outback Outlook with my child as listed below:

Child's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

The Character Trait for September is:

Wisdom

Wisdom is knowledge applied to everyday life.

We can say, "I know, I know" to so many things, but until we make the wise choice to apply the things we know, it's just talk.

