



Outback Outlook

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ALL PRO DAD'S DAY UPDATE

The expected attendance for the first All Pro Dad Event has exceeded all of our expectations. In light of that, please keep the following in mind:

- **Only dads are invited during this time.** If a dad is not available, it could be an uncle or a grandfather. Our first iMOM will be next month and be open to all the OKE Mom's.

- **All Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

There is a significant amount of time in the meeting devoted simply for fathers' and children to talk and grow closer.

- **Parking** - Please do not park on Cinco Ranch Blvd or the circle drives due to the car line drop-off. Please do not park in the staff parking lot because the teachers will need a place to park when they arrive to school. We encourage car-pooling or walking. Thank you so much for your assistance with these matters. We would like to continue to offer this wonderful program to our families and not have to move this program to an after school event.

- **School Doors open at 7:30 a.m.**

NOTICE TO ALL WEST WALKERS

Parents, we need your help. We are having situations where parents are parking along Cinco Ranch Blvd. in our designated school zone to pick up their children. This is inhibiting our day care buses and KISD buses in picking up children under the Westside awning. If you are driving to meet your walker, you need to be in our car rider line. All students that are picked up in a car need to be designated as "parent pickup." Students who are "walkers" must have someone meeting them at the west school door or at the crosswalk and must be walking. Older children will be allowed to walk by themselves from the crosswalk if not accompanied by a parent or guardian. Picking children up on Cinco Ranch Blvd. is dangerous as it is a very busy area. Our number one priority is the safety of our students.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Malynn Rodriguez. Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep all of our children safe.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY:

Grandparents are invited to come and have lunch with their Kilpatrick Koalas on Monday, September 14th. Please check our website for lunchtimes, and please remind the Grandparents to allow enough time to be Raptured in. We have received a huge response and not all Grandparents are in our Raptor system and will need a few extra minutes to have their license scanned. Also, grandparents are allowed to bring their grandchild a "special" lunch but please no sharing with the other students. We can't wait to see all of them at school!

OKE Spotlight

We would like to thank the following parents and students for helping with first day packets. We could not have done this without you – Becky Morris, Lorian Ebert, Wendy Maybruck, Kim Broadrick, Zahida Shahid, Heather Sanders, Vidisha Srivastav, Vidita Dixit, Adriana Swift, Dianna DesJardins, Shelby Lloyd, Madison Sanders, Emily Flinchpaugh, Claire Sauer, Kirsten Ebert, Emilie Ebert, Kelly Glass, Carrie Hightower, Rose Stornello, Laurie Ng and Ryan Johnson.

TBEC Honor Roll

We are so proud to announce that Odessa Kilpatrick Elementary has been selected for the most prestigious award of the TBEC Honor Roll for academic excellence in Texas. This award recognizes schools that have demonstrated three years of consistent, high performance in all subjects compared to other schools serving similar student populations. Our school receives this award for having the highest percentage of students performing at the state's most rigorous standard-commended in every subject. Congratulations to our students and teachers for their hard work in student achievement over this extended period of time. We would also like to extend our congratulations to Roosevelt Alexander Elementary, the only other school in our district to have received this award for 2009.

Eureka

EureKa! is next Wednesday, September 16, for 1st Grade. The experiment title is "What is Inside of Me?" 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 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.

Testing Dates

Please make a note of the following testing dates for 2nd and 5th Grade:

2nd Grade Tuesday, October 6th through Friday, October 9th

and Tuesday, October 13th and Wednesday, October 14th

5th Grade Tuesday, October 6th through Friday, October 9th.



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Attention All OKE PTA Parents!

Our first regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Open Learning Area. Come hear about what the PTA is doing for your school and students. Immediately following the meeting the Texas PTA will present a workshop on Profession:Parent. The workshop will last around an hour. Below is a detailed description.

Profession: Parent

Job of a Lifetime. Extensive knowledge of child development a must (all ages); may handle life threatening emergencies especially in first years; must work with unpredictable subordinates who mistakenly believe the world revolves around them. Strong negotiation and communication skills required; ability to train others and remain calm under stress a plus; must be self-starter; no experience necessary. Minimum 18 year contract 24/7. The job of parent is a huge responsibility. Whether you are just starting out with a toddler or are negotiating the teen years, this workshop will review the tools of the trade parents need to help our children reach their full adult potential. Setting clear expectations and limits, positive reinforcement, and natural or logical consequences are some of the tools we can use to shape children's behavior and teach self discipline. This is on the job training.

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!

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 soshman@comcast.net or 281-450-8918

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.

GT Parent Coffee

GT Parents, please join us for a Parent Coffee in the Open Learning Area, on Tuesday, September 29th at 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Friday, Sept. 11 th	All Pro Dads, 7:40 - 8:10 a.m. Patriot Day Outback Singers Choir, Deadline And First Rehearsal, 7:20 a.m.,
Monday, Sept. 14 th	Grandparent's Day at OKE
Tuesday, Sept. 15 th	School Store CAT Meeting, 5 p.m., Library
Wednesday, Sept. 16 th	EureKa!, 1 st Grade Progress Reports Go Home KISD Board Work Study Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

The Character Trait for September is:

Wisdom

The man who knows right from wrong and
has good judgment and common sense is
happier than the man who is immensely rich!

For such wisdom is far more valuable
than precious jewels.

Nothing else compares with it.





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