



Outback Outlook

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Campus Advisory Team

We are pleased to announce the members of our Campus Advisory Team for 2009-2010. They are as follows: Adela Nugent (District Representative), Amy Beall (parent), Anish Kumar (parent), Brad Webb (parent), Kendall Walters (parent), Amy Branch (teacher), Shelley Fries (teacher) and Anela Wenger (teacher). Thank you so much for a great response from all our parents interested in joining our team.

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!

Eureka!

Eureka! Is next Wednesday, September 23 for 2nd grade. The experiment title is "Does Your Heart Rate Change When You Exercise?" The Class times are:

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

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 questions contact Kristin Mudra at 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.

Cafeteria Help Needed!

Please help us assist the children at lunch. Monday-Friday 10:30-12:30 Any and all times are appreciated. Please contact Suzanne Oshman, soshman@comcast.net or 281-450-8918.

OKE Spotlight

We are so fortunate to have wonderful parent Work Room Volunteers. They are as follows: Becky Morris, Kendra Birchfield, Rowena Yap, and Andi Oldner. Thank you all so much for everything you do for us! We appreciate you so much!

Gifted and Talented Parent Coffee

Parents of Gifted and Talented students, please join us for a Parent Coffee in the Open Learning Area, on Tuesday, September 29th at 8:30–10:00 a.m.

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be sent home Wednesday, September 16th. Please check your child's backpack.

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.

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.



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International Walk to School Day

OKE is participating in INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY on October 7, 2009. Please join us on Wednesday morning by walking with your child and fellow classmates in order to promote healthy living and environmental awareness. The walk should begin from your home or neighborhood and end at school in time for a fabulous day at Kilpatrick. Please wear an ORANGE SHIRT that day and your WALKING SHOES. Always remember safety and cross streets with our crossing guards. See you there!

OKE Spirit Night

Our Spirit Nights this year will be with Papa John's on S. Fry Road (across from HEB) . Please help us kick off Our first Spirit Night tomorrow , Thursday September 17th. Take the night off from cooking and order take out or delivery from Papa John's @ (281)347-7272 between 5 and 8 pm. Thank you for supporting OKE! 20% of the proceeds will come to OKE if you mention our name when ordering! Thank you Papa John's for being a great Partner in Education!!!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Sept. 17 th	OKE Spirit Night, Papa John's Constitution Day
Friday, Sept. 18 th	School Bookstore Spirit Day Rosh Hashanah begins at Sunset
Monday, Sept. 21 st	KISD PTA Council Mtg., 6:15 p.m. KISD Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m. Ramadan ends
Tuesday, Sept. 22 nd	General PTA Mtg., 10:00 a.m. OLA First Day of Autumn
Wednesday, Sept. 23 rd	Eureka!, 2 nd Grade No Challenge



The Character Trait for September is:

Wisdom

Celebrate your child when he or she uses what they know to help those around them.