



Outback Outlook

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Character Counts Traits

Don't forget to help us kick off our character trait for the month of October next Wednesday, October 8th. The trait for the month of October is **Individuality**. Wear **Orange** to help us celebrate the next "Character Counts at OKE" trait!

EureKa!

4thEureKa! Is next Wednesday, Oct. 7, for 4th Grade. The experiment title is "The Water Cycle Goes to Science Court". The class times are:

8:40-9:30 Porter & Smith & Challenge
9:40-10:30 Collins & Lopez
11:30-12:20 Bishop & Lang
12:45-1:35 Fagan & Schwin
1:45-2:35 Rau & Fries

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 any 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,
Tuesday, October 13th and Wednesday, October 14th.
5th Grade Tuesday, October 6th through Friday, October 9th.

Testing Information

Due to security, our campus will be closed to all visitors on several days throughout the school year on testing days.

The following days are scheduled testing days:

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – 4th grade Writing TAKS

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 – 5th Grade Math TAKS

(First Administration)

Wednesday, April 7, 2010 – 5th Grade Reading TAKS

(First Administration)

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 – 3rd & 4th Grade Math TAKS

3rd & 4th Grade LAT Reading

Wednesday, April 28, 2010 – 3rd & 4th Grade Reading TAKS

3rd & 4th Grade LAT Reading

Thursday, April 29, 2010 – 5th Science TAKS

Visitors to the building, lunch visitors and birthday treats will not be allowed on these scheduled testing dates. Thank you for your patience while we try to provide optimal testing conditions for our students.

Papa John's Spirit Night

Thank you everyone who participated in our recent Spirit Night at Papa John's. OKE received \$475.00 from your participation.

OKE Spotlight

Congratulations to all of our Outbackers of the Month. The following students, teacher and parent received boomerangs last Friday: Teacher – Patience Sanchez (Kindergarten Teacher), Volunteer – Becky Morris (Jacob Morris's Mom), Students – Andrew Jackson (K – Dugosh), Justin Beverotte (1st – Bickham), Kendall Thompson (2nd – Nguyen), Ivan Dolotina (3rd – Rhodair), Sebastian Terrell (4th – Fries), and Preethi Kannan (5th – Pinkerton). Great job everyone and thank you for all of your hard work.

Congratulations to our Innisbrook Fundraising winners: 1st place winner of the Wii System, Jeffrey Cook (3rd grade LeVrier), Nano winner, Alexis Danielson (5th grade Lippold), Video Flip Camera winner, Aiden Wendt (Kindergarten Snow), I-Touch winner, Alyssa Copeland (1st grade Bickham), and three Shuffles winners, Reed Reddell (5th grade Martin), Grace Escovedo (1st grade Lowers), and Zoe Charles-Zekeri (1st grade Marsh). Thank you for your great fundraising efforts.

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!

Reflections

It's that time of year and Reflections is here! Reflections is a National PTA sponsored Arts In Education program that encourages students to express their creativity by writing, dancing, composing or creating visual art inspired by a theme. The theme this year is "Beauty is..." Students can enter works in any of the six artistic categories: Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Musical Composition, Film Production and Dance Choreography.

You should find a parent information note, entry form and general student guidelines in your child's Wednesday folder. Entries with a completed entry form are due by Friday, October 30. You can drop the entry with the completed entry form in the purple Reflections box located in the front office any day during the month of October.

If you have questions, need another entry form or a copy of the rules for a specific category, please contact Alex Geiger at reflections@okepta.org. A link to all the forms and rules can be found on the www.okepta.org website (under the PROGRAMS tab choose REFLECTIONS).



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Gifted and Talented Screening

Information about Kindergarten GT screening went home the week of September 21, 2009. Parent checklists for Kindergarten are due October 16, 2009. Information about 5th graders who wish to be screened to 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 Thanksgiving. 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.

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.

Katy ISD Parent Newsletter

The Katy ISD Parent Newsletters are here and ready for use. Please go to the following website to view the September and October postings:
<http://www.katyisd.org/ppac/Pages/NewsLetters.aspx>. From this link you will find articles for Early Childhood, Elementary, Junior High and High School in English and Spanish.

KATY ISD PROCEDURES FOR INSECT REPELLANT USE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Concerned parents are strongly encouraged to use a repellent on their child before they leave for school, especially younger children who may have difficulty applying the repellent safely.

No repellent sprays or lotions will be provided by or applied by school personnel during the school day.

Parents who are concerned about mosquito exposure during the school day may send a lotion, wipe-on or wristband type of repellent for use by their child. (Sprays pose the risk of accidental exposure and will not be allowed.)

Parents should instruct their child in the proper use and application of an acceptable repellent, since it will be retained in the child's possession (backpack, etc.) for use when going outside for activities or practices.

Students with physical limitations that make it impossible to self-apply a repellent will need to bring a parent note from home along with the repellent.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 2 nd	End of 1 st Six Weeks Early Dismissal KISD PIE Open House, LMC 8-9:30 p.m. Spirit Day
Monday, October 5 th	Stanford Achievement Test, Grade 5, Oct. 5-16 OLSAT, Grade 2, Oct. 5-23 Beginning of 2 nd Six Weeks
Wednesday, October 7 th	Core Essential, Individuality, Wear Orange EureKa!, Grade 4 S.E.E.K. 3:40-6:00 p.m.

PTA Membership

The PTA is almost at 100% membership, just 59 more. Has your student told you about the amazing Smart Boards we have at OKE? Have you had a chance to experience your child's Eureka experiment? What about the beautiful murals in the Open Learning Area or the covered outdoor play area that the children enjoy during recess every day? These are just a few examples of PTA money at work. This year, the PTA's focus is on raising enough money to add more technology to our school for our students. However, our goals can only be attained with support from our parents. Please join the PTA by filling in the form below. This form is also available in the Front Office.

The Character Trait for September is:

Wisdom

"Wisdom is knowing what to do next, skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is doing it."

David Starr Jordan





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With only two weeks left before the PTA Membership deadline, OKE continues to strive for 100% membership. This sounds like an almost impossible task, but Kilpatrick has *always* reached 100% membership, and **we need your help**. As much as PTA welcomes all our members to volunteer their time at school, we recognize that is not always possible. As a PTA member, you will *not* be called to volunteer unless you have shown interest by signing up for a specific volunteer opportunity. Currently, we have 1160 members, but we still need 59 more. If every class signs up only 2 more members, then we'll surpass our goal. Remember: Every membership counts. Help OKE continue to Ride the Waves of Success this year by joining today!

Please join today by filling in the form below, attaching \$6 dues (per adult member) and sending it to school in your child's folder.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

Children's Names, Teacher, and Grade:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Note: Each student whose parent(s) signs up for PTA will receive a Reward Card to redeem on PTA Reward Day, October 20th, and a koala with his/her name that will be posted in the halls of the school.

*If you have any questions about PTA Membership, please feel free to contact Alicia Cole at aliciaa.cole@comcast.net or Becky Morris at beckm@consolidated.net.