October 6, 2015

The Core Essential Word of the Month is individuality – discovering who you are so you can make a difference. It is represented by the zebra and the colors black and white. Zebras have black and white stripes. Did you know that no two zebras’ stripes are exactly alike? They have similar general patterns but their stripes are individual, just like fingerprints in humans. What is unique and special about you? Think about that this month... think about what makes you YOU. “Show your stripes, to yourself be true. Show individuality in what you do!”

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 6 JEE Spirit Night at Panera
- Oct 9 Fall Family Fun Night
- Oct 12 Student Holiday
- Oct 16 Donuts with Dad
- Oct 16 Early Dismissal

Exley Excellent Dads

Did you miss the kick off meeting? Not to worry, you still have time to get in on the fun with your child here at Exley!!!

Click the link below to find the available dates.
Please leave your name, phone number/email address, child’s name, and teacher.

I will contact you with a schedule 1-2 days before the volunteer day.

www.tinyurl.com/excellentdads

Please contact rroxburgh@chevron.com with any questions.
The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school from November 10-17 and special family events are scheduled for November 12 (4:00-7:00) and November 17 (4:00-6:00).

Our new Book Fair theme for fall 2015 is Monster Book Fair: Reading is So Much Fun You’ll Get GOOSEBUMPS! This season’s Book Fair will be an exciting celebration full of fun activities and hundreds of books kids want to read.

If you have some time to help during our Book Fair, please contact Emily Dobbs at mledobbs@gmail.com. We need as much help as we can get. If you’re unable to help we hope that you’re able to come shop with your child during his/her buying time. A schedule will come home with your child’s wish list on November 10 or 11.

Sincerely,

Millie Burch
Exley Elementary Library Media Specialist

Picture re-takes will be on Wednesday, November 4.

Panera Spirit Night-Tuesday, October 6
Skip cooking on Tuesday and come support Exley at Panera Bread by buying dinner for the family!! A portion of sales to Exley families will come back to our school. You must have the flyer or a copy on your phone. The flyer can be found on the website at http://exleypta.org/images/forms/PaneraFlyer.pdf

Fall Family Fun Night-Friday, October 9
We are 'Fall-ing' for Exley's annual fall family Fun Night!! Come join your Exley friends on the playground this Friday from 6pm to 8 pm for some fun and games. Tickets awarded for games and can be used for prizes or popcorn! Hot dogs and water will be available for purchase or you can bring your own dinner to eat on the playground. We need a few donations for this event so please check out the sign up genius and see if there is something you can donate - http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4dabab2da64-fall

Dads & Donuts
Dads, come have a donut with your student before school on Friday, October 16 from 7:15 am to 7:45 am. Donuts, coffee, milk and juice served in the cafeteria. The Exley Book Stop is also open!

PTA Reflections Art Contest
Calling all artists, dancers, writers, musicians, photographers and videographers! It’s time to prepare your entry for this year’s PTA Reflections Art Contest. This year’s theme is: Let Your Imagination Fly

- Reflections is open to all students with at least one PTA Member in their household.
- Students may create and submit original works of art in six categories:
  - Dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography and visual arts.
- For entry forms and specific requirements for entries, please see: http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections/participate/
- All entries are due, Friday, Oct. 30 at 9am, in the Exley Library
- For questions, please email the Exley Reflections Chair: Laurel Lawson, perfectresults2015@gmail.com

Lunch Visitors on Fridays

Fridays are very popular for lunch visitors. Many Fridays we have standing room only. If you are able to come on another day of the week when visiting for lunch, please do so. Keep in mind that KISD encourages you to limit your lunch visits to special occasions since this is a big social time for your child to interact with peers. Make sure to read below in our EE news who can be a lunch visitor.

IPads for Student Checkout

The JEE Library has iPads available for student checkout! Katy ISD is excited to provide the opportunity for students to take home a digital device for learning. A Student/Parent Equipment Use Agreement form must be on file and can be obtained from Ms. Burch or Mrs. Henry in the JEE Library. The form outlines the cost if damaged, stolen, or lost. Students must follow the Katy ISD Responsible Use Guidelines. These guidelines can be found on katyisd.org. Prior to taking the learning device home, students will be instructed and evaluated on proper use and care. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your library media specialist for more information.

The Office of Federal Programs and External Funding has received information regarding HB 1559 which requires each school post information informing students and families of local programs and services available to assist homeless students. For more information: http://www.katyisd.org/dept/fpef/Pages/Homeless.aspx

Meal Pay Information

Free and reduced lunch applications for the 2015-2016 school year can be completed at https://freereduced.katyisd.org. If an application is not completed, please make sure that you send money with your student(s) for meals. You may also go to www.mypaymentsplus.com to make payments to your student cafeteria account. If you have any question please call us at 281-396-6240.

Please make sure your student(s) has money for meals. Elementary Full price lunch is $2.25, Junior High is $2.50 and High School is $2.50, Breakfast is $1.25 at all grade levels.

Thank You,
Katy ISD Nutrition and Food Services
281-396-6240
FIELD DAY INFORMATION

The students received Field Day Forms on September 29 for field day. Please make sure they are returned no later than Friday, October 9. If you need another form, the PE department has many. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and it is going to be a great time for all students. Mark your calendars for October 28, 29 and 30 rain or shine!

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We always appreciate everything you do for the children and the school.

Thank you!

The PE Teachers

Dear Parents,

Katy ISD has a passion and commitment for teaching digital literacy and citizenship to all of our students. Did you know that kids spend an average of 53 hours a week using media and technology in and out of school? While technology offers great opportunities for exploration, research, creativity, connection and learning, it also has some challenges. In order to harness technology for learning, our students need to understand how to think critically, behave safely, and participate responsibly online. In Katy ISD, all students are engaged in age-appropriate digital literacy and citizenship activities throughout the school year.

Exley Elementary and Katy ISD are seeking digital citizenship certification through Common Sense, a national non-profit organization that provides free resources to educators and advice to parents to give students the opportunity to use technology effectively and safely for learning and life. The certification is a demonstration of our commitment to digital citizenship. We encourage you to visit the Common Sense Media
Instructional Technology has created an informational site for parents, called T.I.P. which stands for Technology Information for Parents. This site contains instructional videos for parents on a variety of KISD applications such as Canvas, MyKaty Cloud, Office 365, technology outages as well as information on Digital Responsibility to name a few. The Division of Technology as well as other departments will continue to add information to this site to inform parents of the digital tools that are available to them outside of school. Parents can also submit suggestions for additional information that is needed. The T.I.P. site can be accessed with either of these URLs: https://katyisd.instructure.com/courses/82971 http://tinyurl.com/KISDTIP

We are FULL STEAM AHEAD at
THE EXPRESS BOOK STOP!

When? The Express Book Stop is open most Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Time?  7:45 A.M.-8:15 A.M.
Where? Room 704
Cost? All books are only $3.00
*Cash and checks only.

Gifted and Talented Kindergarten Screening

Information regarding screening of kindergarten students for the gifted and talented program will be sent home with kinder students beginning the week of September 14. Kindergarten parents who would like to refer their children for screening must return the Kindergarten Parent Checklist to their campus by October 7.

Three GT information sessions will be held for parents of kindergarten students on October 1. Two sessions will take place at the Merrell Center, one at 10:00 AM and another at 1 PM. An evening session will be held at 7:00 PM at Stephens Elementary School. A Spanish translation is available at the evening session.
Kindergarten parents who would like more information about the gifted and talented program and the screening process may attend any of the sessions.

Hey 5th Grade!

Interested in being a part of Safety Patrol?
Safety Patrol are considered the leaders, the EXAMPLES, for Exley.
So, to be a Safety Patrol member you are expected to:

1. Maintain a 70 or above in all classes.
2. Have only E’s and S’s in conduct in all Specials
3. No office referrals
4. Serve for at least 2 consecutive months out of the year (ex. November-December, etc.)

Do you have what it takes?

If so, CLICK THIS LINK BELOW!!!!

http://goo.gl/forms/xFs5m3Uuo1

This will take you to the application form for Safety Patrol. Submit it and I will review it and be in contact with you!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact
Sabrina Silva
(One of the Exley Music Teachers)
SabrinaCSilva@katyisd.org
(281) 237-8483

Elementary Lunch Visitors

Parents,
Many of you returned the Parent Permission for Elementary Lunch Visitors form with lunch guests listed other than those outlined on the form. As the form stated, Katy ISD district guidelines limit lunchroom visitors at the elementary level to parents/step-parents/guardians, non-school-age siblings (younger siblings not of school age) and grandparents (with parent permission), or campus mentors. Due to space limitations at the elementary level, no exceptions to the list of approved visitors can be made. Lunch visitors do not include, aunts, uncles, friends, or neighbors. Please make note that if you included guests on the form other than those on the KISD approved list, they will not be able to have lunch with your child.

Parent PowerPoint
Parents, here is a link to our updated parent power point with information for you. The first section contains some new information. There is a slide indicating where you may stop viewing if you have seen it in previous years. Please take some time to open this and watch for JEE information.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ekFpd2DSbMI7k4sl3aOGRIplKrzLG4xEgG_3sVEHRq/edit?usp=sharing

Parent Information

HAC Information – Parents and Guardians can now update their email address and/or phone numbers (including Automated Contact Text) in the Home Access Center. Click on the Registration link in the main menu and then click on the “Edit Information” link. Don’t forget to click on the SAVE button at the bottom of the Edit Information window to save your changes! http://www.katyisd.org/pages/home-access-center.aspx. If you registered in August, your HAC log-on information will be mailed to you. For returning students you should have it from last year. If you have forgotten the information, the parent will need to come up to the campus and show your ID and have another one printed.

JEE Walkers

Who is a Walker:
Walkers are students who walk from our campus to their front door. If students are walking to a parked car, they will need to change to a car rider and be picked up in our car rider line.
Back Walker: Must live behind the school
Cross Walker: Must live in Shadow Bend, Lamp Light Village, Kelliwood Links or Ashley House Apartments. These are students crossing Westheimer Parkway.
East Side Walker: Must live in Kelliwood Pointe or Kelliwood Terrace

Pre-K to First Grade walkers: Must have a parent to meet them at the dismissal spot or be walking with a sibling 2nd grade or older. Dismissal spots listed below:
   East Walkers: Outside the first grade door
   Back Walkers: By the bike rack
   Cross Walkers: At the crosswalk on the south side of Westheimer Parkway

Inclement Weather:
When weather is deemed inclement at 3:15, a text message will be sent to those parents who have subscribed to Text 101 letting them know. In this case, if your child has an inclement weather dismissal plan in place, we will follow that. Please see below on how to subscribe to Text 101. For those students who are still walkers in inclement weather, they will not be released until staff deems it safe for them to exit the building.

Dress Code
As you shop for school clothes, please keep our district dress code in mind. According to Katy ISD policy, shorts are to be no shorter than mid-thigh and may not be split or fringed at the hem or seams. Students wearing shorts that are too short or fringed will be calling home for a change of clothing. Please remember that tank tops, see-through shirts or blouses, midriff tops or clothing with
spaghetti straps are not acceptable for school wear unless worn under other clothing. Please visit the KISD website for the full dress code. http://www.katyisd.org/Documents/Discipline%20Management%20Plan.pdf

JEE Text Notifications

Parents, we are using the same texting notification process as last year to get last minute info out to you for situations like inclement weather dismissal or other last minute news that is timely in nature. Remember that we will not call inclement weather dismissal for light rain – send an umbrella as it will be normal dismissal. If you signed up last year, you should still receive the notifications. If you have not signed up and would like to receive these text notifications, please sign up following these directions.

How to sign up for JEE-'s notifications:

Text @jee124 to 81010 (or use 707-733-4758 if having trouble using 81010)

Standard text message rates apply. Learn more at www.remind101.com

Once you sign up, you will receive a message to confirm.

Morning arrival

If you are dropping off your student by car, please be sure to read our procedures below so we can provide a smooth and safe arrival process for all:

- We ask that parents do not park in the front of the school or in the back bus/faculty lot to walk their child into the building. These limited spaces are for those with school business.
- Do not park in red fire lanes, or police department will ticket/tow your car
- Students arriving to school in a car will need to remain in the car rider line and proceed to one of the 10 number loading stations **along the curb** where safety patrol or staff will help the student out of the car. We are working hard to keep this line moving efficiently and safely. Please do not pull into the thru traffic lane (left lane) and allow your child to exit the car. Remain in the lane by the curb for drop off.
- Parents with school business (dropping off medication/need to speak to the nurse, parent conference, or a scheduled meeting) may park and walk into the school using the cross walk.
- Students should not be dropped off prior to 7:45 a.m. according to the campus clocks. Once Mrs. Lanza-Sanchez or another staff member is stationed outside to supervise the children from 7:45 – 7:55 a.m., you are free to leave and your child will be supervised. Students must remain in the car until this time. Students will remain outside with staff from 7:45-7:55. Our school doors open at 7:55 at which time students may enter the building.

We appreciate your support with following these drop off procedures as we structure an arrival system that is safe for all students and efficient for our JEE families.