

# OUTBACK OUTLOOK

Odessa Kilpatrick Elementary

@okekoalas



November 11, 2015



## Aussie Auction



### Just 2 more days left to bid...

It's Aussie Auction time! The Aussie Auction is one of our most exciting fundraisers. It allows the children to win opportunities to spend special time with their favorite teachers and staff at OKE. Parents can bid on things to make their lives easier, like front row seats for special programs and VIP parking; or fun activities for their children like having a class pet for the day or a ride to lunch on the golf cart. New for this year, we have Flash Light Tag at OKE as well as the ability to name the Library, Cafeteria, Gymnasium and each grade level!

This year the Aussie Auction will only be available online. This allows real time bidding and easy payment options. Take a look at all the auction items available at <http://www.biddingOwl.com/OKEPTA> and bid on your favorite ones, Monday, November 9th through Friday, November 13th. Please note that this website works best using Google Chrome, Firefox, or Safari.

All you will need to do to get started bidding is to create an account. You can create your account by clicking the "Please Login/Register" button at the top right hand corner of the home page. Once the **auction closes at midnight on November 13th**, you will be able to pay for your winning bids using a credit card or paypal through this account.

Good Luck and Happy Bidding!



Thank you to our wonderful hospitality committee and PTA for our delicious and festive treats on Tuesday. We all loved it and are so very appreciative to you and all you do!

## I-Station and FASTT Math

**Before School I-Station and FASTT Math has now started! If your child received an invitation to come, please have them here by 8:05 on the days noted on the letter they received on Tuesday.**

## OKE Math Tournament

Odessa Kilpatrick Elementary is very excited about hosting our own Elementary TMSCA Math/ Science Tournament on February 6, 2016. The contest is open to all 3rd – 5th grade students.

We use the TMSCA format for this competition. Email for registration information.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to any other elementary schools that might be interested in participating in the contest.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the competition on February 6, 2016!

Nesi Cotton - [anncotton@katyisd.org](mailto:anncotton@katyisd.org)

Natalia Gonzales - [nataliaagonzales@katyisd.org](mailto:nataliaagonzales@katyisd.org)





## OKE'S TEACHER & STAFF HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

This holiday season let's show the Outback teachers and staff how much they are appreciated all year long! The PTA'S Hospitality is asking parents to participate in our first ever Holiday Cookie Exchange on

**Wednesday, December 2nd**

Here's all you have to do:

- Sign up at Volunteerspot.com @ <http://vols.pt/zsFdm2>
- Bake (or buy) 3-4 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies
- Drop them off in the lobby the morning of the event
- Feel free to send a special holiday note (with your cookies) of gratitude to our sweet Outback teachers and staff. We will post them all around the room for the teachers to see.

The PTA hospitality will set up the Holiday Cookie Exchange party for the teachers and staff members to enjoy before their PLC. It will include winter wonderland decorations, beverages and special notes of appreciation from students and parents. For questions please email Elisha Rivera (hospitality Chair) @ [frosty715@gmail.com](mailto:frosty715@gmail.com)

Please fill out the form and return it to the PTA box

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Yes, I would like to send 3-4 dozen cookies for the Holiday Cookie exchange

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

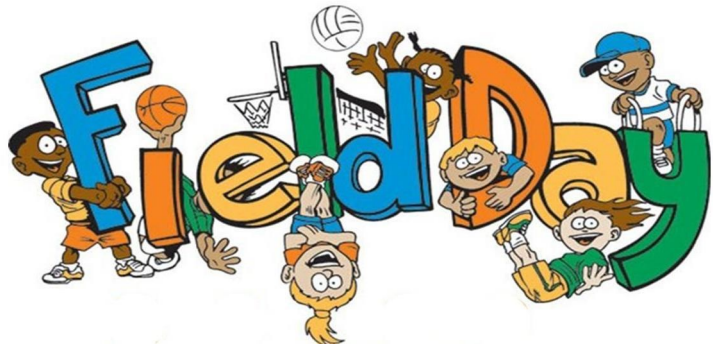
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# Field Days Coming Soon!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A few schedules will be changing on Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th due to the first through fourth grade field days occurring! Please be aware that the rotation days for specials will not change though as Monday will still be rotation day 1 and Tuesday will be rotation day 2.

## Monday, November 23rd

- \* Kindergarten recess: 9:00-9:30am
- \* 3rd grade Field Day: 9:40-11:10am
- \* Kindergarten specials: 12:00-12:50pm
- \* 2nd grade specials: 12:55-1:45pm
- \* 2nd grade recess: 11:55-12:25pm
- \* 1st grade Field Day: 1:00-2:30pm



## Tuesday, November 24th

- \* Kindergarten recess: 9:00-9:30am
- \* 4th grade Field Day: 9:40-11:10am
- \* Kindergarten specials: 12:00-12:50pm
- \* 2nd grade recess: 11:55-12:25pm
- \* 2nd grade Field Day: 1:00-2:30pm

KISD policy allows for two classroom parties per year. Our two parties in the Outback are our Thankful and Valentine's parties. These parties are planned and organized by the PTA homeroom mothers/fathers who work cooperatively with grade level teachers and administration. Home-room teachers have complete authority to determine which types of activities are acceptable and which are not acceptable. The PTA has a practice with coordinating party favors and refreshments so that all children are treated fairly on a grade level. Parents need to notify their child's teacher if he/she has any food allergies (i.e. peanuts, dairy, etc.)



# PARTY FUND

The Thankful Party for OKE will be November 20, 2015 at 2:15 pm. If you have not already done so, please send in your child's Party Fund money. It is a one time donation that we use to fund the two classroom parties at OKE. You may find the form on the OKE PTA website. Once on the OKE PTA website click Programs, then Homeroom Parents, and you will find the Party Fund document to send to the school with your child's \$7 donation. Please contact Kim Beidle if you have any questions at [bkbeidle@att.net](mailto:bkbeidle@att.net)

## Gifted and Talented (GT) Screening Information

Kinder—GT screening is underway. Final placement notices will be sent home via US mail the last week in February.

Grades 1-4—GT Informational Fliers will be sent home with all students on Wednesday, November 11. Elementary GT Parent Checklists are due by 4 pm Friday, December 11. No late checklists will be accepted. Link to the Elementary GT Checklist: <http://www.katyisd.org/dept/GT/Documents/Parent%20Check%20List%20Elementary%20-%20English.pdf>

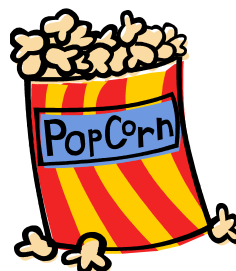
Grade 5—GT screening is underway. Final placement notices will be sent home via US mail the end of January, prior to Junior High course selection.



## OKE Open House

**Kilpatrick Elementary will be selling refreshing lemonade (\$.50) and hot and fresh popcorn (\$1.00). On Tuesday, November 17th 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Gym.**

**Cash only please.**



## CRAYOLA COLOR CYCLE

PTA is participating in Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy!

Please send in your used markers that are ready to be discarded---even non-Crayola brands. They will then be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more!

A drop-off box will be located inside the school's main entrance for your child to deposit the markers.



## 6th Annual OKE Fall Family Photography Fundraiser

Get gorgeous family portraits AND raise money for OKE at the same time! 30 minute session and all high quality digital images for \$180, OKE PTA earns \$90 for every session.

Contact Kendall Walters at outside the lens photography for more details or to book your session. Email: [outsidethelensphotography@yahoo.com](mailto:outsidethelensphotography@yahoo.com) or Call: 713-504-8420

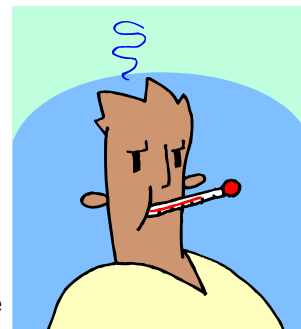
## Early Student Check Outs

Please take note that we will no longer check out students in the classrooms after parties. If you would like to check out your child after a party, you can do so in the front office. Please be aware that this will result in a partial day unexcused absence.

# A Note From Nurse

## 24 HOUR RULE

Students who demonstrate signs and symptoms of an illness or a communicable disease should be referred to the school nurse for further assessment. An individual experiencing either vomiting and/or diarrhea or an elevated temperature of 100 degrees or above must be sent home. To give your child time to recuperate and to protect classmates and teachers, your child must be fever free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours before he/she can return to school. In addition, students experiencing vomiting and/or diarrhea must be free of symptoms without the use of preventative medications before returning to school.



## MEDICINE

Children cannot carry medications on them at school, not even throat lozenges. If your child needs to take medicine at school, please send a note completed by a parent or a physician in addition to the medication. Please include the reason, the time it needs to be taken, and the amount (dose) to be given. **Over the counter medicine must be in the original container and prescription medication must have the original pharmacy label attached with the child's name, name of medication, and dosing instructions.** Medications can be dropped off in the clinic by either the parent or the student with the exceptions of controlled substances and antibiotics which need to be brought into the clinic by the parent. Medications that are to remain in the clinic for the duration of the school year, must accompany a physician's note and a parent's signature. Medications prescribed for 3 times a day or less must be administered at home. Medication administration forms can be found on the Katy ISD website at <http://www.katyisd.org/dept/healthservices/Pages/Policy.aspx>



## CLOTHING

An accident can occur with any student, from all grade levels, for numerous reasons. Please remember to pack an extra change of clothes, including socks and underwear, for your child every day. Please be mindful with each season and as your child grows to update the clothes in the backpack.



# Library News

The library will be closed all day on Friday, 11/13/15 to set up for our Fall Book Fair.

The library's Fall Book Fair is around the corner! The library will be hosting its Fall Book Fair from Monday 11/16/15-Thursday 11/19/15 in the library.

Book Fair Hours:

Monday: 8:00 a.m.\*-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.\*-3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (during Open House)

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.\*-3:30 p.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.\*-3:30 p.m.

\*Only students accompanied by parents may shop in the Book Fair from 8:00 AM-8:30 AM each morning. The Book Fair is open to students after the Morning Announcements each day.

Proceeds from past Book Fairs have been used to purchase books, fund author/illustrator visits, fund reading incentive programs, purchase library furniture, instructional materials, and technology. Thank you for supporting the OKE Library!

There will be no AR testing in the library before school Monday, November 16 - Friday, November 20th due to the Book Fair. Students may take AR quizzes in their classrooms this week with teacher permission.

The library will be closed all day on 11/20/15 so that we can pack up from the Fall Book Fair. The library will re-open after the book fair is packed up.



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HOUSE CHARITIES

PTA's **Pop Tab Drive** is now underway! Please collect tabs off of your soft drink and soup cans. Tabs can be sent to school in a bag or envelope with your child's grade on it. The grade with the most tabs collected wins a stinky feet pass!! Recycled tabs benefit the

Ronald McDonald House.

*(Ronald McDonald House Houston offers a **home away from home** providing care, compassion and hope to families with seriously ill children being treated in Texas Medical Center member institutions.)*



# PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHING

The National Science Foundation is currently accepting nominations and applications for the *Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)* program. PAEMST is the highest recognition that a kindergarten through 12th grade mathematics or science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. Awards may be given to mathematics and science teachers in each state and U.S. jurisdiction and up to 108 awardees may be recognized each year.

This year the teachers in grades K-6 are eligible for this award. Presidential awardees will receive a certificate signed by the President of the United States, a trip for two to Washington DC to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities, and a **\$10,000** award from the National Science Foundation. Awardees also join an active network of outstanding educators from throughout the Nation.

Anyone, including the general public, may nominate one or more teachers by completing the nomination form available at <https://www.paemst.org/>. You will need the teacher's name, email address, and school contact information for submission. Teachers may also initiate the application process themselves at <https://www.paemst.org/>.

The **Nomination Deadline** for teachers (Grades K-6) is **April 1, 2016**. The Application Deadline is **May 1, 2016**. If your campus does nominate a teacher, please notify the curriculum coordinator as well.

Contact Michelle Luster at [MichelleALuster@KATYISD.ORG](mailto:MichelleALuster@KATYISD.ORG) or 281-237-7058 with any questions.



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**Spanish,  
Children's Books**

(PK - 5th Reading Levels)



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**Tompkins High School**  
**CRIMSON CAVALETTES**  
*Proudly Present Their Annual*  
**FALL DANCE CLINIC**



**Join the Crimson Cavalettes for their Annual Fall Dance Clinic on Saturday, December 12, 2015.**

Age 4 through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. No dance experience required. All levels welcome!

- DATE:** Saturday, December 12, 2015
- TIME:** 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      On-site registration begins at 8:00 a.m.  
 Showcase performance for parents is at 11:30 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center (PAC)
- LOCATION:** Tompkins High School 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center (Corner of Falcon Landing and Gaston)  
 4400 Falcon Landing Blvd., Katy, TX 77494
- COST:** \$45.00 Pre-Registration\*  
 This includes a Crimson Cavalettes Dance Clinic T-shirt, a midmorning snack, and a bottled water.  
 \*Registration and payment must be received **NO LATER THAN December 4th** for pre-registration discount and guaranteed t-shirt.  
 \$50.00 at the door for on-site registration  
 There will also be an opportunity to take a photo with a Cavalette for \$5.00
- ATTIRE:** Come dressed to dance in comfortable shorts or leotards with tennis shoes or soft soled dance shoes

**For additional information: email Mrs. Fortenberry at [RosemarySFortenberry@katyisd.org](mailto:RosemarySFortenberry@katyisd.org)**

**Complete (please print), detach, and mail this form with a check payable to OTHS Crimson Cavalettes to:**

**OTHS Crimson Cavalettes – Dance Clinic, 4400 Falcon Landing Blvd., Katy, TX 77494**

Dancer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: CS CM CL CXL AS AM AL AXL  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Photo? (\$5)    yes    no  
 Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

My child \_\_\_\_\_, has permission to participate in the dance clinic sponsored by the Tompkins Crimson Cavalettes on Saturday, December 12, 2015. I hereby waive and release Tompkins High School, Crimson Cavalettes and Booster Club from all liability for any injuries incurred during the clinic and give authority for any emergency treatment necessary. Neither this organization nor this event is sponsored, endorsed or otherwise affiliated with Katy ISD.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Crimson Cavalette who gave you the clinic information: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (please put dancer's name on MEMO)  
 There will be no refunds given for no show participants.

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Outback  
Outlook

## Upcoming Events...

Thurs. Nov 12

RDR 3:45 p.m.– 4:45 p.m. / Gym

Fri. Nov. 13

Watch D.O.G. Day

Spirit Day

PTA Executive Board Mtg

10:00-11:30 a.m. / OLA

Mon. Nov 16

Book Fair Begins

Tues. Nov 17

Progress Reports Go Home

Book Fair 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Open House 5:00-6:30 p.m.

(Public Events)

Wed. Nov 18

EureKa! Gr. 2

Watch D.O.G.S.

# OKE's Open House

**Save  
the  
Date!!!**

**Tuesday, November 17th**

**Book Fair 4:30 –7:00 p.m.**

**Refreshments sold in the gym 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Classroom visits 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

