

# OUTBACK OUTLOOK

Odessa Kilpatrick Elementary

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January 27, 2016

## OKE Math Tournament

Odessa Kilpatrick Elementary is very excited about hosting our 2nd annual Elementary TMSCA Math/ Science Tournament on Saturday, 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!

We are in need of parent volunteers for this tournament. You can sign up at <http://vols.pt/31wJ1w>

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## OKE Singing Valentines

**Singing Valentines** will be delivered between 8:40 – 9:30 a.m. by our 5th Grade Choir on Wednesday, 2/10 instead of the Tuesday, 2/9 as previously communicated. Our 5th graders will have their Singing Valentines delivered on Monday, 2/8 and Tuesday, 2/9 at 3:05 p.m. by a special surprise group of singers! What a fun week we will have in the Outback!

Thanks for your support OKE parents and friends! If your children need more than 2 valentines to order, we always have extra copies outside our music room doors, or you can print your own in color off your own home printers!



Thanks, Mrs. Dial and Mrs. Guest



Brooke Hogan ,  
Laura Bennett,  
Cher Hayes, LeAnn  
Esteves, and Krista  
Saldivia with  
Charles Fay at the  
Love and Logic  
seminar.

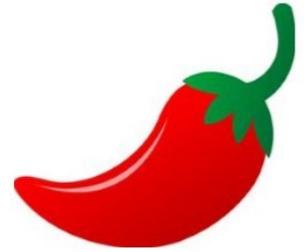
## Upcoming Campus Benchmark Testing Dates

<b>Writing Day 1 - 4th Grade</b>	<b>January 26, 2016</b>
<b>Math Benchmark for Grades 3, 4 and 5</b>	<b>February 8, 2016</b>
<b>Reading Benchmark for Grades 3, 4 and 5</b>	<b>February 9, 2016</b>
<b>Science Benchmark 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>February 23, 2016</b>

- ◇ Make sure your child is well rested and has a nutritious breakfast each day of testing.
- ◇ Lunch schedules will be at normal times.
- ◇ 2nd Grade Recess will be from 1:00-1:20 p.m. on January 26th and February 8th and 9th.
- ◇ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Recess will be changed to 3:05 – 3:25 p.m. on February 8th and 9th.
- ◇ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Recess will be changed to 1:25 – 1:45 p.m. on January 26th and February 8th and 9th.
- ◇ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recess will be changed to 2:45 – 3:05 p.m. on February 8th , 9th, and 23rd.
- ◇ 1st Grade will go to Specials from 10:30-11:20 a.m. and 4th Grade will go to Specials from 1:50-2:40 p.m. on 4th Grade Benchmark Days.



**OKE'S PTA**  
**Annual**  
**Chili Cook-off**



OKE PTA invites you to enter a crockpot of your favorite chili recipe in a cook-off to be sampled and judged by our OKE teachers and staff. Entries will be judged based on overall taste and appearance. Teachers and staff will also enjoy a steaming bowl of their favorite entry for lunch!

**When: Wednesday February 17, 2016**

**Details:** Please fill out the below entry form and return it to your oldest OKE child's teacher no later than February 12, 2016. For submission, please bring your favorite chili in a crockpot labeled with your name, preferable with a crockpot liner, to school by 9:00 a.m. on February 17th. If possible, please also bring a ladle labeled with your name. A cart will be waiting in the foyer to the school. Crockpots and ladles will be available for pickup in the foyer at dismissal. Teachers always ask for chili recipes! If you would like, please attach your recipe to your crockpot.

**Prizes:** All participants will receive Bonzer Bash tickets! They will be sent home after the contest with your oldest OKE student. There will be awards to first, second and third place winners. Prizes and trophies will be presented to the winners on the morning announcements on February 19th! If you are a winner, we will contact you with the announcement information.

Questions???? Please contact PTA Hospitality Chair Elisha Frost-Rivera @ [frosty715@gmail.com](mailto:frosty715@gmail.com)

Entry Form- Please Cut below and return to school by February 12, 2016

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of oldest student and teacher : \_\_\_\_\_

Chili Recipe Name: \_\_\_\_\_



If a winner, will you be able to come to morning announcements from 8:15 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. on Friday February 19th to be awarded your prize and trophy? Yes/No

# Library News

You can find out what is happening in the library and access library documents by visiting the OKE Library Blog @ <http://okelibrary.blogspot.com/> If you would like to subscribe to the blog, click the "Follow by Email" button on the right side of the blog webpage.

The **library will be closed** all day on **Thursday, January 28th** to accommodate PLC's. There will be no Accelerated Reader testing before school on this day. Students may take Accelerated Reader quizzes in their classrooms during the school day. Thank you!

The **Bluebonnet Bash** will take place **Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** in the library. All students who read eight or more Bluebonnet books AND returned their forms by the January 20<sup>th</sup> deadline will be invited to attend. Invitations will be sent home in the Wednesday folders on 2/3/16.

The **library will be closed** all day on **Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** to accommodate PLC's. There will be no Accelerated Reader testing before school on this day. Students may take Accelerated Reader quizzes in their classrooms during the school day. Thank you!

The **library will be closed** all day on **Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** to accommodate Book Fair Set-Up. There will be no Accelerated Reader testing before school on this day. Students may take Accelerated Reader quizzes in their classrooms during the school day. Thank you!

The library's **Spring Book Fair** is around the corner! The library will be hosting its Spring Book Fair from **Monday 2/29/16-Thursday 3/3/16** in the library.

#### Book Fair Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM\*-3:30 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM\*-3:30 PM and 4:30 PM-7:00 PM (during Family Art & Science Night)

Wednesday: 8:00 AM\*-3:30 PM

Thursday 8:00 AM\*-3:30 PM

\*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 2/29/16-Friday 3/4/16 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 Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> so that we can pack up from the Fall Book Fair. The library will re-open after the book fair is packed up.

**Library Volunteer Positions Available:** The Kilpatrick Library is in need of volunteers. We ask our volunteers to commit to one hour per week on a regular basis. The duties include helping students locate and select books, checking books in and out to students, shelving books, and keeping the library organized, as well as assisting with various other tasks. Library volunteers allow Kilpatrick to keep the library opened for circulation all day long. With library volunteers we are able to offer more activities and programs including book clubs, author visits, reading incentive programs, and more. The library is at the heart of Kilpatrick Elementary and our volunteers are the beat that keep it running. If you would like to volunteer, please call or email me.

Thank you,  
Prudence Johnson  
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# Literary and Fine Arts Festival and Parade

## Writing Prompt

Think about your favorite book. Did you learn something from it? Did you feel connected to the characters? Did the book inspire you? Write a one-page essay explaining why this is your favorite book.

Be sure to:

- Clearly state your favorite book, why it is your favorite book and what you learned from it
- Organize your writing
- Develop your writing in detail
- Choose your words carefully
- Use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar



Evaluation Criteria:

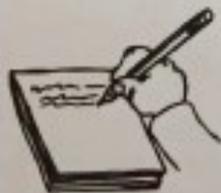
All essays will be judged with consideration of age on a point system according to the following criteria:

- How well the student stays on topic
- Creativity
- Attention to details
- Correct grammar and punctuation
- Composition

Go to

<http://fortbendlfafp.com/>

for more details.



\*Entries can be typed or handwritten

\*Essays are limited to one page.

\*For more information on how to participate and for the proper forms to be turned in, please email [JessicaREstes@katyisd.org](mailto:JessicaREstes@katyisd.org) or call 281-237-7717

**Due Date:** Turn your paper into Jessica Estes (Language Arts Instructional Coach) or your Homeroom Teacher no later than February 26. Only 15 papers from OKE will be sent on to the Literary and Fine Arts Festival. Papers will be judged at OKE using the same criteria as above.\*\*

# 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**.

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

## Upcoming Events...

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Outback

Outlook

Thurs. Jan 28

Read, Deed, Run 3:40-4:45 p.m./Gym

Fri, Jan. 29

Watch D.O.G. Day

Mon. Feb 1

National School Counselor's Week

Tues. Feb 2

100th Day of School

Tech Team 3:40-4:45 p.m./Comp. Lab

Love and Logic 6:00-7:30 p.m./ OLA

Wed. Feb 3

Counselor's Day

Watch D.O.G.S. Day

Core Essential—Wear Orange Today

Eureka! Gr. 2

S.E.E.K. 3:40-5:30 p.m. / Gym

**Save  
the  
Date!!!**

**100th  
Day of School**

**The 100th Day of  
School will be on  
Tuesday, February  
2nd.**