

The Exley Express

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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

10/28 – 10/30

Field Days

10/28 – 10/30

Red Ribbon Week

- Wednesday - We "Mustache" You To Be a Drug Free (It's Mustache Day! Kids can wear mustache shirts, socks, or accessories).
- Thursday - Sock It To Drugs (Wear crazy socks)
- Friday - Shade Out Drugs (Wear sunglasses or hats)

11/2 – 11/6

Junior Achievement Week

11/4

Picture Re-Take Day

Field Day Parent Volunteers

Thank you for taking the time to come and volunteer during your child's Field Day! We could not offer so many activities without your support. We want to remind you that when your child's field day is over, we want our students to return to their classroom for their regular school day and/or end of day procedures and dismissal.

Please see more information below about dates, times, etc.

INTERESTED IN SAFETY PATROL?

We are looking for 5th graders who can show great responsibility and leadership.

If your 5th grade child is interested in participating in Safety Patrol this year, please go to this link and fill out the Google Form: <http://goo.gl/forms/oHx5gKrLqx>

In order to participate in Safety Patrol, all subjects must be passing and conduct in Specials must be E's and/or S's. No office referrals as well.

****NOTE: We especially need Safety Patrol that can be on Car Rider duty (students arrive by 7:50am and picked up by 3:55pm)**

If you have any questions, please email Sabrina Silva at SabrinaCSilva@katyisd.org

Parents, we want to remind those of you that drop off and pick up car riders that there is a no left turn sign in front of Exley during arrival and dismissal. Please make sure to abide by the traffic signs for the safety of our students and you. We would also hate for you to receive a ticket.

Junior Achievement Week

November 2- 6

Please help support our Junior Achievement program during the week of November 2 by participating in our "Dollar a Day" themes. Each daily activity cost \$1.00 cash or check payable to Junior Achievement. (No coins please) Your child may participate in any or all of the daily themes listed below. In addition to our theme days, your child will have the chance to "Pie a Principal" on Friday. (See below)

Monday, November 2- "Cuddle up" or "Jam Out" to Junior Achievement!

- Grades K-2: Come dressed in your most comfortable robe, slippers, and jammies plus... bring a stuffed animal
- Grades 3-5: Bring an I-pod or a music device with earphones

Tuesday, November 3 - Junior Achievement is our "Super Hero"!

- Dress up as your favorite Super Hero. (All paid participants will win a prize in specials)
- Super Hero contest during specials. (Best dressed super hero will win the grand prize!)

Wednesday, November 4 – Exley "Backs Up" Junior Achievement!

- Backwards Day- Wear everything backwards today. Be creative! (All paid participants will win a prize in specials)
- Backwards Day contest during specials. (Best backwards dressed student will win the grand prize!)

Thursday, November 5 – Junior Achievement is "twice" as fun!

- Find a friend or three or four in your grade level and dress alike. (No more than 5 in a group) (All paid participants will win a prize in specials)
- Multiplicity contest during specials. (Best set of twins/triplets/quadruplets etc. will win the grand prize!)

Friday, November 6 - Get “energized” with Junior Achievement!

- 15 minutes of extra recess with no laps to walk! 😊

-----CUT HERE AND ATTACH MONEY TO THIS FORM-----

Pie the Principal

On Friday, Nov. 6, 3 lucky students will win the opportunity to Pie the Principal on morning announcements.

Tickets cost \$1.00 each. The more tickets you buy, the better your chance to win!

To purchase tickets, please cut and return this bottom portion of the form with your money attached.

Child’s First and Last Name

Homeroom Teacher’s Name

of tickets purchased
(\$1.00 per ticket)

I have attached \$_____ dollars to this form (cash or check payable to Junior Achievement) to purchase tickets for a chance to Pie the Principal.

Please return this form to your homeroom teacher on or before Thursday, November 5 to be entered in the drawing.

Elementary Gifted and Talented Screening

The gifted and talented program in Katy ISD serves elementary students with a one day per week pullout program. If you would like your 1st -4th **grade** child screened for Challenge for the **2016-2017** school year, please request an Elementary Parent Checklist from the counselor’s office or front desk beginning **November 9**.

The Parent Checklist forms is also available online from www.katyisd.org. Look under Departments > Gifted and Talented. Make sure you download both the information page and the Elementary Parent Checklist. **Completed forms must be returned to the Challenge teacher by Friday, December 11, 2015.**

On **November 19 @ 7:00 pm, in room 1200 at the Education Support Complex**, a Parent Awareness Session will be held for parents of students in grades 1-4 and 6-11 who are interested in screening their child for the GT program. For more information, please contact Donna McCarthy, Challenge Teacher, at donnammccarthy@katyisd.org.



Exley Elementary is proud to be recognized by the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (TAHPERD) as one of the fourteen “Exemplary Schools” in the state of Texas. More than 40

schools applied for this prestigious honor; Exley Elementary was the only school recognized as a Level 2 Exemplary School. One school was awarded the level 1 honor while the other 12 schools were awarded the level 3 honor. The rigorous application process requires 17 forms of criteria to be met, adding to the significance of TAHPERD's Exemplary School Award. The Exemplary School recognition is given to schools throughout Texas with quality health and physical education programs, and reflects leadership and dedication to quality education for students.

This recognition is awarded based on three levels:

- **Level 1** – meet 17 required criteria and three optional criteria
- **Level 2** – meet 17 required criteria and at least one optional criterion
- **Level 3** – meet 17 required criteria and no optional criteria

Along with great physical education, applicants must show a safe environment, health, nutrition, proper certifications, lesson plans, TEKS-based curriculum, mission statements and teacher evaluation processes. A special banner to honor the school and program will be presented in December at the 2015 TAHPERD State Conference in Dallas.



JEE FIELD DAY VOLUNTEER REMINDER

Remember field day is THIS WEEK!

Here is the schedule:

| | | <u>Check in at</u> | <u>Event Time</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Second Grade | Wednesday, October 28 | 8:40 | 9:00-11:15 |
| First Grade | Wednesday, October 28 | 11:55 | 12:15-2:30 |
| Third Grade | Thursday, October 29 | 8:40 | 9:00-11:15 |
| Fourth Grade | Thursday, October 29 | 11:55 | 12:15-2:30 |
| Fifth Grade | Friday, October 30 | 8:25 | 8:45 – 11:00 |
| Kindergarten | Friday, October 30 | 1:40 | 2:00-3:25 |

If you are volunteering for field day, we would like to thank you in advance. Be sure to dress comfortably. Please meet at the volunteer sign in desk located in the gym **20 minutes prior** to the start of the events for station assignments and directions. We are looking forward to a great day!! ☺ **We will see you rain or shine!**

If your plans have changed and you are able to volunteer, please feel free to come out and lend a hand. We would love to have you.



PTA Dates to Remember:

- Oct 30 - due date for Reflections Art Contest

PTA Reflections Art Contest

Calling all artists, dancers, writers, musicians, photographers and videographers! Students with at least one PTA member in their house can submit entries for the PTA Reflections Art Contest in the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. The theme this year is **Let Your Imagination Fly**. Entries are due Friday, October 30 by 9 AM in the library. Contact Laurel Lawson at perfectresults2015@gmail.com with questions. Go to www.txpta.org/programs/reflections/participate/ for entry forms and specific requirements.

Exley Ecycling Contest

Help Exley earn cash for your used laser, copier, printer, fax and inkjet cartridges and your old/broken cell phones by sending them in with your student. A prize will be awarded to the classroom that collects the most items by December 11. Look for more information coming home soon via Tuesday folder, PTA website and Facebook.

PERSONALIZED ARTWORK BY YOUR CHILD!

Exley Families,

Your talented child has been creating artwork for you that you will see soon on their personalized Square 1 Art catalog, coming home the week of October 26!

Celebrate your child's artistic achievement and order timeless keepsakes to cherish for years to come. All proceeds go directly to the Exley Art Department, so we can purchase new art supplies and tools for the students of Exley. Check out www.square1art.com/shop for gift ideas!

Thank you,

Jaime Marker & Tammy Mendenhall, Exley Art Teachers



Parents- we have started an Exley Instagram and Twitter page. Please follow @exleyexpress on both Instagram and Twitter. We hope this gives you more of an opportunity to see all the great things happening inside our school each and every day.

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.

Book Fair



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.

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

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 site and partner with us in providing the best educational opportunities for your child.

<https://www.common Sense Media.org/>

Thank you,

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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>

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/1ekFPd2DSbMI7k4sI3aOGRjplKrzlG4xEqG_3sVEHRqI/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.

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