

# The Exley Express

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- August 27 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Parent Orientation 6-7pm
- August 31 College Monday – students may wear their favorite college shirt
- Sept. 3 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades Parent Orientation 6-7pm
- Sept. 7 Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 8 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grades Parent Orientation 6-7pm

**Important Dates for GT Screening** -These are the deadlines for the GT parent checklist this year:

**Sept. 21** for non-challenge 5th grade students

**Oct. 7** for Kindergarten

**Dec. 11** for non-challenge 1st - 4th grade students

**Initiative is the September Character Trait** – Bus stops, carpools, packed lunches, signed papers - as a parent there's always something that needs to be done. But what kinds of things does your child need to get done? Let's turn it around this month and talk about the value of -----

**Initiative** ---- seeing what needs to be done and doing it.

### **Kinder Parents:**

Parents of kindergarten students, we kindly ask that you wait until week 3 to come and eat lunch with your child. Teachers will spend the first 2 weeks getting the children used to the cafeteria routine. Feel free to occasionally join your child after those first two weeks of getting use to school and routines.

### **PTA Membership T-shirt**

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### **Love & Logic**

Love & Logic sessions will begin Thursday, September 10, with both daytime and evening times available. For more information, watch for the flyers in next week's Tuesday folder.

### **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/1ekFPd2DSbMI7k4sI3aOGRjpiKrzlG4xEqG\\_3sVEHRqj/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ekFPd2DSbMI7k4sI3aOGRjpiKrzlG4xEqG_3sVEHRqj/edit?usp=sharing)

### **Parent Information**

Katy ISD's electronic parent access site eSchoolPLUS Home Access Center will allow you to access your child's grades online as well as notify you of your child's teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. The Home Access Center link can be found at [www.katyisd.org](http://www.katyisd.org). For new pre-k and kindergarten students who registered last spring, your log-on information will be mailed on August 18. The district will have classroom assignments available for viewing on the Home Access Center beginning August 18.

### **THINK THROUGH MATH**

During the 2014-2015 school year, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) provided students in grades 3-5 with access to Think Through Math at no cost to school districts or families as part of the Texas SUCCESS initiative. TEA is currently seeking a new online math resource to support this initiative, and it is anticipated that the new resource will be available this fall. Students in grades 3-5 will continue to have access to Think Through Math through August 31st. Parents will be notified when TEA provides the new math resource. In the meantime, students are encouraged to take advantage of resources available on the Elementary Student Portal at [www.katyisd.org](http://www.katyisd.org).

### **READ, DEED, RUN**

Now is the time to get involved with Read, Deed, and Run! Exley Read, Deed, and Run participants will read 26 books, perform 26 good deeds for the community, and run a total of 26.2 miles. (K-1 participants will read 13 books, perform 13 deeds, and run 13.1 miles – a half marathon!) Because of great interest in this club, we are

breaking the club into two groups in order to give more students the opportunity to be a part of this club! Each group will meet once monthly on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 in the library to discuss books, deeds, and run one mile (1/2 mile for K-1) under the supervision of JEE teachers and administrators. The program will end in May when the students run their final 1.2 miles in a “race” to earn their Finisher’s t-shirt and medal. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Hodges in room 505 or Mrs. Gorman in room K1 for an application or you may print and fill out the attached application. Applications are due by Friday, September 4 to your homeroom teacher.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 our E-news 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 will be 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](http://www.remind101.com)

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

### **Morning arrival**

If you will be dropping off your student by car this year, 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.

### **Cafeteria Prices for 2015-2016**

Meal prices are:

- Elementary Breakfast = \$1.25
- Elementary Lunch = \$2.25
- Adult Lunch = \$3.10

For more information on menus and payment plans, please visit Food Services at <http://www.katyisdfoodservices.com/index.php?sid=1406111853310257>



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**New Spirit Wear Designs!**

The PTA has new spirit wear designs available this year! Order forms were sent home in your child's Tuesday folder, or can be accessed online at <http://exleypta.org/images/forms/SpiritWearOrderForm2015.pdf>.

**Volunteers Needed!!**

We are always looking for volunteers to help out around Exley. If you haven't signed up already please check out the PTA website at <http://www.exleypta.org> and click on the 'Volunteers' tab to read about and sign up for the many volunteer opportunities available. Whether you have one hour or ten we would love to have you!

**Exley PTA is on Facebook and Twitter!**

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