

The Exley Express

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September 8, 2015



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 8 1st/2nd grades Parent Orientation 6-7pm
- Sept 10 Love & Logic begins, 10am or 6pm
- Sept 14 College Monday
- Sept 22 Picture Day ☺

3rd GRADE ART NIGHT
All 3rd grade students and families
Thursday, September 24
Exley Elementary GYM
Following the 6:00 pm PTA Meeting

Come join us on (Thursday) 9-24-2015 for a fun night of "quilting." We will learn about Faith Ringgold and her beautiful Story Quilts. Each 3rd grade student who attends will get to create a quilt square for this year's **Story Quilt**. Quilts will hang outside the Gym in the Exley hallway until auctioned during your child's 5th grade year!

All Family is welcome with at least one parent/adult chaperone attending with the student. Only 3rd grade Exley students will be making Story Quilts squares, but other activities will be available for siblings.

Thank you,
Mrs. Marker and Mrs. Mendenhall



FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Help support Exley PTA
Tuesday October 6, 2015 4:00– 8:00 pm
at the Panera Bread bakery-cafe at
23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd, Katy, Tx 77494

Bring this flyer when you dine with us on October 6, and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase to Exley PTA. It's a handcrafted, delicious meal, all for a great cause!

Learn more about Fundraising Nights at Panera Bread at:

www.PaneraBread.com/fundraiser

**At what time should
your child go to bed?**

		Wake-up time						
		6:00 AM	6:15 AM	6:30 AM	6:45 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	7:30 AM
		Sleeping time						
Age								
5		6:45 PM	7:00 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM
6		7:00 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM
7		7:15 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM
8		7:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM
9		7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM	9:15 PM
10		8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM	9:15 PM	9:30 PM
11		8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM	9:15 PM	9:30 PM	9:45 PM
12		8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:00 PM	9:15 PM	9:30 PM	9:45 PM

[Gifted and Talented Screening for Junior High](#)
[Screening for Current NON-GT IDENTIFIED Fifth Grade Students](#)

The gifted and talented program in Katy ISD serves junior high students within the academic subject areas of Math, Science, Social Studies and English/Language Arts. If you would like your **5th grade** child screened for **GT classes for the 2016-2017 school year**, information flyers will be sent home on September 3. Parents can request a Secondary Parent checklist from the counselor's office or front desk beginning **September 4**.

Additionally, these forms are available online from www.katyisd.org. Look under Department > Gifted and Talented. Make sure you download both the information page and the **Secondary** checklist.

[Completed forms must be returned to the counselor or Challenge teacher no later than the firm deadline of October 7, 2015.](#)

For more information, please contact Donna McCarthy, the campus GT Facilitator should you have any questions.

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.

[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

EXLEY AT THE ROCKETS GAME!!

The Music Department at Exley is pleased to announce that a 5th Grade Choir from Exley will be singing the National Anthem at a Houston Rockets Game! This choir will be selected by a lottery and they will be featured on the court singing “The Star Spangled Banner”. The Music Department is selling tickets as a fundraiser to purchase new instruments and technology for our music classrooms. We hope to have a big turnout, not just support the Rockets, but also to support our Exley students both at the game and in the classroom. Here’s what you need to know:

WHAT?	Exley at a Houston Rockets Game
WHO?	All Exley students, staff and families are invited
WHEN?	Saturday, October 17
TIME?	Game time is at 7:00pm. Choir sings right before the game. Doors open at 6:00pm
WHERE?	The Toyota Center in Downtown Houston
COST?	\$25.00 per person. This is a discounted group rate. Tickets are normally \$35-40 for the section that we will be seated in.

To order tickets, please click this link: <http://tinyurl.com/JEERocketsOrderForm>

Thank you for all of your cooperation and support for Exley and the Music Department!

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Earn More Box Tops for our school

Shop at HEB from September 16-29, buy 15 box top products, and earn 100 bonus box tops! For more information, visit the [PTA website](#).



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)

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(281) 237-8483

Family Steam Night

Friday, September 25

Awesome event for Grades 3-5

See the attached flyer for more information!

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.

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.

Cinco Ranch High School Cheer Clinic

Who is it for: Any student interested in cheerleading in grades K-5th.

Purpose: The purpose of this clinic is to teach students about cheerleading technique and exhibiting school and team spirit. Students will learn chants, cheers, jumps, and practice spiring.

When: Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 9am-12:00pm. Parents arrive at gym at 11:45 for a "show off" and bring your cameras for pictures.

Where: Cinco Ranch High School – Gym

Tuition: \$30 prior to September 18th.

Registration: Please pre-register (form attached to this email)

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 the 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_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 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

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/needing 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.



PTA Membership T-shirt

Parents, if you purchased school supplies through the PTA your free PTA t-shirt can be picked up at your grade orientation. This t-shirt (limited quantities, limited sizes, one per family) is free with your PTA membership that was included in your supply pack.

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>.

PTA Volunteers Needed!!

- **Milk for Many** - This is a wonderful program where volunteers collect the unopened milk cartons from the cafeteria and deliver them to Katy Christian Ministries. KCM then distributes them through their food pantry to families in need. Volunteers come to school to pick up the coolers from the cafeteria and deliver them to KCM in Old Katy. Total time commitment is about an hour. We ask volunteers to sign up for one day a month. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AXhV1-ifatphAXDzw4Qg4WdHfOZWAYxNDtYeVVCOaQ/viewform>
- **Work Room/Front Office Helper** - Provides support for our teachers by making copies, laminating and any other work room requests. This volunteer position also assists the front office staff by making deliveries and distributing mail to mailboxes. Total time commitment is a two hour shift as frequently as you want; you are free to come in on a weekly or monthly basis or as often as you want. Please sign up at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/409094da8ad2faa8-exley1>
- **Lunchroom Volunteers** - Volunteers are needed to help out in the cafeteria during kinder and first grade lunches. Duties would include assisting the lunchroom monitors and helping out little kids open items they can't open on their own: milk cartons, ketchup packets, etc. Kinder lunch is from 10:40 to 11:20 and first grade is from 11:00 to 11:45. Any amount of time you can volunteer would be appreciated. Please sign up at <http://www.volunteerspot.com/group/187901430058>
- **Banking** - We are looking for someone to coordinate our Exley Banking Program. Students bring deposits to school and our banking coordinators work with BB&T to deposit those funds into bank accounts. Time commitment after program is running is about two hours a week. The first few weeks may involve more time helping students/parents get bank accounts set up. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AXhV1-ifatphAXDzw4Qg4WdHfOZWAYxNDtYeVVCOaQ/viewform>
- There are many other volunteer opportunities available Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering by signing up at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AXhV1-ifatphAXDzw4Qg4WdHfOZWAYxNDtYeVVCOaQ/viewform>
- **Are you seeing all our calendars?**

The Katy ISD app is a wonderful tool for your smart phone! Make sure you are seeing both the school calendar and the PTA calendar by going to the calendar icon, selecting the "gear" button at the top (calendar settings), locate Exley Elementary, select "All". You should now have both the school's and the PTA's events ready at your fingertips!

Exley PTA is on Facebook and Twitter!

Search for ExleyPTA on Facebook and Twitter. Follow us to keep up to date with current PTA events. Having trouble finding us? Here are the links: <https://www.facebook.com/exleypta> <https://www.twitter.com/ExleyPTA>

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