

# OUTBACK OUTLOOK

Odessa Kilpatrick Elementary

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January 20, 2016

## Pajama Day



OKE is having a PJ day on Friday, January 22, 2016 to raise money for our school programs. If you would like to wear pajamas to school on this day, please fill out the form from today's Wednesday folder and return it along with \$3.00 (cash only please) to your child's teacher.

## OKE Math Tournament

Odessa Kilpatrick Elementary is very excited about hosting our 2nd annual Elementary TMSA Math/ Science Tournament on Saturday, February 6, 2016. The contest is open to all 3rd – 5th grade students. We use the TMSA 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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## Child Find Notice

It is Katy ISD's responsibility to identify and evaluate students, who within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services or programs in order that such students may receive the required free, appropriate education.

A student who may need specialized instruction or programs within the intent of Section 504 is one who:

- has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of life's major activities; or
- has a record of such impairment; or
- is regarded as having such an impairment.

Students may be eligible under the provisions of Section 504 even though they do not require services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Parents who believe that they have a child who may qualify for special services or programs under Section 504 should contact Leigh Childs or Rania Maalouf, the campus 504 coordinators for Kilpatrick Elementary.

## Upcoming Campus Benchmark Testing Dates

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| <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.

# 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!

OKE 3rd-5th Graders: All students who have read five or more of this year's Texas Bluebonnet Award nominees and who returned their forms by the 1/20/16 deadline will be invited to vote for their favorite title. Voting will take place from Monday, January 25th-Wednesday, January 27th in the library. All students who have read eight or more of this year's Texas Bluebonnet Award nominees and who have returned their forms by the 1/20/16 deadline will be invited to the Bluebonnet Bash. The Bash will take place on Friday, February 5th in the library.

## 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

OKE Library Aide

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## OKE Singing Valentines

Back by popular demand! The OKE Outback Singers 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir will be selling Singing Valentines again this year. Share the love, share the friendship! All parents, students, and staff at OKE will have the opportunity to order a singing valentine for \$1.00 each for their peers, children and teachers. There will be a menu of 4 songs to choose from. Notes will go out to all students in their Wednesday take-home folders with 2 singing valentines order forms. The **deadline to turn in your Singing Valentine orders is Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>** (so we have time to process the Valentine orders). Please get those orders in on time! On Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir students will deliver the Valentines during the first hour of our school day between 8:45 – 9:30 am, complete with the singing of songs that have been ordered. Each child that receives the singing valentine will receive the valentine, completed by the sender, with a toy trinket attached. (Please make sure you fill in all the information in nice legible printing so your valentines can get to the folks you are ordering for!) All proceeds go to support our school's music program, so please look for those forms! 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





**Beckendorff Jr. High**  
**5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night**

**Date:**

Monday, January 25, 2016

**Time:**

6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Location:**

BDJH



BECKENDORFF  
BEARS

**5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>**

# **PARENT NIGHT**

**Date: TUESDAY, January 26, 2016**

**Time: A-L 5:00-6:00**

**M-Z 6:30-7:30**

**Location: WCJH Cafeteria**

**\*Overview of 6<sup>th</sup> grade at WCJH\***

**This session is relevant to all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders  
and will cover a typical day in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, electives, schedules, etc.**

**(Elective/Fine Arts teachers will be available for Q & A after the  
presentation.)**



# 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...

Odessa Kilpatrick Elementary  
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Outback

Outlook

Thurs. Jan 21

School Store

STEAM Club 3:40-5:00 p.m. / room 509

Fri. Jan 22

Watch D.O.G.S. Day

GT Coffee 8:30-10:00 a.m. / T13

School Store

Tues. Jan 26

Prime Koala Club 3:40-4:45 p.m.

Australia Day at OKE

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

Wed. Jan 27

Watch D.O.G.S. Day

Eureka! Gr. 1

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



**Save  
the  
Date!!!**



**MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND**

**THE OKE BONZER BASH!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH**

**3:00-6:00 P.M.**

