

# The Exley Express

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**November 1, 2016**



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Nov 1 – 3 Field Days  
Nov 3 Picture Retakes  
Nov 4 Early Dismissal



November's Core Essential is Honor.

Honor is letting someone know you see how valuable they really are. This month ask your student about what things they think are valuable, and how you can honor someone. Encourage your student to think about those people who might not always be honored for things they do. You could even have a family awards night where family members honor each other by making certificates or awards from things around the house.

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### Parking on November 7

On Monday November 7 we will be participating in the Katy ISD **Promise to Read** day. We will have 12 spots reserved for those guests who will be coming to our campus as a part of this district event. Please know that parking that day will be limited. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

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Our **Lost and Found** is getting full! As we move into cooler weather (hopefully at some point!), more items seem to collect in this area. Please mark all items of clothing, lunch boxes, and water bottles with your child's full name. This enables us to return lost items to your child. Student property that is not marked will be placed in Lost and Found and donated to charity at the end of each grading period. Please check the Lost and Found (located near the cafeteria) periodically to search for any items your child might have misplaced. We will make a donation to charity on Nov. 22.

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### Katy ISD Police Department Teddy Bear Cops for Children

The Katy ISD police department has begun a brand new project called **Teddy Cops**. The purpose is to provide 1,200 teddy bears dressed in police outfits to Katy ISD special needs students. In order to help support the effort, we will be celebrating National Teddy Bear Day on Monday, November

14. Your child may bring their favorite teddy bear to school with them on this day along with \$1 donation to the Teddy Cops fund. We will donate all the money raised to the Katy ISD department for this great project.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Program is Coming Up!

Please mark your calendars! 😊

Your 4<sup>th</sup> Grader has been practicing really hard in their music classes, preparing for the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Program. They have learned all about teamwork and helping each other as a music ensemble. Their part is very important to the show so we hope that we will see every 4<sup>th</sup> grader this evening.

Here's what you need to know:

WHAT?	The Annual Exley 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music Program
WHO?	Every Exley 4 <sup>th</sup> Grader
WHEN?	Tuesday, November 15
TIME?	6:00pm
WHERE?	Exley Gym
DRESS?	<p>Please have your child dress accordingly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field Day Shirt.</li> <li>• <b>No Field Day shirt?</b> Wear the same color shirt as your class.</li> <li>• <b>No shirt that color?</b> Wear a white T-shirt.</li> <li>• Long jeans that touch shoelaces. Please no shorts, no capris, no khakis.</li> <li>• <b>Don't have jeans?</b> Wear long, dark pants.</li> <li>• PE shoes. For safety reasons.</li> </ul>
	Follow the Exley Music Classroom on Twitter #jeemusic. You can preview what the 4 <sup>th</sup> graders have been working on in addition to other classes as well.

Please contact the music teachers below if you have any questions or concerns.

Sabrina Silva ([SabrinaCSilva@katyisd.org](mailto:SabrinaCSilva@katyisd.org)) and Jerry Manto ([JerryLManto@katyisd.org](mailto:JerryLManto@katyisd.org))

Beck Backstage Presents:

## Peter Pan

Friday, November 11 @ 7pm  
Saturday, November 12 @ 3pm & 7pm

Tickets: \$5

Info: 281-237-3378  
[www.beckbackstage.org](http://www.beckbackstage.org)

Cinco Ranch Robotics Annual Science Day Camp

November 19

Open to all 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students

See attached flyer for more information



# Elementary Choir Clinic

Presented by

Cinco Ranch High School Choir Department

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited for an afternoon of music and fun!

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 3, 1 – 4PM (3:45 concert for family)

**WHERE:** Cinco Ranch High School - Main Commons

**COST:** \$40 (includes clinic, snack and craft)

Find the registration form at: [www.CRHSChoir.org](http://www.CRHSChoir.org) look under the forms tab.

If questions contact: Dorothy Wilson (CRHS Choir Director) [dorothywilson@katyisd.org](mailto:dorothywilson@katyisd.org) or 281-237-5204

See below for our new morning I-Station schedule beginning Monday, October 31 at 7:45A.M. Only qualifying students will receive an invitation in the Tuesday folder. Remember that you can access I-Station from home at: [www.istation.com/IstationHome/](http://www.istation.com/IstationHome/). Please ask your child’s teacher if you need **username and password information.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kindergarten First Grade Second Grade	Third Grade Fourth Grade Fifth Grade	Kindergarten First Grade Second Grade	Third Grade Fourth Grade Fifth Grade	Kindergarten First Grade Second Grade

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> grade child screened for Challenge for the 2017-18 school year, please request an Elementary Parent Checklist from the counselor's office or the front desk beginning **November 3.**

The Parent Checklist forms is also available online from [www.katyisd.org](http://www.katyisd.org). Look under Departments > Gifted and Talented. **Completed forms must be returned to the Challenge teacher by Friday, December 9, 2016**

On November 14 @ 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](mailto:donnammccarthy@katyisd.org).

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## KISD Auxiliary Job Fair

(Bus Drivers, Bus Attendants, Café Workers, Security Guards)

November 4 from 2-4pm

Morton Ranch High School library

21000 Franz Road

Katy, TX 77494

[www.katyisd.org](http://www.katyisd.org)

Human Resources

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## ART KEEPSAKES

Dear Exley Families

Coming home soon will be your child's custom Square 1 Art catalog featuring their artwork. Won't you help make your child feel like an accomplished artist by purchasing keepsakes for the whole family containing their masterpiece? The Exley art department earns profit from every order and it goes right back to YOUR child. We use the profit to purchase more tools and supplies for the art room - so your child can continue to create amazing projects for years to come. And as a thank you for participating, Square 1 Art provides each child with a sheet of stickers imprinted with their artwork — absolutely FREE!

Watch for more details about the campaign and order deadlines. All online and paper order forms must be turned in by the due date on your child's custom catalog. (No late orders can be accepted.)

### THREE EASY WAYS TO ORDER KEEPSAKES

1. The paper order form attached to their custom catalog.
2. Online at [www.square1art.com/shop](http://www.square1art.com/shop)
3. Phone Customer Care [888-332-3294](tel:888-332-3294).

### THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all of our students, teachers, and parents for their help in creating this meaningful fundraiser. We truly appreciate all of your hard work, creativity, and patience - you're amazing!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marker & Mrs. Mendenhall

Exley Art Teachers

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# ***ART VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY***

*We are looking for someone to sew a quilt together from our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Art Night 2016-2017.*



*Every year we have been lucky enough to have a volunteer put together our AMAZING 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade quilts.*

*We have a quilt hanging outside the Gym close to the cafeteria that was donated back to the school a few years back as a reference.*

*If YOU or ANYONE you know would be interested in assembling one of our quilts, please contact me (Mrs. Mendenhall) or Mrs. Marker in the Art department.*

***(We will provide all the supplies for the quilt.)***

***Thank you! We are very grateful for your help!***



## JEE FIELD DAY VOLUNTEER REMINDER

Remember field day is next week!

Here is the schedule:

		<u>Check in at</u>	<u>Event Time</u>
<b>Third Grade</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 2</b>	<b>8:40</b>	<b>9:00-11:15</b>
<b>Fourth Grade</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 2</b>	<b>11:55</b>	<b>12:15-2:30</b>
<b>Fifth Grade</b>	<b>Thursday, November 3</b>	<b>8:40</b>	<b>9:00-11:15</b>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Thursday, November 3</b>	<b>1:40</b>	<b>2:00-3:25</b>

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.

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## Maker Faire

The Katy ISD Library Media Specialists are hosting a Katy ISD Mini Maker Faire at the Robert R. Shaw Center for STEAM on Saturday, November 5. Students in grades **4-8** are invited to visit Maker booths and try their hand at activities of their choice including wood engraving, green screen video creation, coding, blanket making, origami, straw rocketry and more. This will be a very fun event for our students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. I hope to see some Exley students at the Maker Faire in November. Ms. Burch

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## CANVAS

Canvas is a learning management system (LMS) that allows teachers to provide instructional support, class calendars, assignments and resources for students in a safe online environment. For traditional face to face classes, Canvas is an integral part of sharing blended classroom instruction. All Canvas courses are developed by Katy ISD and are aligned to the Katy ISD Curriculum including the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). This year we are turning on the parent observer feature. Please see the attachment on how you can use this tool to help support your child.

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## From the Principal

Parents,

Your child's attendance at school is very important to us. Every day counts! In order to stay on track in school, students need to be present every day. Frequent absences and/or being absent for several days in a row can leave a child academically behind. Students with regular school attendance are more likely to read well and perform higher on tests. Put your child on the path to success by ensuring they are at

school. Please plan vacations, airline flights, and trips during times when school is not in session. The academic calendar is posted on our JEE website and the Katy ISD website. As you make travel plans for the upcoming holiday season and winter break, please plan around the academic calendar. Of course if your child is sick and contagious, we want them to remain at home until better. Students with a fever of 100.0 or above must remain fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours. Students who have vomited or had diarrhea must be symptom free for 24 hours as well.

Each grading period we will be recognizing our students with perfect attendance with a perfect attendance dog tag they can add to their brag tag. Students will have multiple opportunities to earn brag tags throughout the year. We appreciate your effort in making sure your student is here in class learning unless they are sick as outlined above.

Juli Noeldner

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Read, Deed, and Run and Art Club are teaming up to collect gently used shoes for **#soleloved** and MORE Foundation. Any type of children's shoes are accepted. For adult shoes, please donate athletic shoes and tie the shoestrings together. A donation box is set up by the front doors to the school, and there is also a donation bin in Mrs. Mendenhall's art room. We will be accepting donations through the end of November. Thank you for your support!

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## LUNCH VISITS

**A reminder for our parents who visit for lunch. We tend to have an abundance of lunch visitors, especially on Fridays. We ask that you limit the Fridays that you have lunch with your child and come on other days if at all possible. Lunch visitors are limited to parents, younger non-school age siblings (who can sit on your lap if space is limited), and grandparents with written permission. Also remember that per the KISD student handbook, parents may only bring/buy lunch for their own child/children. Thanks for your support as we strive to maintain a safe and orderly school environment!**

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Dear Parent(s):

This year your child will be writing a great deal because at Exley Elementary we want our students to be intellectually active and thinking about their learning. To achieve this purpose, we will be using the Collins Writing Program, which involves giving five different types of writing assignments. This year we will be focusing on the first two types of writings. Some assignments are designed simply to help students get their ideas on paper or to discover what they already know about a topic. These assignments are called **Type One** assignments and are evaluated very simply—did the student do it or not? Type One assignments are not designed to be compositions or essays. They are simply ways to guarantee that your son or daughter is thinking about a topic.



**Type Two** assignments require that students provide the correct information in response to a specific question. In Type Two writing, we do not judge the quality of the writing—just the content. These grades may be used as an “other” grade or can be a minor grade in the gradebook.

Type One and Type Two writing assignments are designed to be completed quickly and to promote thought.

Parents often ask, “How can I help?” Here are a few suggestions: First, be aware of the types of writing assignments and realize that sometimes writing assignments will not have to be perfect. Be a helper and an encourager, not a critic. Provide a quiet place to write with good lighting and a dictionary. Talk about the assignments and help your daughter or son generate many ideas for that topic. If you are asked to review a composition, read it out loud to your child. Ask them if it sounds right. You’ll be surprised at how many of their own mistakes they will be able to hear. We are looking forward to seeing how this program grows our students as writers and thinkers.



We are **FULL STEAM AHEAD** at

**THE EXPRESS BOOK STOP!**

When? Most Tuesdays and Thursdays

Time? 7:45 A.M.-8:15 A.M.

Where? Room 704

Cost? All books are only \$3.00

\*Cash and checks only.



**Exley Excellent Dads**

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Sign up to spend a day at school with your child. You will work in the library, cafeteria, classroom, and attend the ever popular RECESS!!! The children love having DAD participate in their school day with them. You will see how hard they are working each and every day!!

Sign up at:

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<http://tinyurl.com/Excellentdads2016-17>

Contact Ron Roxburgh at [rroxburgh@chevron.com](mailto:rroxburgh@chevron.com)

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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](http://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.

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### GT Information for 2016-2017

#### 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> GT information letters will go home the week of November 3. Parent checklists will be available at the front desk or you may download an Elementary Parent Checklist from the KatyISD website by going to District> Departments>Advanced Academics> Elementary Parent Checklist. ALL completed Parent Checklists are due back to Donna McCarthy no later than the firm deadline of December 9, 2016.

If you would like information on the GT program for grades 1-4 please consider attending the following GT Awareness meeting:  
11/14/16 ESC 7pm-9pm in room 1200

Please email Donna McCarthy, Challenge Teacher, at [donnamccarthy@katyisd.org](mailto:donnamccarthy@katyisd.org) with any questions about the GT program

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## We have parent resources!

Want more information about curriculum and what is happening in your child's classroom throughout the year? The district has some great resources including videos. Visit the following location on [www.katyisd.org](http://www.katyisd.org)

## 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—Drop off by 8:15am**

This year we will be starting our instruction at 8:20am. It will be very important that your child be in the classroom by the time the 8:20am bell rings. In order for you to ensure your child is ready for learning, we are asking that if you are walking or dropping your child off by car, you ensure he/she is walking through our front door by 8:15. Please understand we cannot control traffic. I would suggest you plan to be in the drop-off line by 8:05am to ensure your child is not tardy. Students walking into the school at 8:20 or later will be tardy. Announcements will begin at 8:15 and teaching at 8:20am. Maximizing instructional time for your child is important to us. We appreciate your help with starting your child's day off on time. Traffic between 8:00-8:10 is much lighter. Arriving during this time frame will help your child be ready to learn in class. Traffic becomes much heavier between 8:10-8:20am.

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.

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