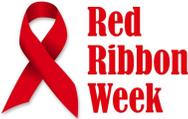




October Newsletter

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	Bday Book Club Breakfast Early Release	5 6
7	Columbus Day Holiday	8	9	10 	11 4th Grade Field Trip	12 13
14	15 ← Fundraiser Pick-Up Day	16	17	18	19 → Family Math Night	20
21	22 ←	23	24 	25	26 → Spirit Night @ Red Robin	27
28	29	30 PTO Meeting	31	1	2	3

Important Details:



October 18:
Family Math Night 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Book Fair and Storybook Pumpkin Patch will be open!



October 22-26:
Red Ribbon Week is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a drug free America. More details coming soon!



October 15-19:
Scholastic Book Fair
Lunch with a Love One
Tues/Wed Oct. 16/17



October 25:
Spirit Night at Red Robin!
Yum!

A Note From Your Principal

Our first grading period ends on October 5 and report cards will be sent home on October 16. We would like to meet with every child's parents to review your child's current progress, grades, assessments, and collectively set goals for the year. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher about how to set up a conference around the end of the first grading period.

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October:

October is National Bullying Prevention Month.

It is an opportunity to encourage everyone to unite for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

What is bullying? At first glance, many people might think this behavior is easy to define. The first image of bullying might be of a physically intimidating situation. However, parents need to know that bullying behavior can be much more complex and varied than the stereotype. The definition of bullying will vary by school and state. Bullying is defined by state law in Texas Education Code Section 37.0832 as a single significant act or a pattern of acts by one or more students directed at another student that exploits an imbalance of power and involves engaging in written or verbal expression through electronic means, or physical conduct and:

- has the effect or will have the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or of damage to the student's property, or;
- is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student, or;
- materially and substantially disrupts the educational process or the orderly operation of a classroom or school, or;
- infringes on the rights of the victim at school; and
- includes cyberbullying.

School staff spend a lot of time with their students and are often in a position to see how they interact with peers, notice patterns in behavior, and recognize classroom dynamics. Establishing a collaborative relationship with the staff at your child's school is an important step in advocating for your child. It is important to connect with those who have contact with your child at the start of the year so that you are comfortable communicating information and any concerns. By establishing this relationship, and building a partnership, you will be able to share not only your educational questions, but also talk through any concerns about social interaction that might involve bullying.

If you would like more information about Bullying and Cyber Safety please visit:
<http://www.conroeisd.net/parents/bullying-cyber-safety-resources/>

Assistant Principals'

Corner

Supporting your child by assuring a productive and engaging classroom is essential. Our school uses Safe and Civil Schools and the CHAMPS model for classroom management. To maximize that potential, we look to students to be orderly, responsive, engaged, and motivated. According to the most current research on teacher effectiveness, putting a successful behavior management system in place is a sure way of achieving these goals.

Through CHAMPS, teachers develop methods for clearly communicating their expectations for every classroom activity and transition. Expectations to clarify for each are:

Conversation: How/when can students talk to each other during this activity?

Help: How do students get the teacher's attention and their questions answered?

Activity: What is the task/objective? What is the end product?

Movement: How students move about during this activity?

Participation: How do students show they're fully participating? What does work behavior look/sound like?

Success: When students meet expectations, they know how to be successful before they even begin!

Thank you for your continued support and talking with your child about their experience with CHAMPS. Please look for CHAMPS posters in every classroom so you too can see how clear the path to success is for your child.

Your Assistant Principals,
Kelly Garvin and Robby Cantu

Clinic News

Vision and Hearing screening has been completed for third grade. A big thank you to the parents who have already followed up on the referral with your doctor. We have started screening first grade and PK will have opti screening done on Oct 11. Referrals will be sent home for those students not passing the screening. If you get a referral, please let me know the results of your follow up visit with your eye doctor. Also, please let me know if you need assistance getting glasses for your child. We have resources we can use to help.

Please remember to notify the nurse with any changes in your child's medical condition whether it is medication, illness or injury. It will help us to care better for your child.



SPECIALS



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3rd and 4th Graders...

Join us for the CISD Elementary/Intermediate **FUN RUN!**

This is a one mile run for 3rd-6th grade students in the ORHS and GOHS Feeder Zones.

When: Wednesday, June 24 at 4:00 PM

Where: Oak Ridge High School

ART

- 4th grade : Abstract Color Blast
- 3rd grade : Aboriginal Turtle/Snake
- 2nd grade : Van Gogh Flowers
- 1st grade: Flowers in the Moonlight
- Kinder : Rainbow Fish

LIBRARY

Calling all pumpkin artists! Houser is creating a Storybook Pumpkin Patch. All pumpkins are due October 10.

BOOK Fair is coming!

October 10-19.

Volunteer here:

<https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/QXabEnGEX>



PRE-K

Pre-K is busy learning, learning, and learning! October will be an exciting month. With the arrival of autumn, we will talk about the changes that occur during this season and the life cycle of pumpkins. We will focus on print concepts (letters, words and pictures), rhyming and naming letters and producing sounds. Math in October will include rote counting, number recognition, solid shapes and creating shapes. Pre-K will also be participating in other school activities such as Family Math Night. Watch for more information to be sent home in your child's daily folder. Please continue to practice letter and sound recognition at home. Your support is greatly appreciated!

KINDERGARTEN

We have been busy learning about the numbers 0-5 and will now move on to numbers up to 10. With our numbers, we have learned different ways to represent them and to compare numbers. We have also learned about the penny and will learn about the nickel in October. In Reading, we are working to increase our stamina in independent and partner reading. Please help your child practice their sight words as they bring home the colored sets of sight words. The more words a student knows, the better reader they will become! We are learning how to read "all about the world books" in reading workshop. We are becoming authors as we learn to write narratives and informational books. In science, we are learning about magnets and how objects move. In social studies, we are learning about relative location, maps, globes and Christopher Columbus. We will also learn about Authority Figures and Community Helpers this month.

As the weather begins to get cooler, please label all jackets, sweaters and hoodies so we can make sure they get home when they are left on the playground or in the classroom. We do go outside for recess if the weather permits, so please dress your child appropriately when we have cooler days.

1st Grade



We completed the beginning of the year assessments and reports cards will be coming home soon. It is parent-teacher conference time and we are anxious to visit with each of you in person to share the information we have learned about your child and their progress in 1st grade.

This month we will be continue working on Building Good Reading Habits during our Language Arts time. We will be working with students in smaller guided reading groups to grow their independent reading levels. Please continue to read with your child at home and celebrate the habits they are practicing to becoming stronger readers. We will be introducing place value and geometry units in Math, thermal and light energy in Science, and finishing our geography and maps unit in Social Studies. First graders are working on being responsible students. They manage papers, folders, books, and supplies each day in their desks and backpacks. Thanks for your support and participation in helping them at home! We appreciate all you do 🍎.

2nd Grade

Second graders have been working hard, growing like beanstalks! We will start focusing in Readers Workshop on working hard to solve tricky words. Writers workshop is moving along as we dive into imaginative stories! Math counts when it comes to 2nd grade! We have been working on strategies for addition and subtraction and will begin money, data, and number patterns to 999. Science is rocking and rolling along as we explore changes in matter from cutting, sanding, melting, and folding. In Social Studies, will begin our geography and government units! We are also continuing to demonstrate what it is like to be a good citizen!

3rd Grade

Testing! Organizing! Preparing! What a busy month September was for third grade. But B.O.Y Reading assessments are completed and third graders are sailing into the month of October. Please sign up for a fall conference to review your child's progress with his/her teacher.

We are learning how to write a narrative story with details in our Writing class. Reading class is teaching students how read with "grit" and decode difficult words. Math class is solving 1 and 2 step addition/subtraction problems and creating strip diagrams. Social Studies has us learning the different types of communities, and Science is all about the matter around us. Our days are definitely busy! We look forward to seeing everyone at Math Night.

4th Grade

Our 4th Graders are Spook-tacular!

In Reading, we are starting our Poetry unit. We are starting our Expository Essay Unit in Writer's Workshop. Students will learn how to write about an idea or opinion, give reasons with supporting evidence or details, and present a point of view on their topic. We are finishing up Addition and Subtraction of whole numbers and decimals and starting our first unit of Multiplication and Division. You can help the kids practice multiplication and division facts and encourage them to sing their multiplication/skip-counting songs. Science is all about forces: pushes, pulls, magnetism, gravity, and friction. In Social Studies, we are learning about American Indians, European Exploration, and missions in Texas.