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Upcoming Events

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| <i>PTO Meeting @ 1:30</i> | <i>2/1</i> |
| <i>Counselor's Week</i> | <i>2/5-9</i> |
| <i>Jump Rope For Heart</i> | <i>2/7 & 2/8</i> |
| <i>Chick Fil A Spirit Day All Day-Grand Pkwy.</i> | <i>2/8</i> |
| <i>100th Day of School</i> | <i>2/12</i> |
| <i>Box Tops Due</i> | <i>2/12</i> |
| <i>Acts of Kindness Week</i> | <i>2/12-16</i> |
| <i>School Holiday</i> | <i>2/19</i> |
| <i>PTO Meeting @ 1:30</i> | <i>2/22</i> |
| <i>2nd Grade Program 6:30 pm</i> | <i>2/22</i> |
| <i>Reading Benchmark 4th Grade</i> | <i>2/27</i> |
| <i>Reading Benchmark 3rd Grade</i> | <i>2/28</i> |

A Note From Mrs. Oliver

WOW! It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of February! This is the perfect month to celebrate our students for continuing to demonstrate their LOVE for LEARNING! We are extremely proud of all of their hard work! Our teachers have many exciting lessons and events planned this month. We are looking forward to such events as the 100th Day of School, Jump Rope for Heart, and our Valentine's Day Exchange. As always, thank you for your continuous support in helping us to build a caring and supportive school community.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Sincerely,

Tina Oliver

Attendance Counts

We continue to encourage the importance of good attendance each and every day. Our "Perfect Attendance Drawing" for students with perfect attendance for the second grading period were awarded a \$25.00 gift card to Toys "R" Us from our business partner, Kyle Sherburne -State Farm agent. The following students were our winners:

- Kindergarten– Silas Hamner
- First Grade– Melina Rivera
- Second Grade– Robbie Chappell
- Third Grade– Tristan Canal
- Fourth Grade– Cortlyn Stevens

We will have another drawing after the end of the third grading period. Keep up the great attendance!



Just A Reminder....

NO SCHOOL on Monday, February 19! Staff Work Day

GT testing will be complete February 5. Results are expected back in May. Mrs. Twilla will contact each family of students nominated with the results once she has them. If you have any questions, you may contact her at 281-592-5600.

Kindergarten

Happy February to everyone! Your child should keep bringing home their reading folder on Monday or Tuesday with 2 little readers. (This might vary in different classes). Keep encouraging them to use good strategies to help sound out unknown words. It is their "homework" to read to you and for you to sign their reading log folders. Continue to ask them questions about the setting, characters, sequence of the story (beginning, middle, and end) and ask what was the main idea of the story. In math, we will study counting objects to 20, measurement, money, addition and subtraction using manipulatives, 2D and 3D shapes, problem solving and counting to 100. (Please help your child so they can join the 100 club!) During science, we will cover water, soil, rocks, living and non-living things, and seeds. This month we will learn about Groundhog Day, President's Day, Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school. On February 12th, we will ask the students to dress as if they were 100 years old. We will have a parade at 8:15 and do 100 day activities throughout the day. On Feb. 14th we will pass out valentines and candy in the afternoon. We will have a cookie to conclude this celebration. Hugs and Kisses to All!

First Grade

We are rocking out 2018 in first grade! We have written our resolutions and goals, so we are ready to make 2018 the best year ever! Can you believe we will celebrate the **100th day** of school on **February 12th**?!?! Time flies when you're having fun learning!

Hot Topics for February:

- *Language Arts: Procedural/Informational Text, long vowel sounds, antonyms (opposites)
- *Math: Measurement: Time (hour/half hour) and length.
- *Social Studies: New Year's customs, goals and concepts of time (long ago/present)
- *Science: Seasons, Rocks/Soil and Water
- *Valentine Exchange Wednesday, February 14th.

Please continue to read with your child every night and check backpacks for important information. We appreciate your support! First Grade Rocks!!!



Second Grade

Don't forget our Second Grade Music Program, "Lemonade" will be on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30pm. We encourage all parents to attend this performance as it will be something you won't want to miss! A note was sent home about what your child will need to wear for the play.

Valentine's Day will be a special day at Kaufman. We will celebrate with a treat at lunch on Wednesday, February 14th. This is also an approved candy day for our school, so you can send candy treats with your valentines! The children will exchange valentine cards with their classmates in the classroom that afternoon.

In math class, we are busy working on place value to 1,200, and we will begin learning how to do three digit addition and subtraction very soon! For science, we are learning about Earth's resources such as rocks, minerals and water. Soon we will begin learning about weather patterns and objects in the night sky. In reading, the students will be reviewing the genres of fiction, literary nonfiction and traditional literature during the month of February. The students will be busy learning about important people such as Presidents and about Texas culture. We are looking forward to a great month!

Third Grade

Third graders had some amazing float projects this year! We learned so much about different cultures, celebrations, and traditions. What creative and talented minds we have! A BIG thanks goes out to our parents for helping your children with this project!

Remember the importance of reading at home with your child each night. It makes such a difference! In language, we're continuing to work on Literary Non-Fiction which includes biographies and autobiographies. In social studies, we will discuss that the month of February is Black History Month, and we will be learning about the many contributions made by famous African Americans. In science, we will be wrapping up our unit on rapid changes and landforms with a volcano project. Look for more information in your child's Tuesday folder. In math, we are starting up a unit on fractions. We have learned all our multiplication facts except 7's, which we will be adding mid-February. Please study multiplication facts with your child daily. You can purchase flash cards at many dollar stores.

We will have a Valentine's Exchange on Wednesday, February 14th. It is a candy day! We will have a sweet treat at lunch and a card exchange at the end of the day. Look for more information to come home about Valentine's Day from your homeroom teacher. Also, a class list will be coming home so your child can prepare their cards.

Fourth Grade

February is a fabulous month in fourth grade. Not only are we continuing to learn new things every day, but we also have some fun activities coming up soon!

Valentine's Day is next on our calendar. This is a candy day, and we will exchange valentines in our classrooms on February 14th! You will receive information in the Tuesday Folder from your child's teacher regarding the valentine exchange soon.

Language Arts teachers work hard each day to help students become better readers. Fourth graders should be thinking critically when they read, asking themselves questions about why characters do what they do and why an author has chosen to write in the manner in which he has written. Please make sure your child is reading at home every night.

Math teachers are excited to be beginning the fractions unit in February. This year students will learn how to add, subtract, compare, and find equivalent fractions. You can help your child make real world connections by identifying when fractions are used in real life at home.

As you are aware, we work hard every day at school, and we work to make each moment count. Students are dismissed from Kaufman Kickoff each morning at 7:50. Students who arrive after this miss valuable time completing classroom work and often feel behind. In addition, these students often miss morning announcements. Please make every effort to have students at school by 7:50 each day. Thank you for all you do to help your student succeed!

ART

This month, our oldest "Creative Cats" will be starting their highly anticipated foil projects and can hardly wait! Fourth grade will be making either colorful birds, dragons, chameleons, or ocean life while our third grade friends will be creating beautiful foil reliefs. Second grade and Kindergarten are both learning about American Pop Artist, Jim Dine. Then second grade will be learning all about how to pull a simple print while kinder moves on to the element of art called shape. First grade is just finishing earthen clay hand bowls or whimsical birds and will soon be experimenting with wax resists.

We would like to give a big shout out to the follow students for representing Kaufman this year at the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Art show- Jacob Johnson, Kooper Martin, Allan Brown, Connor Gary, Nathan Zuckero, Evan Schiller, Jonathan Rensberger, Bree Johnson, Gabriel Campos, Kevin Shank, Brooklyn Wyzorowski, and Carson Peay. These kids really made our school shine, and we couldn't be more proud of all the hard work and dedication!

In other art news, we would also like to congratulate Brailee Curtis, Preston Tompkins, Brady Przespolewski, and Frances Taylor for being selected as January's "Artist of the Month"! These four students always come to art class with a positive attitude, ready to learn, and are constantly striving to improve their art skills. Way to go!

Please don't forget to check out all of your students' beautiful artwork on Artsonia. We really appreciate our parents supporting our efforts to raise money to help us purchase more iPads for our art program. And the kids are really excited to have their families see all of the cool things they have been working on so far this year.

Until next month...Happy creating!

Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Rowley



MUSIC

This month will be very busy for our young musicians!

Fourth graders will be learning how to play the sounds B, A, G, low E and low D on their recorders. Once they master a song, they will earn a "belt" (a short piece of colored yarn) that they can attach to their instrument. All songs are in the "Be a Recorder Star" book. Students are expected to master at least 5 of the 9 "challenge" songs. Those who earn all 9 "belts" will receive a special certificate at the end of the unit. If you did not purchase a book or recorder during our sale, you can buy one through a used-book source or directly through Macie Publishing. To avoid a "squawky" sound, students should blow gentle air into the instrument and remember to cover the holes completely.

Third graders will be reviewing known rhythmic and melodic patterns, as we apply them to new songs and games. We will also be creating instrument accompaniments to these activities.

Second graders will be performing their music program "Lemonade" on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30pm. The doors will open that night at 6:15pm. They will perform again for the school on Friday, February 23rd at 9:30am.

First graders will be reviewing rhythms ta, ti-ti and rest as well as high/low (also known as "so-mi") melodies. We will add "la" (a sound a little bit higher than "so") to our music vocabulary.

Kindergarten students will be reviewing the concepts and skills we have learned so far this year - fast/slow, loud/soft, high/low and long/short. We will create simple accompaniments to our songs, learning about more instruments, and will expand our repertoire with new music and singing games.

The 4th grade Oak Ridge Festival Choir is busy working on their songs for their February 27th performance, which will be at the Woodlands United Methodist Church at 7:00pm. This event is free and open to the public.

COMPUTERS

Happy February to all Kaufman Cougars! We are in full swing in learning this month! We are learning so many different computer skills!

Kindergarteners are learning to use Paint Go program as well as Dance Mat for continued typing skills.

First graders are learning basic coding and programming skills at different levels and continue using Microsoft Word skills by using different colors, font style and size.

Second through fourth graders are working on research PowerPoint presentation projects.

All grade levels have learned Copyright and Fair Use responsibilities when researching for their projects.

So stay tuned for more news in computers!

Sincerely,

Ms. Alonso :)



PE

It's Jump Rope for Heart time at Kaufman Elementary! Our school is celebrating the 39th year anniversary of Jump Rope For Heart. This year we have encouraged our 4th, 3rd and 2nd grade Cougars to practice an Act of Kindness while collecting donations for the American Heart Association. Your child will experience the importance of both healthy aerobic exercise and community service. We want to thank the Kaufman parents for always supporting the Physical Education Department by encouraging your children to do their part in JUMP ROPE FOR HEART! Please stay tuned for the total amount collected for the American Heart Association!

Our kindergarten and first grade graders will have some fun with ball handling skills and activities that will increase their eye-hand coordination. Encourage your child to practice at home:)

Please remember to wear safe closed-toe shoes on PE days. Also, notes are required if your child needs to sit out for any reason.

Fitness Fact: A kitchen faucet would need to be turned on all the way for at least 45 years to equal the amount of blood pumped by the heart in an average lifetime.

Thank You, Physical Education



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Find Time for Family

Kids rely on their families for love, guidance, and a sense of belonging. Without these things, it's hard to do well in school or in life. Activities like the following will show your child she has family support:

- **Eat meals together.** Extend your time together by preparing and cleaning up as a family too. Turn off the television during meals so conversations can take place!
- **Take trips.** Go to a concert, local museum or sports event. Ask your children, "What would you like to do?"
- **Play together.** Choose games that everyone can enjoy, such as charades, board games or 20 questions. Let your children pick what to play.
- **Plan family nights.** Decide together what to do, or take turns choosing. You might order pizza, bake cookies or see a movie. Sometimes invite another family to join you.
- **Do something silly.** Some of the best family memories are the funniest ones. You might make breakfast for dinner, or dress in the craziest outfits you can find.
- **Relax.** Some parents find that right after school is a great time to spend with children. The kids are ready to plop down and talk about their day. Talk about family news, goals, concerns, and successes.



Library

A Gigantic THANK YOU to ALL who supported the Great American Opportunities Magazine Sale! Coop and Friends were quite a hit! All profit made from this fundraiser goes to helping the library purchase more books, online resources, technology and pay for author/illustrator visits.

We especially need to say “THANKS” to the wonderful volunteers that helped during this busy week. We couldn’t have done it without your help and dedication.

Third and Fourth Graders voted for their favorite Texas Bluebonnet book January 29th – 31st. To be eligible to vote students must have read 5 of the 20 books on the TEXAS BLUEBONNET MASTER READING LIST. We will announce the Kaufman winner in the next newsletter...and the winner for the state of Texas too!

This month, renowned author Jeff Savage is visiting Kaufman on Monday, February 26th. Mr. Savage is America’s leading author of children’s non-fiction sports books. His award-winning list of more than 170 books have been read by millions. He is also a 12-time winner of the International Reading Association Children’s Choice Award and winner of the VOYA Non-Fiction Honor Award. Mr. Savage will be offering Kaufman families a deep discount on his books. Each book you purchase can have a personal inscription. Order forms went home on Tuesday, January 30th and will be due back with payment by Wednesday, February 7th.

If you haven’t heard, the library is open in the morning at 7:30. Your student is welcome to check out books, study, complete homework, or just get out of the cold.

Please remember that parents are ALWAYS welcome in our library. YOU may check out books too! We support Dr. Stockton's READ FOR A BETTER LIFE initiative: students are encouraged to read 20-30 minutes each evening to encourage a life-long love of reading and learning!

Keep'em Reading!

Mrs. Wright



Clinic

As many of you have realized first hand, the flu season this year has been particularly severe. It will continue to peak for the next few weeks before starting to decrease. If you or your child are sick, please stay home to recover. Seek medical treatment as needed and antivirals can shorten the length of the illness. Make sure your child is fever free for 24 hours before coming back to school. This will give their little bodies time to start recovering and help prevent the spread illness to their friends at school. The flu vaccine is still available and while it certainly does not offer complete coverage, due to the ever changing nature of viruses, it can shorten your illness.

Don't underestimate the power of good handwashing. It is the first line of defense against the spread of many illnesses. Children unknowingly spread germs by simply touching their eyes, nose and mouth. Helping to remind your child to wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds can help decrease trips to the doctor's office.

February is National Dental Health Month. Our Kindergarten and First Grade will receive some great advice from one of our local professionals.

PTO NEWS



Upcoming Dates:

February 1st – PTO Meeting at 1:30 PM
February 8th – Chick-Fil-A Spirit Day
February 22nd – PTO Meeting at 1:30 PM



We will be having a Chick-Fil-A Spirit Day! Yes it's all day: breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the **Grand Parkway North, [3195 Riley Fuzzel Rd | Spring, TX 77386](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3195+Riley+Fuzzel+Rd,+Spring,+TX+77386)**, on Thursday, February 8th.



Yearbooks are on sale at Balfour.com. Yearbook dedications/ads can also be designed at the Balfour website. The yearbook will include QR codes to link to videos of the grade level programs. \$35.

Submit photos to the yearbook! Visit images.balfour.com to upload from your computer. Use project number 818770 and password Kaufman. You can also search for the “Balfour Image Share” app in your app marketplace to share pictures from your phone.

Thanks to all who submitted Box Tops. We are having a great submission rate for Box Tops this year. Remember all classes can win by reaching 50%. Check out the Box Tops poster board in the cafeteria to see how your class is doing.

Next submission dates:
Monday, February 12, 2018
Thursday, March 8, 2018
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Friday, May 4, 2018



Thanks to Michele Blair, Jennifer Wiggins, Bianca Campos, Sarah Mabile and Kaitlin VanVeen for helping clip, sort and count in October. If anyone else is interested in helping with the Box Tops Clip and Count Club, please contact Kimberly Holmes, Kaufman Box Tops Coordinator at kimberlyholmes@hotmail.com.

Conroe ISD Health Services

Head Lice Fact Sheet

What are head lice?

Head lice are parasitic insects that can be found on the head of people. Head lice feed on human blood several times a day, and live near the scalp. Head lice lay eggs, called nits, on the hair shaft, very close to the scalp. Nits further than ¼ inch from the scalp are likely dead/hatched. Lice do not spread disease.

What are the symptoms of head lice?

- Tickling, feeling something moving in your hair
- Itching, caused by an allergic reaction to the louse bite
- Irritability and difficulty sleeping; lice are most active in the dark
- Sores on the head caused by scratching (which can lead to secondary bacterial infection)

How do you get rid of head lice?

- Examine everyone in the home for lice and nits. Look carefully through the hair and at the scalp, behind the ears, and the back of the neck. Nits are easier to see than live lice.
- Treat only the household members who have lice. Use products available over-the-counter (according to package directions) or by prescription (according to physician directions).
- Comb the hair after treatment, using a special lice/nit comb. Separate the hair into sections and try to comb out every nit and louse you can. Live nits that are not combed out will hatch within 7-10 days. **Combing is the most time-consuming step, but also the most important.**
- Clean the house. Lice do not live long without a host on which to feed. However, to pick up any stray hairs that may have a live nit attached, wash and dry clothes, sheets, pillow cases, and towels using hot water and high heat. Vacuum the floor and furniture to pick up loose hairs. Combs and brushes should be soaked in hot water for 5-10 minutes.
- Follow the lice treatment product directions for when to retreat. It is usually recommended to retreat 7-10 days after the initial treatment. Continue to check heads daily until 1 week after second treatment or 1 week after last louse or nit is removed.

How are head lice spread?

- Head lice are spread by direct contact with the hair of an infested person. The highest risk involves head-to-head contact. Lice crawl - they do not jump, and they do not have wings. It is fairly uncommon for lice to be spread by contact with clothing or other personal items. Personal hygiene and cleanliness have nothing to do with getting head lice.

How are head lice prevented?

- Teach children to avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play at home, school, and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, sleepovers, camp).
- Avoid sharing clothing (hats, scarves, coats).
- Avoid sharing brushes, combs, and hair accessories.

Is there a season for head lice?

September is National Head Lice Awareness Month. Head lice incidences peak shortly after school starts particularly among young children. This is most likely due in part to younger children playing closely together and having head-to-head contact. During the winter season, the sharing of coats and hats may contribute to head lice occurrences. As spring comes, outdoor playing and sports activities bring children close together. Summertime often means summer camps and sleepovers which can lead to the spreading of head lice. So it seems as if there is no "one" season for head lice. Year round awareness and routine family inspection will help prevent head lice occurrences.

Resources:

Center for Disease Control & Prevention-<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/index.html>
Texas Department of State Health Services-<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/schoolhealth/lice.shtm#2>
CISD Health Services 8/2017