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Upcoming Events

<i>Box Tops Collection</i>	11/2
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A Note From Mrs. Oliver

November has finally arrived! Our students continue to give their very best as they learn many exciting things every day! Kaufman teachers and staff are the BEST because they go “above and beyond” to make every learning experience special for our students. We also have the BEST volunteers at Kaufman! We greatly appreciate all of your help and dedication to our school, and we are THANKFUL for your continued support and involvement in your child’s education.

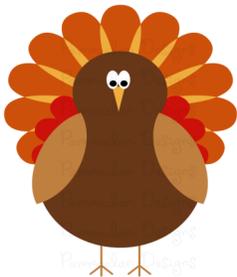
Sincerely,
Tina Oliver

Attendance Counts

Why is good attendance so important? Regular student participation in daily classroom activities play a significant role in a student’s school success. In addition, students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more. Please remember that students are counted absent after 9:00 AM each day. We appreciate your help and support.

Thanksgiving Feasts

Thanksgiving Feasts will be on Friday, November 16, and we will be sending out the link to RSVP during the week of November 5-9.



Kindergarten

WOW, we have had a busy October! We have been working a lot on numbers 0-10 in small groups and in workstations. Continue to work on identifying, counting, and writing these numbers at home using small manipulatives, stamps or stickers. Each child should be able to identify numbers 0-10, continue to practice counting to 100, and identify a penny and a nickel. In language, we have focused on all letters and sounds, sight words, and rhyming words. Please remind your child to ONLY capitalize the first letter of their first and last names and to practice their handwriting at home! It was an exciting month with all sorts of fall stories, crafty work centers, 50th day of school celebration and awesome pumpkin carving math. We want to thank all of our spectacular volunteers that have made all of these fun activities possible. Coming Attractions: Thanksgiving Feast (November 16th), and Thanksgiving Holidays (Nov. 19-23).

First Grade

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Fall Rotations a success. Our students had a spooktacular time visiting all the different first grade classrooms. We had so much fun being messy and exploring our pumpkins during our pumpkin math day. Thank you to everyone who brought in a pumpkin for us to explore. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Thanksgiving Feast later this month.

Hot Topics for November:

*Reading: Our students will become "Word Detectives" and revisit reading fiction texts.

*Writing: Students will continue writing opinion letters.

*Math: We will begin our unit on addition and subtraction to **10**.

*Social Studies: Our students will continue studying levels of government and voting, as well as learning about different Thanksgiving traditions.

*Science: Students will begin exploring motion.

Please continue to read with your child every night. We are THANKFUL for your support! First Grade

Second Grade

We have been having a wonderful Fall! Thanks to all the parents who provided goodies for our Fall Fun Day and helped us get the students' snacks together. The students enjoyed them very much and had a great time rotating through all of our Fall Fun Day stations.

In math this grading period, we are learning some very crucial skills. We will begin working on two digit addition and subtraction with regrouping. Fact fluency is an ongoing topic in math, so please continue to practice math facts at home to 20. Graphing is another ongoing topic in math, and we will continue working with picture graphs with intervals of one or more.

Please continue reading at home each night. Building independent reading skills is an important part of our daily schedule. Sustained silent reading helps to build reading fluency. In reading, we will be studying the informational expository genre during the month of November. Currently in social studies, we are learning about government officials and their roles in our community. We will also be learning and reading about the first Thanksgiving.

In science, we will have fun exploring and experimenting with energy from light, heat, and sound. We will experiment with magnets and how they can be used to push or pull an object.

In addition to all of the wonderful things we are learning, we look forward to discovering more about our own heritage and history from colonial times as well. Information will be coming home this month about our Thanksgiving feast. Each child will be given the chance to contribute something to the feast. Some of the

Third Grade

We've been busy in 3rd grade! We had lots of fun during our Fall Fun Day Rotations! Also, THANK YOU parents for the sweet treats and goodie bags!

In class, we have been busy learning a lot. We have been studying strategies to solve multiplication and division problems. We will soon be discussing fractions. We have been working with the multiples of 0, 1, 2, 5, 10 and will soon be moving to 3. You can purchase multiplication flash cards from Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree and many other retail locations. Reviewing these nightly will help your child gain automaticity and fluency with multiplication facts. In science, we will be exploring our sun and solar system. We will also explore the relationships between the Earth, Moon and Sun.

Your third graders have explored poetry and will begin learning about the genre of traditional literature such as myths, fables, and legends. Remember that readers are leaders, and it is so important to read to your child or have them read to you daily. When your child is finished, ask them to summarize what they read about and ask those higher level questions like why would a character act or feel this way? Ask your child to retell you the events in order. Look for unfamiliar words and talk about the meaning as well as those words that have been targeted in their weekly word study. These are useful skills needed in reading as well as other subjects. In social studies, we will be discussing celebrations that are celebrated in different cultures around the world. This will be followed by our float parade on November 30th. Stay tuned for a page to come home in the Tuesday folder explaining the project.

We are excited about our upcoming Thanksgiving Feast! Look for an email to be sent soon with more details. The holidays are upon us, and we have lots of fun activities planned in 3rd grade!

Fourth Grade

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who sent pumpkins and helped with our annual Pumpkin Caper in math and science classes. What a fun day of experimenting it was! We always learn new things as we weigh, measure, and test the buoyancy of our pumpkins, and this year was no different.

In social studies classes, fourth graders have been learning about European Explorers to Texas. Soon we will be learning about the citizenship and government. Not only are we learning about the branches of our state government, but we're also learning about the responsibilities we have as citizens.

Language Arts classes are continuing to write every day. We have now added opinion writing to our genre collection. As we approach the holiday season, families are typically busy making memories. When your family participates in a special event or does something fun together, have your child write about it in a journal. Writing is an important way that we communicate, and we work every day at school to become better writers. Writing at home is a significant way to help your child become a better writer.

In math, we just finished our multiplication/division unit and are starting our geometry unit. As you are out and about, ask your child to find to different shapes, lines, and angles.

Thank you again for all that you do to help your student be successful!

ART

It's hard to believe we have completed our first grading period and are well on our way to through the second! We've been having lots of fun and learning lots of new skills while creating some amazing masterpieces! We hope you've been enjoying seeing them on the Artsonia Gallery. If you've not given the Artsonia Permissions, please do so when you get the email.... you won't be sorry! You become a member of your child's "fan club," you get to invite family to join, and that gives you access to see all the fun projects not only your child is doing, but you can also peek into what other grades are doing in our school. Won't you join us today? If you missed the email, please send a request for a reminder to drgregory@conroeisd.net! We can get you hooked up!

As stated, we've been very busy so far! Our 4th graders are working on their Western Art Batik's, Coffee Paintings, and Still Lifes. This is one of our most time rich projects, but it's an important one that is connected the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. You will see some amazing work coming from that, and it will be worth the wait! Some of 3rd grade is working on Pointillism while others are completing Western Watercolors and moving onto Foil Glue Relief projects. Second grade has been studying positive and negative space through Symmetrical Designs and will soon be moving onto Clay Pinch Pots. First grade will be making Clay Hand Bowls or making Texture Owls. Kindergarten has been learning about lines and wrapping that unit up making "Truffula Tree Line Sculptures." You think those sound fun? There's more to come in the weeks and months ahead!

We are excited to name our Artists of the Month for the month of October. These students are consistent with following classroom rules, they are helpful to the teacher and others in the class, they always give more than 100% effort with excitement every time they come into the art room. We are very happy to announce Graye Bailey, Julius Smith, Grayson Bing, and Nathan Zuckero as the recipients of this high honor! It's well-deserved on all counts!

On a final note, we'll leave you with a few tips to help your children to be as successful as possible in art. Please allow "art" time at home to practice coloring, cutting, and gluing skills. Practice makes their fine motor skills develop better and will make them stronger artists, hand-writers, and sports players. Also, talk to them about artwork they bring home. Ask questions about the process it took to create it and always compliment them on the best parts. You will see a big smile of confidence that will help them grow those skills even more! We hope you have fun creating with them! It's a great family bonding time!

Until next month....

Happy Creating,



MUSIC

Our young musicians are continuing to sing, play games and play various instruments! Kindergartners are focusing on steady beat and determining fast/slow and loud/soft within a song. First graders are learning about rhythms with quarter and eighth notes (ta and ti-ti) and rest (no sound). Second and fourth graders are reviewing simple rhythms and the melodic elements "do, re, mi, so and la."

Third graders are beginning to work on their upcoming winter program called "Holiday Moosical," which will be performed on Dec. 13th at 6:30pm (doors will open at 6:15pm) and Dec. 14th at 9:25am.

The Cougar Choir is off to a great start! We are having a great time and making wonderful music together. The Choir will present their first concert honoring our Veterans and Armed Service members on Nov. 8th at 6:30pm (doors will open at 6:15pm) and Nov. 9th at 9:30am.



PE

Kaufman Cougars,

Happy Fall! First we want to congratulate all our Golden Sneakers students that were picked for this new PE award. These are Cougars that display good sportsmanship, respect for others, are prepared with the right shoes, and always try their best in class.

We have many fall fitness activities going on in Physical Education class. We will begin the month of November with Drum Fit activities. This unit is exciting for everyone. We will continue to introduce a new fruit and vegetable each week so make sure you ask your kiddos what food we will be talking about . Please send in pictures of them eating the healthy veggie or fruit so we can display it proudly in the gym and encourage others to make healthy food choices.

Your kids have been learning some exciting new fitness dances so when you get a chance, have them show you their mad dance skills.

Please encourage your children to wear safe tennis shoes on P.E. days. Boots, slippers, and clogs are not considered safe shoes.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Your Pumped Up PE teachers



Computers

We are learning many new exciting things in the computer lab!

Kindergarten through first grade are learning to type! They have lots of fun using a program called Dance Mat. We will continue to learn good posture and have hands on home keys while learning to type.

Second grade through fourth grade are learning how to access Google Drive with their student emails and student codes given in class. This is such an exciting lesson to learn! Students learn how to change the size, color and front style on their sentences they compose in class. Students are composing personal narrative stories about themselves. I can't wait to see when they are finished!

Have a wonderful November and Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,



Nominations for Gifted and Talented Testing

Nominations are now open for the Conroe Independent School District Gifted and Talented Program. Although the testing will not take place until late January/ early February, nominations are accepted at this time. Nominations can be made by the parents and/or teachers. If you are interested in nominating your child, you may want to discuss this with your child's teacher at conferences. Nominations will be accepted through December 19th. You may request a nomination form from the front office. You can also find the nomination form and other GT information on the CISD GT homepage.

Library

Once again, the Storybook Pumpkin Museum was a huge success with over 100 Kaufman Cougars participating. Our students held nothing back and exhibited outstanding creativity. All classes were allowed to visit the museum and vote for their favorite pumpkin. Please visit us on Facebook to see the wonderful pumpkins. The winners for each grade level were: Kindergarten – Sofia Wagley with Unicorn Princesses, 1st grade – Keaton Whitener with Dog Man, 2nd grade – Jaxson Catchings with Orbit's First Day of School, 3rd grade – Ethan Schlitz with The Flash, and 4th grade – Xakery Dubois with Popular MMO's. Congratulations to our winners and a huge "Thank You" to all of the participants. Everyone did an excellent job!

Award winning author and illustrator, Greg Pizzoli, will be visiting Kaufman on Tuesday, November 13th. Our students will have an opportunity to purchase one of his books and have it autographed the day he visits. Order forms were sent home and due back to the library with payment by Thursday, November 8th.

The students are off to a great start with the Cougar Bingo that began at the start of the 2nd 9 weeks. Students are encouraged to complete the bingo squares by reading a new book for each square. Once they complete 5 squares in a row, they get to pick a prize from the library and a put their name in a drawing for a chance to win a brand new bike. If they complete all squares, Cougar Bingo Blackout, they have a chance to win a super-duper prize from the library plus another chance at the bike. I am so proud of how hard many of them are working to get a Blackout!

Parents, don't forget you too can check out library books...seven at a time! We also have the "Cougars in Training" area for our future Cougars that might be accompanying you to the library. Please feel free to stop in and take a look.

Keep 'em Reading!

Mrs. Wright



Clinic News

A student with the following symptoms will be sent home from school:

- temperature of 100 degrees or more
- vomiting or diarrhea
- suspected contagious condition/illness
- too ill to function in the classroom

Please note: A student should not be sent to school if fever-reducing medication is required to get the temperature below 100 degrees. To help keep our Kaufman family healthy, students must be **24 hours free of fever, vomiting or diarrhea** before returning to school following an illness.

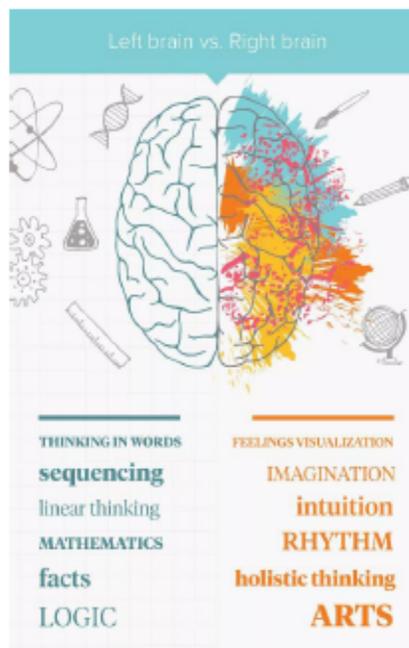
Something to Ponder...



The left side of our brain is our logical, fact based side where we filter verbal messages we receive throughout our day. We decide what seems logical to us and what doesn't. This is the side that discounts good messages being told to us. It is where our negative self-talk lives. This is the side that makes it hard for you to take a compliment and you immediately begin either telling yourself or the other person all the ways their compliment is wrong.

The right side of our brain, on the other hand, is our artsy side. It takes information in without having to make too much sense of them. The right brain appreciates things on a holistic level. It can find the beauty in ways the left side never will. It is our imagination side and the side that allows us to dream big.

The one modality that allows us to take messages in without filtering them out is music. We get subconscious messages through music that can build us up or tear us down. What are the messages you are getting through your music choices? What about your children? What messages are they hearing? Are they positive? If you want to build a child up, play music that fills their mind with good messages.



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PTO NEWS

MindSpark Mystery Lab Fun Run

Thank you volunteers, participants and sponsors for making the run a success!

Hughes & Cozad Orthodontics
Connect to Heath Chiropractic
Spring Auto Pros
H2O Solutions
Stefanie Bohuslav Realtor (Houston Home Professionals)

Wheeler Pediatric Dentistry
3 B's Burgers
Cho's Tae Kwon Do
Inner Elements Fitness
Service First

Important Dates....



SPRING CREEK
BARBEQUE



November 2nd – Box Tops Collection Day
November 6th – Election Day
November 8th – PTO Meeting @ 1:30 PM
November 8th – Spring Creek BBQ Spirit Night
November 5th-9th – Veterans Day Flags
November 11th – Veterans Day
November 19th-23rd – Thanksgiving Break – No School
November 29th – PTO Meeting @ 1:30 PM
November 29th – Sk8town Spirit Night, 6:00-8:30 PM
November 30th – Lunch Duty Volunteer

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now being sold! Simply go to www.Balfour.com and search Kaufman Elementary. Order your yearbook online for \$30. Dedications are available for \$10 and \$20.

Submit Photos to Yearbook! Send in any pictures you take when visiting Kaufman! Visit images.balfour.com to upload from your computer. Use project number 918770 and password Kaufman. You can also search for the "Balfour Image Share" app in your app marketplace and use to share pictures from your phone.

Amazon Smile

Kaufman Elementary is setup for Amazon Smile! Simply go to smile.amazon.com and choose Kaufman Elementary PTO as your favorite charitable organization. Now when you order from Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchase will be donated to Kaufman PTO.

Facebook



Connect with us on FB <https://www.facebook.com/KaufmanPTO/>. Each grade level has it's own group; make sure to join to connect with other parents from your grade level.

Remind



Text @kaufmanpt to the number 81010
Or Visit <https://www.remind.com/join/kaufmanpt>

QUESTIONS? Visit our new PTO Website at <https://kaufmanelementarypto.wildapricot.org/>
or Email us at KaufmanPTO@gmail.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 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 around the house. Lice do not live long without a host to feed on. 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 can 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. Spread by contact with clothing or other personal items is fairly uncommon. 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.dsha.state.tx.us/schoolhealth/lice.shtm#2>