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Upcoming Events



Box Tops Due	2/1
Counselor's Week	2/4-8
Kindergarten Literacy Night	2/5
6:00-7:00 PM	
2nd Grade Program	2/7
6:30 PM	
PTO Food Drive	2/11-15
Writing Benchmark	2/12
4th Grade	
Student Holiday	2/18
PTO Meeting @ 1:30	2/21
Writing Benchmark	2/27
3rd Grade	
Festival Choir Performance	2/27
ORHS 7:00 PM	
Family Wellness Night	2/28
6:00-7:30 PM	

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 amazing teachers have many exciting lessons and events planned this month that our students will definitely LOVE! As always, thank you for your continuous support in helping us to build a caring and supportive school community.

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 Target from our business partner, Kyle Sherburne, State Farm agent. The following students were our winners:

- Kindergarten– Benjamin Peart
- First Grade– Alianna Sullivan
- Second Grade– William Hennesey
- Third Grade– Jordan Finley
- Fourth Grade– Brock Boyer

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 18!

GT testing will be completed February 1. 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 before that time, you can contact her at 281-592-5600.

Kindergarten

Happy February to everyone! We are kicking off this month with Literacy Night on February 5th. We will discuss reading binders and little readers that your child will be bringing home weekly as well as some reading strategies to help support their reading at home. Keep encouraging them to use good strategies to help sound out unknown words. In math, we will study counting objects to 20, addition and subtraction using manipulatives, 2D and 3D shapes, and counting to 100. During science, we will review things in the sky, weather, and living and non-living things. This month, we will learn all about Groundhog Day, Presidents Day, and Valentine's Day traditions. On February 14, we will pass out valentines and candy in the afternoon. We will have a cookie to conclude this celebration.

First Grade

All you need is love here in first grade! We enjoyed jumping back into school with our Great Kindness Challenge and are looking forward to continuing to spread kindness each and every day. We are diving deeper into the second semester and are so excited to start transitioning from first graders into almost second graders. The kiddos are working so hard and doing amazing things here in first grade. We are looking forward to our in-class activities for Valentine's Day. Look out for more information from your child's teacher. Thank you for all your support this year. First grade parents are the BEST!

Hot Topics for January:

- **Reading:** We will finish learning about the world around us using nonfiction expository texts and will close the month by returning to the fabulous world of fiction text.
- **Writing:** Students will celebrate their success as nonfiction authors and begin our next unit on narrative writing.
- **Math:** February is jam packed with lots of great math topics starting with numeration and skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. Students will also start addition and subtraction to 15 and end the month with place value all the way to 120!
- **Social Studies:** Students will dive into history with topics on presidents and important social and political leaders. Students will get to experience different cultures through the exploration of folk tales, fables, and legends. We will begin learning about the great state of Texas and our history and culture.
- **Science:** We will review Earth science before jumping into our unit on living/nonliving characteristics and animal characteristics.

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



Second Grade

Don't forget our Second Grade Music Program, "Arff," will be on Thursday, February 7th 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 Thursday, 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 and literary nonfiction during the month of February. They continue to grow in their reading stamina! We have been busy writing many poems during our Writer's Workshop time and look forward to our next author's celebration. The students will be learning about important people such as presidents and about Texas culture in social studies. We are looking forward to a great month!

Third Grade

The month of January was filled with getting back into the groove of things after winter break. We reviewed our expectations with the kids so we can have a successful second semester of the year.

In language, we're continuing to work on Literary Non-Fiction, which includes biographies and autobiographies. We will then move to Cultural and Historical non-fiction. Remember the importance of reading at home with your child each night. Have a discussion on what they are reading to ensure comprehension. It makes such a difference!

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'll be exploring various ecosystems, their physical characteristics, and environmental changes that may take place. We will focus on the environments of different grasslands, freshwaters, and saltwater. To wrap up our last unit of Rapid Changes, your child should be working on their volcano project that is due February 14th. We are so excited to see their creativity blossom!

In math, we are finishing up our extension of learning with multiplication and division. After that, we will start our unit on finding the area and perimeter of figures. We will introduce and focus on our x 8 and x 7 in fact fluency. Please continue to study multiplication facts with your child daily. You can purchase flash cards at many dollar stores.

We will have a Valentine's Exchange on Thursday, 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. In writing, students are working on expository text as well as revising and editing.

Math teachers are excited to be working in the fractions unit through 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

Hello to all our awesome Creative Cougars!

We've had a very busy month in the Art Department in January! We are starting lots of new and creative projects that are keeping us busy! Our 4th grade students are beginning their colorful foil creature projects while 3rd grade is doing a foil project of their own. They are doing a glue relief foil project learning about drawing portraits, flowers, and/or insects. Our 2nd grade artists are studying the style and importance of Vincent Van Gogh through sunflowers and chickens. First graders are studying about abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky, while some are making whimsical clay birds or Jim Dine inspired heart art. Finally, our kindergarten artists are working on something special for their moms for Valentine's Day as well as making heart art and studying about Piet Mondrian and his use of primary colors in his paintings. You can see that it's quite a whirlwind in the art room because we are trying to pack in as many skills and fun with creativity as we can! Needless to say... it's never boring in the art rooms!

We are very pleased to announce the following students who recently represented Kaufman at the 2019 CISD Western Art Show. Congratulations to: Hope Farmer, Wilson Ragain, Stella Robinson, Kenley Martin, Vahin Patel, Abi Sholes, Rebecca Lummus, Makynzie Davis, Caelan Rosewell, and Hunter Kniffen! Their artwork was exhibited at an open house located at the ORHS 9th Grade Campus on Saturday, January 12! We are just so very proud of all their hard work! They definitely made Kaufman proud with many awesome ribbons brought home! We'd also like to mention the hard work of two alternates, Shayden Shumway and Ella Stark!

And finally, no art newsletter is complete without naming our Artists of the Month for January! We're very excited to announce Emily Morefield and Jaxson Catchings from Mrs. Gregory's room and Lucy Law and Dylan Ho from Mrs. Rowley's room. All of these students exhibit such amazing citizenship, kindness, rule following, being helpful to others, and always giving more than 100% effort to improve their skills in art! Congrats to all four of you!!



Until next month, happy creating!!

MUSIC

Here are some things we are doing in in the music room in February:

Fourth graders will be learning how to play the soprano recorder! Each student will be able to take a packet of 9 songs home to practice during the three months we will be playing these instruments. Once a song is mastered, the student will get a colored string (a "belt") to tie onto their instrument!

Third and 1st graders will be learning new rhythms and melodic patterns through new songs and games.

Second graders will perform their music program "Arf" on February 7th at 6:30pm for family and community members, and again on February 8th at 8:30am (please note the time change!) for the school.

Kindergarten students are continuing to work with the long/short, high/low, fast/slow and loud/soft concepts. We will be adding instruments and creating simple accompaniments to songs we have learned this year.

Festival Choir News - This honor group will perform with students from all four elementary schools in the Oak Ridge feeder zone and members of the ORHS Choir on Tuesday, February 26th. The concert will be held in the ORHS Auditorium at 7:00pm. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend!

COMPUTERS

Happy February to all Kaufman Cougars! We are in full swing in learning this month!

Kindergarten through first grade continue learning basic coding and programming skills at different levels.

Second through fourth grades continue learning higher levels of coding and programming skills. They are also constructing graphic organizers called Bubble Maps by using their Google Docs account.

All grade levels will learn about Copyright and Fair Use responsibilities when using the computer. We will be using this concept all year when doing research. Second through fourth grades will be using this concept this year when doing research and applying this to our upcoming research projects.

So, stay tuned for more news in computers!

Sincerely,

Ms. Alonso :)



PE

Happy Healthy Heart Month from the PE Department.

February reminds us to think about the importance of our heart. The heart can only get stronger with exercise. Exercise improves every aspect of your life. Take time every single day to give your most precious muscle the love that it needs. To help you and your family reach that goal, the PE Department will be sending home each month a family exercise game (our first one went home 3 weeks ago). If you and your family exercise together, snap a picture and send it our way. It's worth three PE bucks.

There are so many exciting things going on in PE this month, and we would love to share some of what is coming up. The beginning of the month will start off with a brand new unit called First Tee. This program is founded by the PGA, USGA, The Masters, and the LPGA. In this program, the kids will learn all about the game of golf. During the middle of the month, the kids will participate in a fun dance and rhythm unit called GEO MATS. These mats have a grid on them, and the students will follow patterns given to them verbally while keeping the beat of a song (similar to aerobic dance). We will end of the month with our first Family Wellness Night. This will take place on February 28th. There will be family fitness activities, a healthy heart challenge course, and opportunities to meet with several different health vendors. And finally, we will begin the Fitnessgram tests with our third and fourth graders.



Library

A Gigantic THANK YOU to ALL who supported the Great American Opportunities Magazine Sale! Space 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.

Students were given a second Cougar Reading Bingo sheet for the 3rd 9 weeks. They may continue the 1st sheet if they haven't finished it or start the new one. They will receive a prize for each line completed, along with having their name placed into a drawing for a brand new bike. They can receive a total of 5 prizes and 6 chances to win a bike. After they complete a Blackout, they will receive a Super Duper Bingo Prize!!!

If you haven't heard, the library is open in the mornings at 7:30. Monday is 1st grade's day, Tuesday is 4th grade's day, Wednesday is 2nd grade's day, Thursday is 3rd grade's day, and Friday is kindergarten's day. Your student is welcome to check out books, play on the computer or iPads, 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! 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

A reminder for the safety of our students all medications must be delivered to the clinic where they can be administered following prescription or label guidelines. At times, students with certain health conditions may have a physician request for a student to carry emergency medications to be used as needed. A letter with written physician instructions is required for these students.

Flu season is still with us and 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 of 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 students will receive some great advice from one of our local professionals.

PTO NEWS

Important Dates....



- 1st – Box Tops Collection
- 7th – 2nd Grade "Arf" Musical @ 6:30 PM
- 8th – 2nd Grade "Arf" Musical @ 9:25 AM
- 11th-15th – Food Bank Collection Drive
- 14th – Valentine's Day ♥
- 18th – President's Day – No School
- 21st – PTO Meeting @ 1:30 PM
- 22nd – Lunch Duty
- 28th – Family Wellness Night @ 6:00-7:30 PM

Box Tops

Did you know that Kaufman's goal for Box Tops is \$3500 this school year? See how you can help us reach our goal by downloading the Box Tops Bonus App:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp>



Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now being sold! Simply go to www.Balfour.com and search Kaufman Elementary. Order your yearbook online for \$35.

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.



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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 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.shtml#2>

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