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Upcoming Events

Spring Pictures	3/1
Box Tops Due	3/1
PTO Spirit Night 7:30-10 World Champions Center	3/1
PTO Meeting @ 1:30	3/7
SK8 Town Spirit Night 6:30-8:00 PM	3/7
1st Grade Rodeo Parade 8:15 AM	3/8
Early Dismissal @12:10	3/8
Spring Break	3/11-15
Reading Benchmark 4th Grade	3/26
Reading Benchmark 3rd Grade	3/27
PTO Meeting @ 1:30	3/28
1st Grade Program 6:30 PM	3/28
PTO Carnival 5:30-8:00 PM	3/29



A Note From Mrs. Oliver

Spring is almost upon us! With the warmer weather also comes a continued excitement for having fun while learning new things here at Kaufman! Our students always give their best each and every day while our teachers continue to strive to provide our students with engaging and exciting learning experiences. Kaufman Elementary definitely has the best staff and students! As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

Have a safe and wonderful Spring Break!

Sincerely,

Tina Oliver

ATTENDANCE COUNTS

Things to remember:

Know your child's calendar.

Plan vacations/appointments on scheduled off time.

Return from school breaks by scheduled dates.

Absences can affect your child's grades and overall performance.

We appreciate your help and support!



Kindergarten

Happy March! We will kick off the month by studying Texas history and symbols through creative art and later, focus on landforms. In science, we will study living and nonliving things and basic needs. In math, we will explore measurement, money, and will continue to review 3D shapes. In language arts, we will continue working on becoming more “avid readers” and begin our poetry study in writing. Continue practicing writing numbers to 20 and counting to 100 from any given number. Challenge your child by starting at a number, like 55, and have them count to 100. Please have your child write a few sentences daily at home. Continue reading with your child nightly and encouraging them to use their reading “super powers”!

First Grade

YeeHaw! We are digging in our heels and roping in some new learning this month in first grade. We learned to spread kindness and love through the month of February and want to thank you all for your support with sending in much needed supplies for our Valentine’s Day activities. We are kicking off March with our annual Rodeo Day parade on the half day March 8th. Please be on the lookout for information regarding the day’s events. Thank you in advance for all your help in making this day a lasting memory for our kiddos. Don’t forget, Spring Break is March 11th- 15th. First grade parents are the BEST!

Hot Topics for March:

*Reading: We are settling into our fiction unit and will continue to explore story elements, character traits and work on comprehension throughout the month.

*Writing: Students will continue to work on narrative writing and will become poets as we begin our new unit in poetry.

*Math: The students will learn all about place value using numbers up to 120 and start learning about fractions of shapes.

*Social Studies: Students will celebrate all they have learned this month about Texas History through our Rodeo day celebration. We will begin exploring geography through learning about landforms and bodies of water.

*Science: Students will begin to understand the interdependence between pets and their caregivers as well as observe and learn from aquariums and terrariums.

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

Second Grade

The Second Grade Cougar Crew wants to start out with a big THANK YOU to our wonderful parent volunteers who helped make each event in February so special. We appreciated everything.....the delicious treats on Valentine’s Day and the hard work that went into making our play, “Arf,” such a success. A special thank you to the parents who made and put up the wonderful backdrop for our play! It was absolutely beautiful!! Our next event will be our Go Texan day on Friday, March 8th, so please be looking for more information soon!

We have been working hard in class learning about weather in science and influential Americans in social studies. In math, we have been learning about three digit addition and subtraction. We will be learning about geometry and fractions this month. In reading, we are continuing to grow our reading stamina, and soon we will begin reading series books. We have also been working very hard on developing our writing skills in writer’s workshop writing opinion letters!

Again, we can’t thank our parents enough for all you do! We couldn’t possibly do it all without our

Third Grade

Spring is in the air! Go Texan Day will be celebrated on March 8th. Be looking for a sign up from our room moms for Trail Mix items. After Spring Break, we will have our annual 3rd grade field trip to Minute Maid Park. This will take place Friday, March 22nd. Be on the lookout for information in your child's Tuesday folder about this fun experience!

In math, we will finish up finding the area and perimeter of objects. Afterward, we will start another part of our measurement unit by reviewing time and money. We will also work on understanding and finding the capacity and weight of objects using appropriate tools. Please review multiplication and division facts at home using flashcards. (You can find these at Wal-Mart, Wal-Greens, The Dollar Store, etc.) In science, we will be exploring various ecosystems, looking at their physical characteristics, environmental changes that may take place, and identifying the flow of energy in food chains. We will also be exploring how the structures and functions of plants and animals allow them to survive in their particular ecosystem.

In social studies, we will begin a unit on Texas Culture. When we return from Spring Break, we will begin a unit over economics. In reading, we will be reviewing skills using expository and procedural texts. After Spring Break, we will dive into poetry again and review its terminology. In writing, we will begin expository and literacy essays. We will be developing drafts by categorizing ideas and organizing them into paragraphs.

Thank you to all our FABULOUS parents who always take the best care of us! We appreciate all the sweet treats for our Valentine exchanges and the help with making our delicious trail mix.

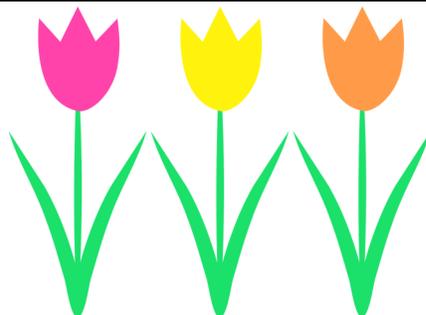
Fourth Grade

Springtime is a busy time in fourth grade and begins the season when the hard work that we've done all year is put to the test!

In math, our students are beginning to learn about relative measurements in the customary/metric systems and measurement conversions. We also learn how to calculate elapsed time.

In addition, as March ends and April begins, we will give our very first STAAR test. The STAAR Writing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th. Students will be asked to write an expository composition and apply their revising and editing skills. We have been working diligently to prepare for this and to become better writers. As we continue to polish our writing skills, it is important for students to be at school each day and to put forth their very best effort.

Fourth grade is a busy, busy grade, and we know that our hard work will pay off in the end with our fourth graders shining like STARS! Thank you, parents, grandparents, and family members for all that you do to help us.



ART

Hello Creative Cats and welcome back for more Art Room News!

We've been busy with foil projects in 3rd and 4th grade and look forward to moving onto clay building when we finish. Our lower grades have been learning about famous artists such as Van Gogh in 2nd grade, Kandinsky in 1st grade, and Mondrian in Kindergarten. We have taken a look at their different styles and 2nd grade is also moving into a little weaving. Kindergarten will be moving onto a unit on color, and our 1st graders will be experiencing printmaking. As you can see, we are continuing to squeeze as many exciting experiences in for our students as possible. We want them to love coming to art!

March is designated as Youth Art Month in the state of Texas, and we are always so thrilled to celebrate artistic accomplishments with our students! In conjunction with Youth Art Month, CISD hosts a gallery exhibit YAM Art Show at the area public libraries. Our school and Feeder Zone will be showcased at the South Montgomery County Public Library on Lake Robbins Drive, next door to the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. This show will be on display from March 7th to March 27th. If you're ever in the area drop in and take a look! You won't be sorry you did! Congratulations to the following students who's work has been selected to represent Kaufman at this exhibit:

Anna Schienbein, Samantha Chavez, Olivia Haynes, Kinsley Haigler, Emma Cooper, Austin Sparks, Lila Haile, Ella Stark, Nikolai Parris, Aubrey Fernandez, and Isabella Woodruff.

Also, in conjunction with the Youth Art Month, we are ecstatic to announce our 3rd winner at the Capitol Art Show in Austin. Congratulations to 3rd grade student Brooklyn Lower, whose artwork was selected to be a part of the Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Capitol Celebration. This exhibit showcases Pre-K through 12th grade works of art from across the state of Texas. Student art from 60 school districts will be exhibited in two Austin locations: The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum and the Lower Rotunda at the State Capitol. Brooklyn will be represented by her art teacher, Mrs. Gregory, at a special awards ceremony and reception on Saturday, March 10th at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. We are very proud of Brooklyn and this incredible honor and are wishing her the best of luck to receive the Governor's Top Ten. The Governor's wife chooses ten pieces that are professionally matted and hung in the Governor's offices for a year, then returned to the student! We've got our fingers crossed! Stay tuned! Here's a picture of Brooklyn's beautiful art work!



And finally, no art newsletter is complete without naming our Artists of the Month for February! These would be students who always exhibit the true spirit of an artist, always trying to improve skills, always following rules, and always helpful to the teacher and others! Congratulations this month to Hannah Morris, Cade Calhoun, Rylee Nillen and Mikee Surriga!! Way to go!! We're very proud of our special artists!!

PE

Happy Spring! Thank you to everyone that attended the 1st annual Family Wellness Night. It was a great success. It was so awesome to see families playing and working out together. We hope everyone that attended enjoyed it.

Our fourth and third graders will be completing Fitnessgram testing. The Fitnessgram test assesses health-related fitness components: aerobic capacity, body composition, and muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility. The tests are push-ups, curl-ups, pacer, trunk lift and shoulder stretch.

We will also be running on the outside track working on some of the fitness fundamentals such as endurance and stamina. Running is something you can do to help improve the quality of your health.

Some activities for your kids to look forward to in March are jumping rope and outside games such as four square, knockout and gaga ball.

Your pumped up PE teachers,

Missy Flanagan & Roxane Hutyra



COMPUTERS

We have been busy in computers! All grade levels have reviewed and learned several new computer technology words from my word wall in class. We were able to look inside a real computer to see the many different components that makes a computer operate!

Kindergarteners are learning how to research certain subjects like the different seasons of the year on the Internet. They will use KidRex and Kiddle as search engines filtered by Google especially for children safety.

First graders are researching Texas symbols such as the flag, state tree, mammal, flower and gem stones. They will use KidRex and Kiddle as search engines filtered by Google especially for children safety.

Second graders are researching about different animals that are woodland mammals such as wolves, Asian elephants, woodchucks, deer, chipmunks, badgers and many more. They will create a PowerPoint presentations over the mammal they choose and present to the class.

Third graders are learning how to research about one author that they choose such as Barbara Parks, Bill Martin Jr., Dr. Seuss, Eric Carle, Phillis Wheatley, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Kadie Nelson and many more. Students will be composing a Power Point presentation about their author that they researched.

Fourth graders are researching about scientists for their PowerPoint presentations and present them to the class. They are to choose one scientist to research such as Albert Einstein, Benjamin Banneker, Charles Darwin, Chien-Shiung Wu, Elizabeth Blackwell, Isaac Newton and many more.

All grades levels have learned Copyright and Fair Use responsibilities when using the computer. We will be using this concept when

CLINIC

Thank you to the Spring Masonic Lodge #1174 for their generous donation to our First Grade students. The dental kits provided are a wonderful way to promote dental health.

Speaking of dental health....Let's Rethink your drink.

What you drink is as important as what you eat. Sugary drinks including sodas, sports drinks and juices are the largest source of added sugar in the diet. Drinks with added sugar often provide extra calories, tooth decay and health issues such as obesity, Type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

Here are some ways to make smart beverage choices:

- Choose water, diet, or low-calorie beverages instead of sugar-sweetened beverages.
- For a quick, easy, and inexpensive thirst-quencher, carry a water bottle and refill it throughout the day.
- Don't "stock the fridge" with sugar-sweetened beverages. Instead, keep a jug or bottles of cold water in the fridge.
- Serve water with meals.
- Make water more exciting by adding slices of lemon, lime, cucumber, or watermelon, or drink sparkling water.
- Add a splash of 100% juice to plain sparkling water for a refreshing, low-calorie drink.
- When you do opt for a sugar-sweetened beverage, go for the small size.

MUSIC

March is "Music in our School Month," and we have a lot to celebrate!

- Fourth graders will continue learning how to play the soprano Recorder! Each student will bring a packet of 9 songs home to practice during the three months we will be playing these instruments. Once a song is performed accurately in class, the student will get a colored string (a "belt") to tie onto their instrument!
- Second and 3rd graders will be learning new rhythms and melodic patterns through new songs and games.
- First graders will perform their music program "Nuts" on March 28th at 6:30pm for family and community members, and again on March 29th at 9:25am for the school.
- Kindergarten students are continuing to work with "comparatives" (long/short, high/low, fast/slow and loud/soft). We will be adding instruments and creating simple accompaniments to songs we have learned this year.

Festival Choir News - We had 13 fourth graders represent Kaufman during their concert at the end of February. They

LIBRARY

The library handed out new Cougar Reading Bingo sheets last month. Students have been busy reading, filling in the rows, collecting prizes and placing their names in a drawing for a chance to win a brand new bike. The winners will be announced on March 8th.

Although Read Across America is celebrated on March 2nd in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, the library will be celebrating the whole month of March. The National Education Association is building a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA's Read Across America. Now in its 22nd year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources.

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!



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.

PTO NEWS

Upcoming Dates



March 1st – Parents Night Out @ World Champion Centre, 7:30-10 PM
March 1st – Box Tops Collection
March 7th – PTO Meeting at 1:30 PM
March 7th – Sk8town Spirit Night (Tentative – flyer will be sent soon)
March 8th – Early Release Day
March 11th-15th – Spring Break – No School!
March 22nd – Lunch Duty
March 28th – 1st Grade “Nuts” Musical @ 6:30 PM
March 28th – PTO Meeting at 1:30 PM
March 29th – 1st Grade “Nuts” Musical @ 1:30 PM
March 29th – Spring Carnival!

Spirit Night at World Champions Centre

Friday, March 1st - Drop the kids off from 7:30-10 PM for a fun night of gymnastics while you enjoy an evening off. \$15 per child. Siblings of students are welcome! (must be potty trained). Chips, cookies & pickles will be sold for 50¢ - \$1. WCC is located at 28865 Birnham Woods Dr.

Spring Carnival

Friday, March 29th - Don't miss this fun family event! An evening filled with rides, games, raffle baskets, food, treats and vendors!

Yearbooks

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

Facebook



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

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 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>
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