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Upcoming Events	
PTO Meeting @ 1:30	5/2
Kinder Program-6:30	5/2
Kinder Cinco de Mayo	5/3
Box Tops Collection	5/3
Teacher Appreciation	5/6-10
Nurses Day	5/8
3rd & 4th Grade Math STAAR	5/13
3rd & 4th Grade Reading STAAR	5/14
2nd Math Benchmark	5/15
Speech Pathologist Day	5/17
War Eagle Challenge	5/21
4th Science Benchmark	5/22
3rd SS Benchmark	5/22
Field Day	5/23
4th Grade Program 6:30 PM	5/23
PTO Meeting @ 1:30	5/23
Cool Cougar	5/24
Memorial Day Holiday	5/27
End of Year Awards	5/28
1st Grade -8:30	
2nd Grade -10:00	
3rd Grade -1:30	
Kinder Fun Day	5/28
4th Talent Show @ 8:30	5/29
Kinder Awards -8:15	5/30
4th Grade Awards- 9:30	
Last Day of School & Early Dismissal	5/30
Our campus will be closed for STAAR testing May 13-17.	

A Note From Mrs. Oliver

It is hard to believe that it is already May and the school year is almost over. It only seems like yesterday that we were beginning our new year and now the last day of the school year is just around the corner. We are extremely proud of the hard work and effort put forth by our students each and every day as well as the academic and personal excellence they have achieved. We appreciate all of our parents and families for your continued support for your children and our wonderful school.

I hope the remainder of the school is fantastic for all of our students and families!

Sincerely,
Tina Oliver

Attendance Counts

During this busy time of the school year, we want to encourage our students to continue to have good attendance. Our teachers have many exciting activities planned during the next month, and we do not want our students to miss out on the fun!

Placement for 2019-20

If you have any information you would like us to know concerning placement for next year, please contact Mrs. Simmons, our school counselor, no later than May 3, 2019. We welcome any information you would like to share, however, we will not be accepting requests for a particular teacher.



A note from the Registrar...

If you are moving out of the CISD district, please contact the Registrar to complete the necessary paperwork.

Kindergarten

The end of the year is upon us. Our children are blooming like May flowers. We will be finishing up our end of the year testing throughout this month. Please continue to read nightly with your child and ask those important comprehension questions. In math, we are reviewing addition and subtraction, making graphs, data, and learning Personal Financial Literacy. We will culminate the end of the year with studies of wild/exotic animals, oceans and dinosaurs. Mark your calendars with these dates: May 3rd- Cinco de Mayo Activities, May 23rd-Field Day, May 30th- Awards at 8:15 in our classrooms, which is the Last Day of school!

We have thoroughly enjoyed having your children this year. They have come so far since the 1st day of school. It is hard to believe they will soon be first graders. We would like to thank all the parents for the support you have given us this year. Have a wonderful and restful summer!

First Grade

Second Grade here we come! Thank you so much to our parents for all your support and help during the month of April. Between field trip and our Egg Hunt, we truly appreciate all you have done to make the month of April a success! The kiddos had so much fun at the 7 Acre Woods! There are a lot of fun events going on in the month of May to close out our Fabulous First Grade year! Keep an eye out for information coming home about our end of year events. We can't believe the year is coming to a close. We love our kiddos so very much and can't wait to see what second grade has in store for them. Thank you for all you do! We hope everyone has a fun, fantastic and safe summer!

Hot Topics for May:

*Reading: We will be finishing our unit on Fiction before closing out the year doing research.

*Writing: Students will be able to research and document on topics of their choice during the month of May.

*Math: We will wrap up our unit on Addition and Subtraction to 20 before moving onto Place Value to 120 and Personal Financial Literacy.

*Social Studies: Students will explore economics such as Spending, Saving and Jobs.

*Science: We will review concepts taught this grading period before starting our Inquiry Projects.

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

Second Grade

May is a very fun month in second grade. The most exciting week in second grade is coming at the end of May. Our classrooms will be transformed into Camp Learned-A-Lot! This is a week to explore favorite topics such as space, insects, dinosaurs, and other fascinating units of study. The students will participate in creative crafts, outdoor team building games, and exciting centers in a camp-like environment. The students are busy earning camp tickets for good behavior to spend on camp admission and other bonus activities. There will be more information sent home about Camp Learned-a-Lot.

End-of-the-year testing will begin very soon, and your child's teacher will update you on your child's progress as soon as testing is completed. You may wish to schedule a conference if you have concerns about your child's readiness for third grade.

As we send your children on to third grade, there are several ways you can help them over the summer. Encourage them to read, read, read, and tell you about their books as they read. We have been working hard all year to build up their comprehension and fluency skills and hope they continue to grow in their reading habits over the summer. Research shows that students who do not read during the summer months can lose several reading levels. We want your child to maintain strong reading skills and be ready for third grade challenges.

Help your children continue writing about a variety of topics they enjoy. Ask them to write letters, stories, poems, lists, instructions, or anything they can, to keep current in their writing skills. Also, summer is a good time to practice math facts of all sorts – addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Please continue to reinforce and practice the skills we worked so hard on in math this year. When August comes around again, you will be glad you helped your child.

Third Grade

What a great school year this has been! Our third graders have worked so hard this year preparing for the STAAR test and have had many successes. We are so PROUD of their hard work! Our STAAR days will be Monday, May 13 (math) and Tuesday, May 14 (reading). On these days, please make sure that students get a good night's sleep, eat a nutritious breakfast, and pack a sweater and a book in their backpack. STAAR Relax Day will be on Friday, May 17. Students may bring games (cards and board games are best) and books. We will alternate with game time and reading time and have a ton of fun! Thank you, parents, for all of the support you have given your children and us as teachers. We are so very grateful for each of you!

Our school year is not yet over. Please continue to read with your child every day. Any kind of non-fiction is great for reading practice. Things like menus, flyers, programs, newspaper, etc., all work great for reading for information. In class, we will be reading novels and doing fun response activities. Our EOY Social Studies Benchmark is May 22. In math, we will finish the year with refining skills so that students will be fully prepared and ready for fourth grade. Please continue to integrate math in your daily conversations with your kiddos. For example, have them try telling time, asking questions about schedules and how much time has passed, measuring for recipes while cooking, fractions, as well as practicing flash card facts with all operations. All third graders should be fluent in their math flash card facts. This will help them be more confident fourth graders. We will be practicing facts in a fun way by competing as classes in our annual multiplication baseball tournament, so everyone needs to be sharp! In science, we will finish out the year studying plants and their life cycles and taking our last DCC on May 23rd.

Our last week of school will be fun filled with yearbook signing, field day, our awards ceremony, release frogs field trip, and game day. We will send out more details as the week approaches.

It has been a great year! We have enjoyed your children and getting to know each of them. Thank you again for all of your help and support while making this a team effort!

Fourth Grade

Is it possible that we are already at the end of the school year? Fourth grade has had a wonderful school year, and we are finishing up our STAAR tests! Students and teachers have both worked very hard to prepare for these tests, and we are excited to show what we have learned all year long in fourth grade. The math STAAR test will be on May 13th, and the reading STAAR test will be on May 14th.

In fourth grade, we are entering one of the busiest times of the year, so please mark your calendars for these upcoming dates.

- Tuesday, May 21st: War Eagle Challenge
- Thursday, May 23rd: 4th Grade Program at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 28th: 4th Grade Fair 9:30-11:15 am.
- Thursday, May 30th : 4th Grade Awards and Clap Out

More information for each of these events will be coming home soon. Please check your child's Tuesday folder carefully for notes regarding these fun events. There's also a sign-up genius for the Fourth Grade Fair for parent volunteers that was sent out by your child's teacher.

The fourth grade teachers would like to thank all of the parents and grandparents who have helped make this a successful school year. We would especially like to thank our room parents. Our special days would not have been quite so special without your help! Thank you for all you have done.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us daily. We don't take that responsibility lightly, and we are very proud of the students they have become. We look forward to the remainder of the year and wish them luck as they move on to fifth grade. Enjoy your summer!

ART

Hello to all our Creative Cats!

What a busy year we've had in the art room! It's hard to believe this is our last newsletter article as our year is coming to a close. We hope you have been happy with the artwork you've seen come home, and we thank you for your support of our Artsonia program! We raised enough money this year to add 3 Ipads and cases to our cart! Yay!

We aren't done working yet! We are still fast and furiously trying to wrap-up our year with a bang and with the last of our projects. Fourth graders are moving from our Foil Creatures to our Crazy Coil Pots and plan one more short sculpture project if time allows. Third grade artists are making Clay Pinch Pot Creatures or Gyotaku Fish Prints. Second grade is enjoying Print Making and Matisse inspired paintings. First graders are studying Matisse also and his paper cut-out collages, or some are making Flower Collages. Kindergarten is working on Watercolor Seascapes along with Roller Coaster Sculptures and Marble Painting! We are so proud of the work they have done this year and hope you will allow them time to practice art skills over the summer! It's a GREAT boredom buster and will keep them ready for next year!

Congratulations are going out to the following artists that worked so hard to represent Kaufman well at the TAEA TEAM Art Show recently. Congratulations to **Lilleana Durrance, Gray Bailey, James Skaer, Monisha Patel, Lily Herbst, Brandon Becwar, Shayden Shumway, Nathan Zuckero, Audrey Van Alstyne and Karina Pena!** We'd like to highlight that Lily, Brandon, Shayden, and Nathan all took home Top of the Team Awards, meaning they scored in the top 10% of our region! Way to go kiddos!! We're so proud of you all!

Last, but never least, we'd like to close with our super Artists of the Month for April! Congratulations to **Logan Montgomery, Addison Duncan, Rebecca Brown, and Jesse Bueno** for being selected for this high honor!

Until next year.... happy summer creating!



MUSIC

I am so proud of the musical growth our young musicians have made this year! We have a few more activities planned for the students to finish out the school year.

Fourth graders will be ending their Recorder unit and reviewing all concepts learned during the year, which includes a short unit on Percussion Ensemble.

Second and third graders and kindergartners will be working with barred instruments (xylophones, metallophones and glockenspiels) in a short unit with Percussion Ensemble. We will learn proper mallet technique and play some fun games and songs.

First graders will be reviewing quarter note/rest and eighth notes while composing an original song to be played on various non-pitched percussion instruments.

Looking ahead to the summer break, here are some easy ways to continue musical learning: attend a concert (there are many free and inexpensive ones in this area), listen to the radio (and identify instruments, voices and styles) or even take private instrument lessons. There are many private lesson teachers in the area.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Cougar Choir, Festival Choir and music programs this year! I am grateful for all of your help and support! Have a great summer!

PE

We have come to the end of the year and we have to say it has been a great one! We will finish our year with lots of different activities. Our cup stacking tournament for 2nd, 3rd, & 4th grade will be during your child's CAMP time. Every student had a chance to try out for their class team during their PE time. Please ask your child if they made the team. The tournament will be on Thursday, May 9th. All parents are welcome to attend.

Next in line is our War Eagle Challenge for 4th grade only on Tuesday, May 21st. This event will take place at Oak Ridge HS where they will compete against other 4th graders from OR feeder zone. They will compete in track, field and academic events.

Finally, our annual Field Day will take place on Thursday, May 23rd. Please note that this date has changed due to a conflict in the schedule. More information to come in Tuesday folders.

We are super excited about all the fun activities in May!!

Your pumped up PE teachers,

Mrs. Flanagan & Mrs. Hutyra



Computers

It's hard to believe it's the end of the year! We have learned fun and informative lessons in computers!

This month, kindergarten and first grade will be reviewing Digital Citizenship by using ABCYA.com. Second through fourth grade will be learning an introduction to spreadsheets in Google Docs. We also will be reviewing Digital Citizenship. All grade levels will be watching a DVD called Stranger Danger. If you have any questions please contact our counselor, Mrs. Simmons. Also, please reinforce the importance of the internet safety rules. Review these computer guidelines with your children:

Always have safe side adult when using the computer.

Never give personal information to anyone, such as your phone number, your address, your name or age and where you go to school.

Do not give or share your email address or user passwords.

Avoid chat rooms.

Limit computer usage to two hours a day.

Never go to unapproved web sites. Always be safe and ask an adult like your parents or guardian.

Please have your child keep up their keyboarding skills over the summer break by going to Kaufman website. Go to Academics tab on the top on the page. Then go to Technology Links. This will take you to each grade level and from there it will take you to Symbaloo page that I have created. Your child can practice typing by using a red tile called Dance Mat.

I have enjoyed each and every one of my students and wish them a fun, happy and safe summer! See you all next year!

Sincerely, Ms. Alonso



GT Nominations

GT results from spring testing will be in shortly. Mrs. Twilla will contact parents of those who tested before the last day of school.

Library

It is hard to believe the school year is almost over! I have really enjoyed helping students fall in love with books.

I would like to give a HUGE shout out to Kaufman's SENSATIONAL weekly library volunteers: Kimberly Candelaria, Paul Thayer, Diane Medina, Miriam Amend, Katie Lawhon, Becky Goring, Jennifer Wiggins, Lauren White, Janna Dimitrijevic, Rebecca Watt, Amanda Ishee, Kim Lower, Shayna Stubblefield, Emily Lafollette, Angela Cone, Angela Glennie, Stephanie Bell and Juliet Modesitt. I could not have survived the school year without everyone's help. Thank you!!!!

Here are some important upcoming dates involving the library:

Last week to check out: Week of May 13th

All library books due : Monday, May 20th

Please make sure your student returns ALL library books on time. Students may clear their library record by returning their books or by paying for lost/damaged books. Your money will be refunded if you pay for a lost book and find it later.

Keep Reading, even in the summer! The Montgomery County Public Library has many exciting reading programs! Also, students can earn a FREE BOOK from Barnes & Noble bookstore.

Step 1: Read any 8 books and record them in the Reading Journal (you can find this on their website: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summer-reading/379003570/>).

Step 2: Bring the completed Reader's Journal to your local B&N store.

Step 3: Choose a FREE Book from their selection on the Reading Journal list at the store.

Have a wonderful summer AND...Keep 'em Reading!



Clinic News

Please remember, all medications brought to the clinic this school year for your child must be picked up by May 30, our last day of school. Emergency medications should stay on campus until this date. Any medications remaining will be discarded.

Reminders for immunizations required over the summer will be in this month's Tuesday folders. These will be due in August to start the 2019/2020 school year.

Thank you to our PTO for their generous support of the Kaufman Clinic this school year.

Counselor's Corner

Feeling a little anxious and nervous on the day of a big test is normal. It is important to remind your children that a little anxiety is normal and helps keep them on their toes. It is important for them to do the best job they can do. Everyone works at a different pace, and it doesn't matter who finishes first. It's about showing what you know. Remind them if they feel stressed to stop, take a couple of deep breaths. Teach them to be their own cheerleader and come up with some positive self-talk such as: I can do this, I am smart, I will try my best.

You can also make sure they get enough sleep before the test, eat a good breakfast and are on time for school. All of these things will help your child feel more prepared and ready to take the test.

Practice Breathing to Reduce Anxiety with Your Child:

- * Take a deep breath. Bring the air in through your nose, and keep it coming until your lungs are completely full.
- * Hold for a slow count of 3. Let air out through mouth.
- * Repeat 2-3 times.
- * With each inhale, think your positive self-talk.

PTO NEWS

Upcoming Dates



- May 2nd – PTO Meeting @ 1:30 PM
- May 3rd – World Champion Center Parent’s Night Out
- May 3rd – Last Box Tops Collection Date
- May 6th-10th – Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8th – Teacher Luncheon / Lunch Duty Volunteers
- May 9th – Sk8town Spirit Night
- May 13th-14th – STAAR Test (Math/Reading) – Campus Closed
- May 21st – Great American Cookie Co. / Marble Slab Spirit Night
- May 22nd – PTO Meeting @ 1:30 PM
- May 23rd – Field Day
- May 23rd – 4th Grade Program
- May 28th – 4th Grade Fair
- May 29th – 4th Grade Talent Show @ 8:30 AM
- May 30th – Last Day of School!

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Online school supply orders for 2019-2020 are on sale now at <http://www.schooltoolbox.com>.
Order now or anytime and schedule home delivery for later in the summer!.
Please allow 10-14 days for delivery. We recommend ordering by July 29th.



Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be sold at Field Day, May 23rd. Some previous yearbooks will be also be available at a discount! So if you missed ordering, this is your chance to get one!



Box Tops

Send in your Box Tops NOW before they expire.
Friday, May 3rd

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 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>