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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Exec. PTA Mtg 10am OLA	4 Early dismissal Spirit Day	5
6 Daylight Savings Ends	7 PTA Katy Council	8 Election Day	9 EureKa! Gr. 3	10 School Store	11 Report cards go home	12
13	14	15 PTA Community Event	16 EureKa! Gr. 4	17 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Musical  Papa Johns Night 5-8pm	18 Thankful Parties 2:15 Spirit Day	19
20	21 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Day 9:40-11:10 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Day 1-2:30pm KISD Board Mtg 6:30pm	22 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Day	23  Happy Thanksgiving!	24  Happy Thanksgiving	25  Happy Thanksgiving	26
27	28	29	30 EureKa! Gr. 5  Progress Reports go home			

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THE KOALA **SCOOP**

YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO YOUR OKE PTA NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS.

OKE PTA  
Odessa Kilpatrick Elementary

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Frugal Fun Scoop  
MYO Pizza night!

Make it easy on yourself and teach great measuring and inspire pride in-your-work. Get premade or Pillsbury pizza dough, any tomato sauce, favorite cheese and toppings and pop in a family movie and enjoy!

If you have fun things you do with your family that don't cost a lot please send those ideas in to the PTA Newsletter at [okeptanewslet@yahoo.com](mailto:okeptanewslet@yahoo.com)

SunnyD UPC Labels 

The deadline is fast approaching us.....please send in your SunnyD labels. Your teacher can receive 20 free books for 20 SunnyD labels. This promotion ends **NOVEMBER 30, 2011**. Please help by sending in to your teacher SunnyD UPC labels (labels on containers 12oz OR smaller are not eligible).

FUNDRAISING SCOOP

Frito Lay Chip Recycling Program



Please help by saving Frito Lay chip bags. You can send them in with your child and a collection bin will be located in the cafeteria. Thank you to our custodians for making this project a success!

For more information about these programs, please go to [www.okepta.org](http://www.okepta.org).

The 2011-2012 Pull Tab collection continues. ....



We donate our tabs to our local Ronald McDonald House to be used in the direct operations of our local house. You can help by sending your pull-tabs back to school in a zip lock bag clearly **labeled with your child's grade level**.



Quotable for Parents!

There are two great things that parents can give their children: one is roots, the other is wings." *Hodding Carter*

## The Scoop on the PTA Board

We will feature board members monthly so that you know who your PTA leaders are and what their goals are for this year!



Christie and her family!

**Christie Vander Vliet** is our 2011-12 Spirit Chair! Christie and her hubby Bob and children Ashley, 6th grade at BDJH, Riley, 1st grade with Mrs. Roman and Lacey, almost 2 years, family puppy Zouchon moved to Katy last year from San Antonio, Texas. Christie is a lifetime member of the Texas PTA (2010) and has served in many board positions. Christie says "I took on Spirit Chair in hopes of raising money for OKE students/programs and to show the kids how fun Spirit can be with fun clothes and new idea's of expressing how much they love OKE!"

**Xochitli Vineyard** is our Bonzer Bash Committee Chair for 2011-12! She and her husband Kevin have two children; Mateo-1st grade-Wicker and Isabella-4th-Breath. They have been in Katy since Xochitl was 3! She has been a PTA member for 5 years. She would like fundraising to have a record-setting year!



Xochitli and her Family!

### DON'T FORGET...

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION | December 1<sup>st</sup>!

FALL COMMUNITY EVENT | November 15th

## President Scoop

Thank you, OKE families and staff! We've started off the year with many amazing programs and events and you made them incredibly successful! Thanks for your tremendous support during our membership drive, when an astounding 1300+ members joined in. We're thankful to have each and every one of you as members. If you haven't signed up for PTA yet, you still can! See our website at [www.okepta.org](http://www.okepta.org) for further details.

Another heart warm thanks for your participation and support with our fall fundraiser and Aussie auction. Your participation in these fundraisers allows us to provide entertaining and informational programs along with educational tools for our students throughout the year. And a third thanks goes out to our loyal and outstanding volunteers who are always ready to help in all areas of our school...three cheers to YOU!

We appreciate your time, feedback and commitment for all that you do for our students at OKE. Feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns, see you in the Outback!

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## HEALTH SCOOP by Tara Draehn and Yoli Gutierrez-Sanchez

### BLUEPRINT FOR A HEALTHIER WINTER

After the heavy spring and fall pollen seasons we've experienced, most of us are looking forward to the first freeze as an end to the symptoms causing us misery. But are you off the hook just because winter is approaching? Not really. Winter can actually cause more asthma and allergy misery than any other season. True, a freeze does stop outdoor pollen and kill mold allergens, but spending so much time indoors in winter also increases your chance of reacting to indoor environmental allergens like pet dander, dust mites and cockroach droppings also 70% of asthmatics have allergic asthma: their symptoms are caused by allergy.

Colds and flu are more prevalent in winter and contracting a respiratory disease can trigger asthma symptoms. To reduce your risk,

- 1) Get your seasonal flu shot and this year the H1N1 flu shot. (2 doses are recommended for infants and children under age 10.)
- 2) Use your asthma meds as directed.
- 3) Monitor lung function with your peak flow.
- 4) Make hand washing your priority.
- 5) When coughing or sneezing teach yourself to do so in the crook of your elbow, not in your hands.
- 6) Have a medical action plan in place with your healthcare provider.

For more information please go to [info@aafatexas.org](mailto:info@aafatexas.org) or [www.aafatexas.org](http://www.aafatexas.org)

## VOLUNTEER SCOOP

### Volunteer Recognition

Each month we will recognize our volunteers that have given their time and effort to help OKE *Stay On Top Of The World*. A heartfelt Thanks and Congratulations to the following volunteers for the months of August and September:

Ahmed Amal	Araujo Margarida	Lisa Askins	Linda Barnhill	Amy Beall	Beneragamage Jayatilleke
Mira Bhatt	James Blande	Janet Blowers	Kim Broadrick	Bronwyn Browne	Skye Carney
Lee Case	Andrea Cheney	Yean Chew	Valerie Church	Shannon Clarkson	Andrea Cline
Alicia Cole	Debbie Conaway	Melinda Copeland	Carla Cospers	Cindy Cruz-Davis	Ruth Delaunay
Dianna Desjardins	Mary Doyle	Jessica Dyson	Traci Faulk	Carol Franklin	Li (Casey) Gao
Alex Geiger	Margaret Gennaro	Jehan Ghafari	Patricia Gilarranz	Ruby Grindal	Kimberly Grissom
Jin Gu	Nikki Guest	Heena Gupta	Rebecca Hartle	Brandy Hodge	Melanie Ilagan
Lisa Jones	Lisa Kana	Kelly Kintzele	Erin Kurinsky	Marilyn Lacey	Maureen Lee
Shantania Leggins	Allison Lindberg	Edna Lopez	Stephanie Luchetti	Anna Marsh	Stephanie Miller
Gina Millsaps	Ruchi Mohan	Leah Montgomery	Becky Morris	Kristin Mudra	Barbara Newsom
Heather Nichols	Michelle Olener	Lai Ong	Maria Orduz	Shelley Palermo	Lorelie Pasia
Esther Peek	MiMi Polidore	Julia Purnell	Xiujuan Qi	Kelly Rager	Christina Saenz
Maria Salgueiro-Alessio	Angelica Sanchez	Dina Schillinger	Christy Schnellhardt	Beth Serafini-Smith	Kajal Shah
Kelly Showalter	Susan Silva	Judi Smith	Felicia Tadlock	Sherri Tandon	Christie Vander Vliet
Diana Viecco	Laverne Villanti	Xochitl Vineyard	Michelle Warwick	Tracy Wilson	Rowena Yap

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

For the month of September, we reported 3,826 hours completed and 369 volunteers. OKE has awesome volunteers! Thank you for all that you do to help OKE stay On Top Of The World!!!



Board Members are Volunteers Too!!

Many Thanks to All!

**DOUBLE YOUR GIFT TO YOUR OKE:**  
Give OKE your time, then give them your hours.  
With that data, OUR CAMPUS can:

### WHY VOLUNTEER???

- Continually document the level of community engagement at your school
- Celebrate your volunteer program and elevate its importance on your campus
- Know where volunteers are working and spending the most time
- Define other volunteer opportunities to further engage parents and the community
- Raise awareness of the value of all campus organizations and all areas where parents support your school, (booster clubs, for example)
- Realize the value of off-campus and after-school volunteer support
- Use volunteer totals when applying for corporate and federal grants and campus awards
- To verify individual volunteer hours. Some companies ask for volunteer experience with job applications

These volunteer hours for all KISD schools are given to KISD administration at the end of the year to let them know how valuable our volunteers and their time are to us all.