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THE KOALA

SCOOP

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

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Frugal Fun Scoop Fun Family Facials

Family Facials can be fun. One Sunday afternoon the kids, dad and I cut up pieces of cucumber and fruit, got warm towels, mild facial cleanser and mask and turned off the TV, lit a candle, made spa water with strawberries and grapes and had a relaxing evening talking and relaxing with our cucumbers on our eyes and homemade spa water! *MiMi (Dru 3rd)*

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

SunnyD UPC Labels



Each teacher will receive 20 free books for 20 SunnyD labels per class. 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

We would like to thank all of our OKE students and parents for a great start to the school fundraising this year. We surpassed our goal for the Yankee Candle sales by raising \$53,000, and our students celebrated with crazy hair day. Our school spiritwear and school store is also doing wonderful. For those who wish to purchase spiritwear you may still do so at our school store which is open once a month. For more information please refer to the newsletter calendar.

We have two more fundraisers coming up soon. First, is the *Aussie Auction* during October 3-14. For those new to the school this is a silent auction.



There are unique entries to bid on including opportunities for children to spend time with teachers and staff at OKE. There are also special items such as Queen or King of the Outback for a day! You may prefer to bid on preferential seats or your child's functions. Each parent may send in a bid with his or her child daily. The bids are collected at the school and the highest bid for that particular item is posted online by 6 p.m. each evening. The parent may then choose to send in a new bid the next day if they are not the highest bid.

Dinner Is Done is our second fundraiser; this is one of our favorites. *Dinner Is Done* is a company that delivers dinners to your house at a

week October 24-28. Menus will be sent out the week of October 10th to allow you to select one or more dinners to enjoy! Finally, want a way to help our school, but don't have time for a fundraiser? Consider Aussie Bucks! Aussie bucks are direct donations to the PTA, which some prefer rather than participating in fundraisers. A donation form is available on www.OKEPTA.org.



EureKa!

EureKa! is a hands-on science enrichment program offered to all grades K-5 at OKE. Sign up today to volunteer at okepta.org! The program is developed and run by parent volunteers at OKE and is funded by the PTA.

The Scoop on the PTA Board

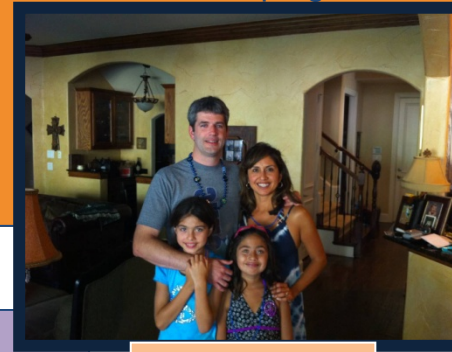
We will feature board members monthly so that you know who your PTA leaders are and what their goals are for this year!

Dina Schillinger is our 2011-2012 Treasurer! Dina and Rusty are the proud parents of Alec (8th), and Eric (3rd). The Schillingers have lived in Katy 6 years and Dina has been a PTA member for all 6 years. She began as a Volunteer Coordinator for 5th grade party. Entering her third year on the board she is excited about keeping the financial records in such a way that we can do more for all OKE students.

Ruth Delaunay is our 2011-2012 Environmental Awareness Co-Chair! Ruth and her husband Robert have three children: Julitte (4th), Lauren (3rd) & Samantha (1st). They have lived in the Katy area for 7 years. Ruth has been involved in PTA for 5 years. Ruth says she would like to find new programs/resources to make the OKE family more environmentally friendly.

President Scoop

OKE PTA President, **Cindi Cruz-Davis** is the proud mother of Sofia (5th) and Crystal (3rd). Her supportive First Husband is David! Cindi has been a PTA member since 2006 and would love to increase participation of families involved at our school through PTA events and programs!



Cindi and Family!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE | OCTOBER | 2011

If you haven't turned in your membership dues it is not too late! Join today! We are trying to achieve 100% participation!

Traci Faulk is our 2011-12 3rd VP of Fundraising! Traci and her husband James are the proud parents of Blake (8th) and Brady (4th). She has lived in Katy for 30 years. I have been a PTA member for 9 years but have been involved with the OKE PTA for 2 years. One thing Traci would like to accomplish this year is to educate parents on what PTA does for all of our kids here at OKE.



Traci and Family!

Becky Morris is our 2011-12 4th VP of VIPS (Volunteers In Public Schools)! Becky and her husband Rick have one son Jacob (3rd). They have lived in Katy for 6 years. This is Becky's fourth year to be involved in PTA! The one thing she would like to accomplish this year is to "invite and welcome all of our families here at OKE to help out in any way possible. The teachers and staff appreciate each and every one of us and all that we do, but it's our children and the students who benefit the most from our help. And that is why we come together and help one another!"

Alicia Cole is our 2011-12 Homeroom Coordinator! Alicia and her husband John have two children: Christian (4th grade) and Tanner (2nd grade). John and Alicia have been in Katy since 1998 and she's been involved in PTA since 2007. She would like to spend more time with my boys in the library and I hope all home room moms have a wonderful experience this year!

HEALTH SCOOP by Nurse Draehn

Your child is going home from school with symptoms of illness. KISD Administrative Regulation FFAD is in place to ensure the health and safety of all students and states that students who exhibit vomiting, diarrhea, or a fever ≥ 100.4 , must be excluded from school.

Re-admittance is allowable as follows:

1. **Free of fever (< 100.4) for at least 24 hours without** the use of fever-reducing medications such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Common trade names of products containing these medications include, but are not limited to Tylenol, Motrin, and Advil. All aspirin-containing products should be avoided.
2. **Food and liquids have been tolerated for at least 24 hours without vomiting and/or diarrhea, and without the use of medication to relieve symptoms.**
3. **Students diagnosed with a contagious illness** that is being treated with prescription medication, must complete a minimum of **24 hours** of the prescribed dosage prior to returning to school.

A DOCTOR'S NOTE DOES NOT SUPERSEDE THE "24 HOUR RULE".

If the guidelines indicated above have been met, your child can return to school.



VOLUNTEER SCOOP

Please submit your off-campus volunteer hours and any hours that are not captured on the raptor system at school at www.okepta.org. Select **volunteer** from the list on the left side of the page, then select **submit volunteer hours form** from the second list.

If you visited the school or worked from home for any school related volunteering please turn in those hours. During the school year, volunteer hours are counted by the Raptor check-in system as long as you let the front office personnel know that you are volunteering (Eureka is an example). When you help away from campus, the hours for volunteering still count (baking for example)!

If you have questions about your hours, please contact Becky Morris or Sherri Tandon at vips@okepta.org.

Frito Lay Chip Recycling Program



Last year our school earned \$150.00 in trash. 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 for all the help in the cafeteria to make this a success! For more information about these programs, please go to www.okepta.org. Together our actions add up!
Ruth Delaunay and Christina Saenz
Environmental@okepta.org

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

For the summer months and the month of August, we reported 1,781 hours completed by 63 volunteers. OKE has awesome volunteers! Thank you for all that you do to help OKE Stay On Top Of The World!!!

PTA PARENT SCOOP

PARENTS!

Tell us what you like about PTA or things you would like improved! Turn in all suggestions, compliments or comments to okeptanewslet@yahoo.com no later than the 20th of each month! We will make every effort to publish your comments!!



International Walk to School Day

We are excited to participate in the International Walk to School Day. By participating, not only are we demonstrating unity as a community, we're also reducing the impact we make on our environment from air pollution. We would like to display our community involvement by wearing the color **ORANGE**.

WHY VOLUNTEER???

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

- 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.



The **2011-2012 Pull Tab Collection** has begun.

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**.

DON'T FORGET...

AUSSIE AUCTION | Aussie Auction begins October 3 – 14!

OKE MATH NIGHT | October 4!

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY | October 5th!

SCHOOL STORE | October 13st

YANKEE CANDLE DELIVERY | October 21st

