

# OAK HILL ELEMENTARY AUSTIN, TEXAS



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### Principal's Coffee November 11 at 8 a.m.

Please join Oak Hill Elementary Principal Teresa Whistler for an informal coffee and chat on November 11 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Main Building Cafeteria. Our counselor (Candi Caporal), our reading specialist (Pat Shotwell), and our librarian (Stacey Underwood) will also attend so you can get to know these incredible members of our school staff. The Principal's Coffee is a new event organized by the PTA Welcoming Committee to provide an opportunity for parents of current OHE students to meet the principal and staff outside of other meetings or events. There will not be an organized Q&A panel. Please save lengthy topics or concerns related specifically to your child for a separately-scheduled meeting.



### OHE PTA MOVIE NIGHT Nov. 13th, 2009 6:30-8:30pm OHE Cafeteria

Tickets are free and will be available at 5:30-6:15pm on 11/13; **Please bring a canned food item for donation to the Capital Area Food Bank.**

SPACE IS LIMITED due to FIRE CODE. Everyone MUST have a ticket to enter. No exceptions. The first 425 people will get in. Every student MUST have an adult with them. The movie is rated PG. It is a Disney new release.

See [www.ohepta.org](http://www.ohepta.org) for more details.

### Peer Buddy Program Opening Now Available

Currently, there is an immediate opening for a peer buddy to attend OHE from 11:00 to 2:00 PM, Mon-Fri. The Peer Buddy Program is designed for typically developing three/four year olds to provide peer models or "buddies" for three/four year old children who are receiving special education services in the public school setting. Peer models have the opportunity to be leaders, be helpers, make new friends, and participate in activities such as art, music, physical skill building, group learning and story time with a certified teacher and teacher assistant. They also learn basic school routines.

The program has been developed to ensure appropriate peer role models for our students with needs in the areas of speech/language, listening, and social and behavior; therefore, we do not charge a monthly fee. For more information about the program, and/or an application form, please contact Ms. Lauri Schattberg, Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities Teacher, at 841-7847. To be considered for the program, the child must have been three years of age on or before September 1, 2009.

**Principal's blog:**  
<http://principalblog.ohepta.org/>

### Dates to Know

11/2	PTA Executive Board Mtg
11/3	Student Council Elections
11/3	AISD Boundary Task Force Mtg 5:30pm
11/5	CATCH Fun Field Days
11/5	OHE Night at Learning Express
11/6	CATCH Fun Field Days
11/9	No School
11/10	OHE Spirit Night at Craig O's
11/10	Reflections Gallery open
11/10	AISD Boundary Task Force Mtg 5:30pm
11/11	Principal's Coffee
11/13	PTA Movie Night
11/16	CAC Meeting
11/17	Picture Retake Day
11/18	AISD Boundary Task Force Mtg
11/19	OHE Spirit Night at Chick Fil A
11/19	Science Fair Viewing
11/20	Green Apple Deposit Day
11/25-11/27	Thanksgiving Holidays
11/30-12/4	Book Fair
12/3	Spirit Night at Schlotzsky's
12/7	CAC Meeting: boundary proposal presented

### Boundary Proposal at December 7 CAC Meeting

Mark your calendar NOW for **December 7 at 3 p.m.** for the OHE Campus Advisory Council meeting where Austin ISD staff will present the draft southwest elementary boundary proposal. The meeting will be held in the OHE library. This CAC meeting will be one of the few opportunities during the boundary process where direct public input will be taken. (AISD will make Spanish translation available upon request.) It is crucial that AISD hear from YOU about the boundary changes! Please make plans to "show up and speak up." If you have any questions, contact [boundaryreps@ohepta.org](mailto:boundaryreps@ohepta.org) or check out the boundary blog at [www.boundary.ohepta.org](http://www.boundary.ohepta.org).

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## Clip to Earn \$\$ for our School

Want to help raise money for OHE? Just clip and save Boxtop coupons. Each Boxtop is worth 10¢ and they really do add up. Keep clipping so we can surpass this year's goal of \$1200 for our school. Go to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) for participating General Mills products.



Another great way to earn educational merchandise for our school is to save UPC's and Beverage Caps from participating Campbell's Labels for Education. Participating products include more than just Campbell Soup such as Goldfish and Spaghettios.

Thanks for your support!

## OHE T-shirts/Jackets

Please note that the deadline for ordering OHE jackets has passed. We will have a very limited number of extra jackets for sale so if you missed the deadline and still want one, be sure to watch your email in late November for one last chance to buy out our extras. T-shirts will still be available for purchase throughout the year. Please contact Heather Sendera ([hsendera@austin.rr.com](mailto:hsendera@austin.rr.com), 494-4411) with questions or to place a T-shirt order!!

## C.A.T.C.H. Fall Fun Field Day is this week!

### Thursday, November 5

8:10 - 10:30: 3rd and 4th Graders  
12:30 - 2:10: 1st Graders

### Friday, November 6

8:10 - 10:30: 2nd and 5th Graders  
12:30 - 2:10: Kindergarten



Please remind your child(ren) to:

- Wear their class T-shirt.
- Wear tennis shoes!
- Dress in layers. (It tends to be cool in the mornings and warm in the afternoons!)

Water will be provided but cups\* will be limited. Your child is welcome to bring a water bottle! \*We are still requesting donations of disposable cups (small). If you care to donate, please send them with your child to the attention of Mrs. Bergh or Mrs. Palmer.

**Stay Informed: [www.boundary.ohepta.org](http://www.boundary.ohepta.org)**

## Carnival News...

We are already collecting donations for the OHE Carnival!!! Mark your calendars for March 5, 2010 and drop off donations in the designated boxes outside the

## Read On! News from our OHE Library...



WANT TO HELP THE LIBRARY BECOME A TRAVELER'S DREAM FOR THE BOOK FAIR?

Ms Underwood is looking for donations for decorations to turn the library into a travelers' paradise for Destination BOOK FAIR. If you have anything on the list that you wouldn't mind the library borrowing until Dec. 8, please contact Ms. Underwood through a reply on this note, email ([sunderwo@austinisd.org](mailto:sunderwo@austinisd.org)), or a call to 414-5151. Since I need a few of some items, but many of other items, it will help if I know what may be donated so I can reply with a "yes" or "no" that it is still needed or not.

Please make sure item(s) is(are) labeled with student's first and last name (and if space teacher or grade) so item can be safely returned.

- \* Vintage suitcases
- \* Toy airplanes
- \* Toy trains
- \* Toy cars
- \* Hot air balloons (I know...random)
- \* globes
- \* maps
- \* compasses
- \* postcards from different places (out of United States would be great!)
- \* pictures of families on vacations in places outside the U.S.
- \* Anything else you think would work for travel...country flags, fabric with travel themes, etc....

Thank you in advance to those who donate! I look forward to a GREAT Book Fair November 30 - Dec. 4. Come join us in our travel around the world with books at Destination Book Fair!

## Reflections

All of the Reflections entries are in!!! There were almost 200 entries! Upon completion of judging, all of the entries will be displayed in The Reflections Gallery on Tues. Nov. 10th. The Gallery will be open for public viewing on from 5-6pm, with a short Recognition Ceremony at 6pm.

Annex and Main offices at your convenience. We need new and gently used books, new toys (ex: wrapped fast food kid meal toys or items from places like Oriental Trading) and lots and lots of eggshells!! Please contact Heather Sendera ([hsendera@austin.rr.com](mailto:hsendera@austin.rr.com), 494-4411)