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Southwest Elementary School Boundaries Update

Austin ISD will hold a community meeting on Tuesday, October 6, to announce the proposed process for the upcoming Boundary Task Force. The meeting will be held at the Clayton Elementary School Cafeteria (7525 LaCrosse Avenue) at 6 p.m. The purpose of the Boundary Task Force will be to determine the attendance zone for the new elementary school opening in fall 2010 in the Meridian subdivision (near FM 1826 and Highway 45). The Task Force will also review underutilization of Boone, Patton, and Sunset Valley Elementary Schools and how these schools might provide relief for overcrowding at Clayton, Kiker, Mills, and Oak Hill. Each of these seven schools listed above will have two representatives on the task force.

Oak Hill Elementary's Campus Advisory Council has approved Cathy Cox and Molly Austin to be our school's representatives on the Boundary Task Force. Sincere thanks to Cathy and Molly for taking on this very important and demanding role! We know you will do an amazing job representing our school.

It's up to all of us as a school community to make sure our voices are heard at the AISD level during the Boundary Task Force process. Even if your own neighborhood is not moved to another school, potential changes to our student population will affect everyone at the school. Anyone interested in the boundary process should make plans to attend the October 6th community meeting.

A Boundary Working Group has been formed at Oak Hill Elementary to support our task force representatives throughout the boundary process. If you would like to volunteer or if you have questions about the boundary process, please contact Casie Wenmohs, Boundary Working Group Chair, at ckw@austin.rr.com or 891-6962.

Attention: All Classroom Volunteers!

There is a new **AISD** policy that ALL parents who volunteer in the classroom, must attend a training session and sign a Confidentiality and Access Agreement, before they are allowed in the classroom.

There will be a brief training session offered on Monday, Oct. 5th at 6pm at the PTA Executive Board Meeting. Anyone who wants to volunteer in the classroom is strongly urged to attend.

At this time, should you have further questions about any of this PLEASE call the school directly: 414-2336.

Dates to Know

10/2	PTA Membership Drive ends
10/2	Green Apple Club Deposit Day
10/2	Happy Birthday Ms. Ledbetter
10/3	Marathon Kids Final Mile Celebration
10/5	6p PTA Exec Board Meeting
10/6	Southwest Elementary School Boundary
10/9	Kinder Field Trip
10/12	3pm CAC Meeting
10/12	School Pictures
10/13	School Pictures
10/13	Happy Birthday Ms. Santana
10/14	Happy Birthday Ms. Reaves
10/16	PTA Ice Cream Social
10/16	Happy Birthday Ms. Lynch
10/19	Student Holiday
10/20-10/22	Vision & Hearing Screenings
10/22	Donuts with Your Dude
10/23	Reflections Entries Due
10/23	Happy Birthday Ms. Barcalow & Ms. Shotwell
10/25	Happy Birthday Ms. Nowakowski-Grimm
10/26	Happy Birthday Ms. Christenson
10/29	Happy Birthday Ms. Smith
10/30	4th Grade Halloween Skits

PTA Ice Cream Social!

You are invited to our
1st ever Purely Social
Ice Cream Social!

Come hang out with your
OHE friends!

\$1 per spoon & the
ice cream is free!

OHE Blacktop (outside)

October 16, 2009

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Volunteers needed! Contact
familyfunnights@ohepta.org



- Gift wrap ends Mon 10/5!
- Donuts w/ your dude 10/22
- Wear sneakers to school
- Picture day is Oct 12

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OHE Library Birthday Club



Trying to find that unique birthday present? The Oak Hill Library has just the gift for you! Join the Oak Hill Birthday Club! For a \$12 donation made out to the Oak Hill Library, your child can choose a book to be "donated" to the library in his/her honor. Please be sure to include the student's name, class, and some interests or authors the student enjoys in order to help with the selection of a book that he/she will like. This donation will go towards the purchase of new materials throughout the year to make our collection even better. The honoree will have a nameplate placed inside a book he/she has selected from our new purchases. A picture of your child with the chosen book will be displayed in the main hallways throughout the year! Summer birthdays can be celebrated any time of the year!

Marathon Kids This Weekend!

The kick-off celebration for Marathon Kids is this Saturday, Oct. 3rd. All Oak Hill students are invited to run the track at the Mike Myers Stadium located at UT. FREE water bottles will be given out and most importantly, you might be seen on the news. The Celebration is from 9:00-11:00. Go early because parking is difficult. Sit in the "O" section for Oak Hill. Wear your Eagles T-shirt if you have one and look for Mrs. Bergh to get your picture taken.

Parent-Teacher Conferences set for Monday, October 19

Parent-Teacher Conference Day is on Monday, October 19. No classes will be held on this day so that elementary teachers will be available to meet with parents. All Austin schools will reopen on Tuesday, October 20. This is an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's academic progress and to plan learning success for the rest of the school year. Preparing will help parents get the

most from their conference.

Here are some tips to make the parent-teacher conference a success:

- Be positive about the conference with your child. Ask about favorite subjects and activities, and how he or she relates to the teacher.
- Decide on a few specific questions to ask the teacher. For example, Is my child reading at grade level? What are the class homework policies? What help can I give my child at home?

- Discuss any issues that your child has raised.
- Anticipate questions the teacher might ask.
- After the conference, make a note of important points and share them with your child. Together, design an action plan to help promote academic growth. Finally, feel free to arrange future conferences whenever you have questions or concerns.

AISD's next scheduled Parent-Teacher Conference Day will be held on Monday, February 15, 2010.

C.A.T.C.H CORNER

(Coordinated Approach to Child's Health)

by Kristen Palmer, OHE P.E. Teacher

C.A.T.C.H.: What is it??

CATCH is the health program that A.I.S.D. has adopted for their elementary and middle schools. The goal of the CATCH program is healthy kids in healthy schools. CATCH schools aim for healthy behavior and positive outcomes in the following areas: move and stay active, value healthy eating, and practice healthy habits.

C.A.T.C.H.: What is the parent's role?

The role of the parent in the C.A.T.C.H. program is to:

- Value healthy eating by providing healthy meals for their family.
- Encourage the family to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity daily.
- Practice and teach healthy habits to their children.

One way that you could value healthy eating is by sending healthy snacks to school with your child. We recommend that snacks come either the GO or SLOW categories. See the Go and Slow Snack Recommendations from the CATCH newsletter: http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/catch/GO-SLOW-WHOA%20List_Color.pdf

Introducing: Family Health & Fitness Bingo!!

One of the goals of CATCH is to encourage families to engage in fitness at home. Family Health & Fitness Bingo is one way your family can achieve this!!



On the bottom of the monthly "Eat Smart" Menu from the cafeteria, there is a Family Health & Fitness Fun grid. We are using this grid to play Bingo. Simply choose an activity from each of the sections (example: muscular strength exercises or family physical activity). Do that activity with your family. Once completed, color in the box.

Throughout the month, continue to choose activities from the different sections. When you have done one activity from each section, your family has completed a BINGO! If your family wants to go for a "BLACK OUT," keep doing the activities until all of the boxes are colored in!

Once you have a BINGO or a BLACK OUT, have the participating members of the family sign the grid and have your child return it to school. Be sure to add your child's name and classroom teacher's name. Send the completed grid to the attention of Kristen Palmer.

I am confident that you will find that these short physical activities are a fun way to play/interact with your child(ren)!