

Issue 2

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# Jackrabbit Journal



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Principal - Amy Frank

## Mrs. Frank's Message

Dear Owens Families,

It's so amazing that it's already the middle of October and we have already completed the first nine weeks! The students were able to play on the new playgrounds this week. Thank you for everyone who made this happen for our students.

Thank you for attending the parent/teacher conferences. Student success truly depends on students, teachers and parents working together. In fact, our school vision is built upon the collaboration of these three groups. Our school vision is "Owens Elementary School will foster scholars who achieve at their highest level through engaging instruction, high expectations and a community of trust and respect."

We have really been discussing college with our scholars this year. We have been talking about that elementary school is the first step towards college. In order to support our effort, students and teachers are encouraged to wear college shirts every Friday.

Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Amy Frank

Principal

## Attention Parents

When dropping off or picking up your students in the car rider line, please make a right turn on Jackrabbit when exiting. There are no left turns or going straight. Thank you so much for helping our traffic flow smoothly.

## Playground Update

Our new playground equipment has been installed. Thank you to all those who helped in the fundraising effort to make this happen for our wonderful jackrabbits.

YOU ROCK!

# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 ESL classes for parents
23/30	24/31	25 Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night	26	27	28 Report cards go home	29 ESL classes for parents
<b>Red Ribbon Week</b>						

# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bil/ESL Parent Symposium	2 Wear a College shirt	3 Smashburger Spirit Night	4	5 ESL classes for parents
6	7	8	9 Chick fil-a Spirit Night	10	11 Veteran's Day program	12 ESL classes for parents
13	14	15 Parenting classes	16Chuy's Spirit Night	17	18 Grandparents Day	19
<b>Book Fair</b>						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>						
27	28	29	30			

## Science Donations

Throughout the year in our Science classes we do many hands on activities that require consumable supplies. We are in need of the following items:

- \*toothpicks
- \* buttons
- \*cotton balls
- \* paper towel
- \*baking soda
- \*felt material
- \*paper plates
- \*plastic cups
- \*plastic spoons
- \* foil
- \*sand paper
- \*food coloring
- \*pipe cleaners
- \*salt

Thank you for your support!

## Music Department

The 2nd Grade Veteran's Day Program is on November 11th in the school cafeteria at 3:00. We encourage you to invite family and friends who have or who are currently serving in the Military. Please come as we celebrate our great nation!

Mr. Parkin

## PE Department

The goal of the CATCH program is healthy kids in a healthy school -a CATCH MVP school that aims for new standards of healthy behavior and positive outcomes!

M- Move and stay active

We should be active for at least 60 minutes per day!

V-Value healthy eating

Eat your fruits and veggies!

P- Practice healthy habits

Limit TV and electronics time to no more than 1 hour a day! Get enough sleep!

## PTO Membership

It is not too late to join. You have until November 1st!

\$10 per family

Help make your classroom 100%

## Health Screenings

Parents,

Vision, Hearing, Acanthosis Nigricans & Spinal Screenings will be conducted on Oct. 26th & Oct. 27th. Children in Pre-k, Kindergarten, first, third and fifth grades will be screened for vision and hearing. If your child wears glasses or contacts, please be sure they have them on that day. In addition, all first, third and fifth graders will be screened for Acanthosis Nigricans (a marker for diabetes risk). Fifth graders will be screened for scoliosis. It is best if your child wear a T-shirt on screening day so I can clearly see their back bone structure.

Thank you!

Tania Gaubert, RN

## Red Ribbon Week

October 24-28, 2016

We are excited about all the activities we have planned at Owens for the red Ribbon Week. This week gives us a chance to have some focused discussions and activities about how important it is for our students to make great choices.

Please see the attachment with the specific dress for each day next week.

## College Shirt Days

Students can wear their college shirts every Friday and on the designated dates below:

- \* November 2
- \* December 7
- \* January 4
- \* February 1
- \* March 1
- \* April 5
- \* May 3



## **R-E-A-D! It's time to READ, READ, READ!!!**

Owens Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be participating in the **NAME THAT BOOK PROGRAM**. The mission of the Name That Book (NTB) Program is to foster a life-long love of reading in all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. A list of books that encompasses a wide variety of genres has been provided, and students are encouraged to read as many as possible.

This program culminates annually with a series of contests to celebrate the students' comprehensive knowledge of the books. The 100 books are chosen by CFISD librarians and are available at your library. In mid-October, students will form teams within their grade levels. For the time being, they need to be reading the 100 books on the Name That Book List. You may go to your school's Library Home Page and find the list of books under the Name That Book link. Happy Reading!!!

Authors Susan Stevens Crummel and Patrick Jennings will be presenting to Owens' students in the coming weeks. Monies earned from Owens' Book Fair help to make this possible. And, the Book Fair is just around the corner! Preview Days will be November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Shopping days will be November 14<sup>th</sup>-November 18<sup>th</sup> ending with Grandparent's Day! Students will bring home information in early November. Your support of the book fair is greatly appreciated!



## **LSC-CyFair Hosts FIRST Robotics Teams Demonstration Nov. 12 for Children Ages 4-14**

CYPRESS, Texas (Oct. 26, 2016) Two area FIRST Robotics Teams will host demonstrations for ages 4 to 14 Nov. 12 at Lone Star College-CyFair.

Join the LSC-CyFair Engineering Department and Children's Library for an interactive and educational robotic demonstration featuring FIRST Robotics Team CRYptonite from Katy and Team Texas Torque from The Woodlands. For information on FIRST Robotics leagues and competitions, go to [firstinspires.org](http://firstinspires.org).

The demonstration, limited to 80 children, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in the Conference Center on the LSC-CyFair campus at 9191 Barker Cypress.

Tickets will be given one hour in advance at the library. Parents/adults must accompany their children.

For event information, contact Cindy Hoffart-Watson at [choffart@LoneStar.edu](mailto:choffart@LoneStar.edu) or 28.290.3211.

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Dear Parents,

Thursday morning, October 27, we will be practicing our first semester required emergency drills. Student safety is one of our main priorities at Owens Elementary. Our goal for performing the drills is to provide our students and staff with knowledge about possible emergency situations and to make sure they are familiar with the procedures in the event it is ever required.

On October 27 we will be practicing the following drills: an evacuation and reverse evacuation of the building, lock-down with an intruder inside/outside the building, shelter in place/weather related drill, a lock-down with hazardous materials as well as our monthly fire drill. Each teacher will be prepared in advance for the drills and will spend time talking with our students to let them know that all of the drills are being done to practice in case of an emergency. We will assure them that there is no real emergency happening.

Thank you for assisting us by talking to your child about emergency situations both at home and school and the need to practice and be prepared. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Amy Frank  
Principal

# **HORIZONS Mid-year Testing/Students K-11**

## **Open Referral Period**

**October 3, 2016 through December 1, 2016**

Parents/guardians who wish to refer their child for HORIZONS testing must follow the process described below:






- Please access the parent information within the HORIZONS website at <http://www.cfid.net/en/parents-students/academics/gifted-talented/> to review the PowerPoint presentation entitled, **Should I Refer My Child for the HORIZONS Program?**
- If testing is appropriate, request a **HORIZONS Parent Survey and Permission to Test** form no later than **Thursday, December 1, 2016**. Students will not be screened unless the parent permission form is returned by the **December 1** deadline.
- Kindergarten students will be tested on their campuses during the school day in January 2017, and students 1-11 will be tested on their campuses during the school day prior to Spring Break. Specific testing dates will be provided to parents by the campuses.
- Kindergarten students who qualify for HORIZONS will be receive services beginning in March 2017 with parent permission.
- Students in grades 1-11 who qualify for HORIZONS will receive services at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. With parent permission.



# YOLO: Be Drug Free

#YOUONLYLIVEONCE

**October 24 - 28, 2016**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Sock-it To Drugs</p> <p>Wear Crazy Socks</p>  <p>Standardized Dress with Crazy socks</p>	<p>Don't Let Drugs Mix You Up</p> <p>Wear Mismatched Clothes</p>  <p>Free Dress - Please follow CFISD Dress Code</p>	<p>Cuddle Up to a Drug Free Life</p> <p>Bring a Stuffed Animal</p>  <p>Standardized Dress</p>	<p>Team Up Against Drugs</p> <p>Wear a Sports Jersey or Shirt</p>  <p>Sports top with Standardized Dress shorts/pants</p>	<p>Follow Your Dreams</p> <p>Wear appropriate Pajamas and Slippers</p>  <p>(i.e. <i>netti</i> straps, inappropriate language or anything too revealing)</p>