

Important Dates

Wednesday, May 15

~5th Grade: STAAR reading retest

Thursday, May 16

~Tour de Kolter

Friday, May 17

~5th Grade Expo 8:00

~Lemonade Day

Saturday, May 18

~Learn to read with Brownie Troop 21990

Monday, May 20

~Main Street Theater 1:30

The Magic School Bus

2nd, 3rd, & 4th grade

Thursday, May 23

~3rd Grade Expo

Monday, May 27

~Memorial Day—No School

Wednesday, May 29

~2nd Grade to Moody

Gardens @ 8:30 a.m.

~Parent Update Meeting

6:30 p.m.—Cafeteria

Thursday, May 30

~2nd Grade Awards 1:30

Friday, May 31

~Kinder Awards 9:00

~Deadline for Extended

Day Lottery

~Deadline to return School

Supply order form

Monday, June 3

~1st Grade Awards 8:30

Tuesday, June 4

~5th Grade Promotion

6:30 p.m.—Johnston MS

Thursday, June 5

~5th Grade to Regal Ranch

~3rd Grade Awards 8:30

~4th Grade Awards 1:30

Thursday, June 6

~E-O-Y Celebrations

~Report Cards go home



May 14, 2013

KOLTER ELEMENTARY



Join Us for Lemonade Day!



Join us on Friday, May 17th between 1:30-2:50pm to celebrate our second annual National Lemonade Day! 2nd grade classes will advertise and decorate a lemonade stand; all other students, teachers, and parents are invited to purchase lemonade for any donation amount. Proceeds will go to the SPCA.

Classes will participate at the following times:

1:30 – 1:45: 5th grade

1:45 – 2:00: 4th grade

2:00 – 2:15: Kinder

2:15 – 2:30: 3rd grade

2:35 – 2:50: 1st and Life Skills

Contact a 2nd grade teacher if you are able to donate needed items including decorations, Ziploc bags, cups, lemonade, pitchers, scoops, **water, or ice.**

Prairie T-shirts For Sale



We have an overstock of prairie T-shirts that we need to sell right away! We hope to purchase educational signs for the prairie habitat.

Shirts will be on sale in front of the school in the morning for the next 2 weeks, or you can send your child to the science lab to purchase one from Mrs. Shong. Shirts are \$10 each or 2 for \$15 in cash or check made to Kolter Elementary. Available sizes are:

Adult small (9), Adult XL (3), Adult 2XL (2), Youth medium (16), Youth large (12), Youth XL (2)

These T-shirts are dress-code approved and make a nice light-colored alternative on hot sunny days. Stock up now for next year or get a great souvenir shirt for summer wear. Please support the prairie and buy a shirt! Also, take the time to visit the Kolter Pocket Prairie, it is looking really good!

Think: 2013-2014 School Year!

It is time to plan for the 2013-2014 school year! Order pre-packaged school supplies now and save yourself the stress of finding supplies next August. Order forms were sent home in your child's communication folder.

There are two easy ways to order.

⇒ Return the order form and payment—check, cash, or money order only - to the front office by May 31st & save the sales tax.

⇒ Order on-line at www.epipacks.com and enter School ID: KOL004 by June 24th. This method allows for credit card payments but taxes are added to the purchase price.

Contact Kim Taylor at kimtaylor26@outlook.com with any questions.

Come Learn To Read!

Brownie Girl Scout Troop 21990 will offer a special reading enrichment opportunity for children in kindergarten and younger. Girl Scouts will read to younger students and encourage them to learn to read.

Saturday, May 18

10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

Stella Link Library

7405 Stella Link Road

Many girls in troop 21990 are Kolter 1st and 2nd grade students.

Carpool Lane Etiquette

Be mindful of other persons waiting in line when joining the moving carpool lane—especially at the corners of Runnymede & Dumfries and Rice & Runnymede. Never “cut” in line!



Attention! Please!

Students in grades K-5 wishing to participate in Name That Book (NTB) next school year, sign up early in the library & get started on your reading!



ALL library books are due in the library by Friday, May 17th.

VIPS News

A new computer program will keep track of volunteer hours. Parents and other volunteers will access the VIPS program by logging on in the main office. In order to sign in and out you will need the user name and password that you created for the HISD VIPS website. Please see Sharon Roberson if you forgot your log-on information.

Kolter receives incentives from the district based on volunteer hours so please be sure to always sign in when volunteering! Please email VIPS Coordinators Staci Beinart and Tamara Cohen at vips@kolterpto.com with any volunteer related questions.

Students Prepare Rain Garden

Kolter 4th and 5th graders have been working hard to make a butterfly and hummingbird rain garden in the pond and native plant habitat. The idea for the rain garden is to make the garden bed "bowl-shaped" to catch rain water. The previous design sloped to a big drain. It is crucial to catch as much rain water as possible since there is no sprinkler system in the habitat area.

Students spent the week before the Stanford tests digging, mulching, moving rocks, trimming, and bagging debris. Students have completed the first bed including planting hardy native plants.

We need more native flowering plants to attract butterflies and hummingbirds. If you wish to donate a plant or money for a plant, please send plants, cash, or checks, made to Kolter, to Ms. Shong. Thank you.

Save Your Stuff!

The Kolter Spring Recycle Sale is coming the week of May 20. Please save for the sale items your family no longer needs or wants. We will collect furniture, clothes, toys, books, household items, & sports equipment. Please, no perishable items. All proceeds benefit Kolter!

We need volunteers to sort and sell; you get to shop early if you volunteer! The sale is great fun to work - ask past volunteers! Please contact Kim Hart—kimberly.hart@sbcglobal.net for information on volunteering or donating.



Info: Your Voice School Dist. Survey

HISD invites you to complete and return Your Voice, a 40-question survey designed to identify strengths and areas requiring improvement for our school and district. Your Voice should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

For parents/teachers/principals/community, the survey period will end on May 20, 2013. For students, the survey period will begin on May 20 and end on May 31, 2013. Parents and students may complete the survey on paper or online.

The paper survey is to be returned in the postage-paid, pre-addressed envelope that came in your survey envelope. Please DO NOT return the survey to the school.

To fill out the survey online, go to houstonisd.org/YourVoice and click *Take Me to the Survey*. You will be instructed to enter the login ID given on your paper survey. Note: The logins are unique and will be used to prevent survey duplication. They will NOT be used to identify individuals.

For questions contact the HISD Information Center at 713-556-6000.

Week of May 13

Kinder Carpool Duty

Ms Yerkovich's parents

Main Carpool Duty

Ms Gornall's parents

Week of May 20

Kinder Carpool Duty

Ms Silverman's parents

Main Carpool Duty

Ms Carr-Green's parents

Sign Up for Extended Day Lottery

Lottery forms for the limited openings in the Extended Day Program are available in the front office now through May 31st. Parents wishing to have their children enrolled in the Extended Day Program - *but who are NOT currently enrolled* - should obtain, complete, and return the lottery form. Wait Lists are destroyed at the end of the school year; please reapply if your child is currently on the Wait List. Notification of acceptance will be mailed by June 14th.

Options for Extended Day care are:

3:00- 5:30 p.m. for Pre-K

7:00-7:35 a.m. & 3:00-5:30 p.m. for K-5

Students enrolled in the Extended Day Program have the opportunity to complete homework assignments, receive academic assistance, and participate in supervised indoor and outdoor activities. Some classes are free while others are available for an additional fee.

Students who are currently in the Extended Day Program will register with Miss Lyons near the end of May. Contact Kerri Lyons with any questions at klyons@houstonisd.org.

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