

KINGS CHAPEL ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER - October 2011



Important Dates

October

- 3-7 Fall Break - No School
- 10 Columbus Day Holiday - No School
- 11 Chorus
- 12 4H Club
- 13 Report Cards Go Home
Front Page Club
Kicking Cougars Practice
PreK Field Trip - GA National Fair
- 14 Friends for Change Club
Kindergarten Field Trip - GA National Fair
- 17 Art Club - 4th Grade
- 18 Good News Club
Guitar Club
- 20 Spanish Club
Kicking Cougars Practice
Green & Gold Ceremony
- 21 Friends for Change Club
FOCUS 4th Grade Field Trip
- 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- 24 Board Games Club
Art Club - 5th Grade
- 25 STORYBOOK PUMPKIN NIGHT!**
- 27 Front Page Club
Kicking Cougars Practice
- 28 Friends for Change Club
Spirit Day
PreK PACT

November

- 4 2nd & 3rd Grade Sock Hop
- 11 Veterans Day Holiday - No School
- 17 Thanksgiving Lunch - PreK, K and 1st
- 18 School Wide Math Day
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Holidays - No School

Good News Club

Good News Clubs for 1st & 2nd grades and 3rd-5th grades will have one meeting in October: Tuesday, October 18 from 3:30-4:30.



Storybook Pumpkin Night

Go ahead and mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 25th, for our Storybook Pumpkin Night. Each family is invited to make a pumpkin to represent a favorite character from a book! Be as creative as you can be. You may use a real or craft pumpkin. (Just please don't carve real pumpkins - they start to stink really fast!) Watch your Wednesday folders for reservation forms and more information. Start planning your pumpkin NOW!



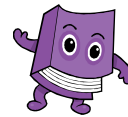
Come See Us Perform!

- On Saturday, October 8th the **Kicking Cougars Dance Team** will have a float in the Fair Parade.
- Monday, October 10, from 4:30 -5:00 see the **Cougar Chorus, Guitar Club** and **Kicking Cougars Dance Team** at the Georgia National Fair (South Gate Stage).
- Saturday, October 29, see the **Cougar Chorus** and **Guitar Club** at the Perry Music Festival (time TBA).

Used Books Needed!



The Spanish Club will be collecting new and used children's books for the local charity "Reading on my Mind". This group supports literacy in our community by giving books to children through Samaritan's Closet. If you have books of any kind, but especially children's books, please consider donating them to the KCES Spanish Club. A collection box is located in room 23B, Mrs. Hamrick's room on the 4th and 5th grade hall.



4-H Club News

If you are going to the fair, please check out the Scarecrow Contest. 4-H members do an awesome job on these. There will be scarecrows there from our Kings Chapel 4-H'ers.



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New Policy on Tardies

The Houston County Board of Education has a new policy regarding school tardies. No longer will we be converting 3 unexcused tardies and/or 3 early dismissals into one unexcused absence. Instead, we will be addressing excessive unexcused tardies and early dismissals separately from the unexcused absences. **An excessive number of lost instructional minutes could prevent your child from being promoted to the next grade level.** For the benefit of ALL students we need to implement the following procedures with relation to unexcused tardies and unexcused early dismissals:

- 3rd Unexcused Tardy/Early Dismissal - Parent Contact
- 5th Unexcused Tardy/Early Dismissal - Excessive Tardy/Early Dismissal Notification Letter -
- 8th Unexcused Tardy/Early Dismissal - Contract Meeting Scheduled. Parent meets with school personnel and signs contract.
- Continued Violations - Referral to the HCBOE Social Service Department, **discussion of retention of my child in current grade**, and assignment to **Mandatory Make Up Time**

PTO Postings

Thanks to everyone who helped with our QSP Magazine & Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Fundraiser! We are still waiting on the final numbers but it looks like we made LOTS of money to buy new playground equipment!

Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough will be here for pick-up on Tuesday, Oct. 18. Stay tuned for details!

Keep up with all PTO and Kings Chapel activities on Facebook. Join us at www.facebook.com/KCESPTO. We are always looking for volunteers to help with activities. If you want to lend a hand or if you have any questions about the PTO, please contact Andi Willis at kcespto@yahoo.com.



PreK Happenings

- Field trip to GA National Fair - October 13th.
- PreK PACT - October 28th.



Family Involvement Corner

Kings Chapel is proud to be a Distinguished Title I school. Title I is the nation's largest assistance program for schools. It provides funding for increasing student achievement in schools selected on the basis of the economic level of families in a school's attendance zone. A major objective of Title I is building parent capacity. What this means is we want to be sure families have the tools they need to help their children succeed. Our Parent Involvement events are designed with this goal in mind. We intend these to be fun activities that provide useful information for our families. We hope you will join us on October 25th for **Storybook Pumpkin Night**, where not only will you get to see a fabulous display of pumpkins, but you will receive some valuable reading resources for you and your child.

Save the date of November 18th, to join us for a **School Wide Math Day**. More information will be coming in Wednesday folders.

Another tool for success is our **Family Resource Center**, located in Room 17B. There are booklets on parenting, safety, homework and nutrition available for you to take home. Additional materials are on display in the hallway outside the front office. Stop by and pick something up! If you can't find what you need, please let me or your child's teacher know and we'll see what we can find for you.

Thanks for all you do to make our school a success!

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