

Kaufman's Communicator

Robert E. Clow Elementary School
October 13, 2005



Upcoming Dates:

Oct.	14	2 nd grade field trip, Honey Hill Apple Farm, 9:05-2:00
	17	Chorus, 8:00 a.m.
	19-21	LMC Book Fair
	21	PTA Pottery Night

On Mon., Oct. 31, students in grades K-5 at Clow School will celebrate fall with special room activities. Each student will be encouraged to bring an individual snack and drink of their choice to enjoy during the afternoon of the 31st. Unlike the daily nutritional snacks, students may choose a sweet option for the party. Additionally, PTA Room Parents will plan a craft activity selected with the help of grade level teachers.

Students who wish to bring costumes and participate in the annual parade will have the opportunity to change at school. Morning kindergarten students will parade at 10:35 a.m. outside along the north sidewalk of the building. Parents who wish to view the parade should plan to arrive about 10:30 and line up along the sidewalk near the kindergarten doors; please do not stand on the sidewalk as students will need to walk the path. If it is raining at 10:30, we will move the parade indoors to our multi-purpose room. Parents will need to gain access through the main entrance, and sign in at the office prior to going to the M-P Room.

Afternoon kindergarteners and all other grade levels will parade at 3:10 p.m. We are counting on

good weather so our parade may take place on the outdoor sidewalks around the building. Classes will exit the school via the front doors and walk east, taking the sidewalk that goes toward the staff parking lot. They will walk around the entire school, re-entering the building through the front doors. The best viewing will be from the playground blacktop, north sidewalk, and adjoining parking lot. Should it be raining at 3:05, we will move the parade indoors. In those conditions, parents may enter the school through the main doors and view the parade in the multi-purpose room or gym.

This year's parade will be the final one to take place during the school day. In future years, the parade will take place during an evening Family Fun event during which families - parents as well as children - can opt to dress up and participate.

Wearing a costume is strictly optional. Students who choose to dress up should bring their costume in a bag. Students will dress prior to the parade with the assistance of teachers and/or PTA room parents. We ask that you keep the school costume as simple as possible. Make-up and hair coloring should not be applied at school; please do not send these items with your child. Respectfully keep safety in mind; students should be able to see clearly and walk independently. Fourth and fifth grade students will be walking up and down the stairs in costume. As always, accessories that resemble a weapon (gun, knife, sword, etc.) must be left at home; if in doubt, please err on the conservative side and keep the item at home.

As always, we look forward to the upcoming weeks and all the activities they hold. We will undoubtedly have excited children as the fall holidays approach. We ask your help in assuring as much normal routine as possible here at school. If realistic routines exist, children know what behaviors and reactions to expect from the adults in their lives. When we can successfully keep regular events in place for students, they feel more stable and secure.

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Please join us for the Book Fair next week, in the LMC. There is a wonderful selection of reading material for all ages, reading levels and interests.

The dates are as follows:

Wed., October 19, at 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thurs., October 20, at 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fri., October 21, at 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- Sales tax will be added to your purchase price.
- Due to limited space: we are unable to accommodate strollers. Sorry for the inconvenience.
- Students must be accompanied by their parent before and after school.



On the building schedule published in our Parent and Student Handbook, the dates of October 17-21 are listed as dates for SAT testing. This year District 204 will not be administering this standardized test. The change means additional instructional time at those grade levels (2nd-5th) which gave the test in the past. The ISAT tests, which will be administered March 13-24, will continue to provide us with information about student progress.

We continuously strive to improve the delivery of instruction in our school and district. With that in mind, Clow School is working to provide more resource services within the classroom. Your student may share with you that he/she works with some of our resource specialists – Mrs. Caliva, Mrs. Flowers, Dr. McCarthy, or Mrs. Worthington – from time to time. Our Teaching Assistants also provide extra support within classrooms as needed. Our goal is to provide assistance in an inclusive setting as appropriate. In some situations students may be pulled out on a short-term basis for assistance.



“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.