



# Buckalew Buzz

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Buckalew Elementary School  
[buckalew.conroeisd.net](http://buckalew.conroeisd.net)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fall Picture  
Retakes

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

Red Ribbon  
Week

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

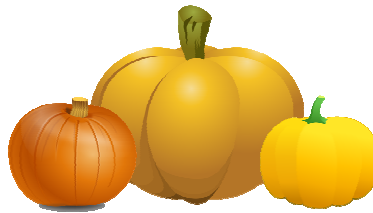
Report Cards  
Home

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>

Food Drive



## Mrs. Crews' News



It was great to see so many of you at Open House last week! It's hard to believe that the first grading period is already ending. Please check the Buzz for all the upcoming dates and events.

*Linda Crews,  
Principal*



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# Keys for Success

Weekly, students have the opportunity to be nominated for a "Student of the Week" when they demonstrate any of the **7 Keys to Success** we teach at Buckalew Elementary. Students nominated receive a special certificate to take home. They are then entered into a weekly drawing. The winners are on the announcements and are presented a "Principal's Award" Medallion. One student per grade level is drawn weekly. Congratulations to the following students:

**Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>**

Finnley Boling  
Fatema Fahkri  
Wyatt Graham  
Brodie Hunter  
June Lee



**Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>**

Shogo Ando  
Ira Bhasin  
Alex Carranco  
Luke Smith  
Mackenzie Stumpf



## Buckalew Volunteers

Please note that you must have completed the volunteer online application to be approved to volunteer at Buckalew. With all the upcoming holiday volunteer opportunities please do so as soon as you can so that you are on our approved list.



## Lunch Visitors

If you have family or friends visiting your child during lunch without you being present, you must send a written letter granting them permission on the date of the visit. You may also send a letter to the office granting that person permission to visit lunch for the entire 2015-2016 school year.



# End of School Dismissal

Parents, please be prompt on picking up your children at the end of the school day. **School dismisses at 3:05 and our car line usually finishes at 3:15.** Many of our staff members have after school meetings that they need to attend. Thank you for your help.



## New District Attendance Policy

Excused and Unexcused Absences

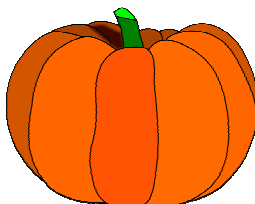
Parents,

Students' absences are now automatically coded as *unexcused*. In order for an *unexcused* absence to be changed to an *excused* absence, you must call the attendance line (281-465-3410) or email our attendance clerk ([jbull@conroeisd.net](mailto:jbull@conroeisd.net)) on the day the absence has occurred.

The *unexcused* absence will then be changed to *excused*, depending on the reason for the absence.

To insure correct attendance documentation for your child, please continue to send parent and doctor notes upon your child's return to school.

## Important School Numbers



School Nurse-281-465-3409

Bus Barn-832-592-8800

Cafeteria-281-465-2467

Attendance- 281-465-3410

# Nominations for Gifted and Talented Testing



Nominations are now open for Conroe Independent School District Gifted and Talented program. Although the testing will not take place until February, nominations are accepted at this time. Nominations can be made by the parents and/or teachers. It is recommended that parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students wait until CogAT scores have arrived at the end of December before nominating your 2nd grader because CogAT scores are part of the GT assessment. If you are interested in nominating your 3rd or 4th grade child, you may want to discuss this with your child's teacher at conferences. **Nominations will be accepted through December 18.** You may request a nomination form from the front office or your child's teacher. You can also find the nomination form and other GT information on the CISD GT homepage.

## Credit By Exam



The credit by exam application along with FAQ's is on the CISD website. If you are interested in filling out an application, look under the Student/Parent tab on the CISD home page. Please note that the deadline to turn in this application is Wed. October 28<sup>th</sup>.

## SCIENCE NIGHT

**WHAT:** 7th Annual Science Night featuring fun science experiments and demonstrations to watch and learn. Put on by The Woodlands High School Science National Honor Society.



**WHERE:** TWHS Cafeteria  
**WHEN:** Monday October 19 6-8pm  
\*Refreshments will be served



# One Key To Success is To Be Drug Free

October 26 to 30, 2015

Monday - Everyone wear **Red!**

Tuesday - Hats off To Being Drug Free  
- wear a crazy hat

Wednesday - Follow your Dreams- Don't do  
drugs - wear pajamas

Thursday - Sock It To Drugs- wear  
mismatched or crazy socks

Friday - I am Too Bright For Drugs -  
Wear Bright Colors!

# Clinic News

## Head Lice Fact Sheet



### What are head lice?

Head lice are parasitic insects that can be found on the head of people. Head lice feed on human blood several times a day, and live near the scalp. Head lice lay eggs, called nits, on the hair shaft, very close to the scalp. Nits further than ¼ inch from the scalp are likely dead/hatched. Lice do not spread disease.

### What are the symptoms of head lice?

- Tickling, feeling something moving in your hair
- Itching, caused by an allergic reaction to the louse bite
- Irritability and difficulty sleeping; lice are most active in the dark
- Sores on the head caused by scratching (which can lead to secondary bacterial infection)

### How do you get rid of head lice?

- Examine everyone in the home for lice and nits. Look carefully through the hair and at the scalp, behind the ears, and the back of the neck. Nits are easier to see than live lice.
- Treat only the household members who have lice. Use products available over-the-counter (according to package directions) or by prescription (according to physician directions).
- Comb the hair after treatment, using a special lice/nit comb. Separate the hair into sections and try to comb every nit and louse you can. Live nits that are not combed out will hatch within 7-10 days. **Combing is the most time-consuming step, but also the most important.**
- Clean around the house. Lice do not live long without a host to feed on. However, to pick up any stray hairs that may have a live nit attached, wash and dry clothes, sheets, pillow cases, and towels using hot water and high heat. Vacuum the floor and furniture to pick up loose hairs. Combs and brushes can be soaked in hot water for 5-10 minutes.
- Follow the lice treatment product directions for when to retreat. It is usually recommended to retreat 7-10 days after the initial treatment. Continue to check heads daily until 1 week after second treatment or 1 week after last louse or nit is removed.

### How are head lice spread?

Head lice are spread by direct contact with the hair of an infested person. The highest risk involves head-to-head contact. Lice crawl; they do not jump, and they do not have wings. Spread by contact with clothing or other personal items is fairly uncommon. Personal hygiene and cleanliness have nothing to do with getting head lice.

### How are head lice prevented?

- Teach children to avoid head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact during play at home, school, and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, sleepovers, camp).
- Avoid sharing clothing (hats, scarves, coats)
- Avoid sharing brushes, combs, and hair accessories

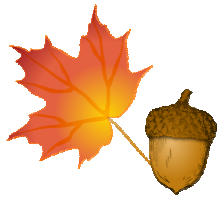
### Is there a season for head lice?

September is National Head Lice Awareness Month. Head lice incidences peak shortly after school starts particularly among young children. This is most likely due in part to younger children playing closely together and having head-to-head contact. During the winter season, the sharing of coats and hats may contribute to head lice occurrences. As spring comes, outdoor playing and sports activities bring children close together. Summertime often means summer camps and sleepovers which can lead to the spreading of head lice. So it seems as if there is no “one” season for head lice. Year round awareness and routine family inspection will help prevent head lice occurrences.

### Resources:

Center for Disease Control & Prevention-<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/index.html>  
Texas Department of State Health Services-<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/schoolhealth/lice.shtm#>

# Book Fair is coming soon!



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## BOOK FAIRS



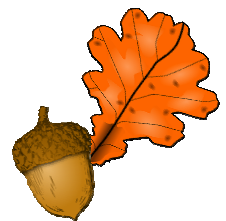
### Book Fair Preview:

November 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>



### Family Sales Event:

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 3:15-6:00 pm



### Book Fair Sales:

November 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

We need your help! If you are interested in volunteering to help with our Fall Book Fair please visit the Buckalew PTO website and sign up under the Volunteer tab, or email Mindy Laird at [mindylaird@yahoo.com](mailto:mindylaird@yahoo.com).



**More information is coming soon.**

**We are looking forward to seeing you at the Book Fair!!!**

**Mrs. Campo, Librarian**



## Houston Robot Remix



**Saturday, October 24**

**Oak Ridge High School**

Opening Ceremonies at 8:30 AM

Matches Start at 9:00 AM

Free Admission



# PTO



# CORNER

## Fall Buckalew Spirit Wear Coming Soon!

Be on the look-out for our fall spirit-wear sale, beginning the week of October 26th! The same company who did our Field Day shirts in the spring, Custom Sportswear, has created some great cool-weather options for our Buckalew Bears. We will be offering pull-over and full-zip hooded sweatshirts as well as long-sleeve t-shirts in navy for the boys and a light pink with navy and white logo for the girls. You can check out a sample of the pull-over hoodie in the front office! Orders will be delivered to the school approximately 2 weeks after the sale closes. The sale will close on November 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Hargett at [aphargett@yahoo.com](mailto:aphargett@yahoo.com) or 832-326-9270.

## Join Buckalew's Facebook Page & Win Prizes!



If you haven't joined the Buckalew Facebook page, please do so soon so you don't miss out on important information from the PTO! Any new likes we get today through October 30th will be entered to win a special prize from the Buckalew store! Share our page with your neighbors for extra chances to win!



## Community Partners Spotlight

Thank you so much to Buckalew Chevrolet for partnering with the Buckalew PTO for this school year! We are so appreciative of their support! Please visit their website at [www.BuckalewChevrolet.com](http://www.BuckalewChevrolet.com) to learn more about their business! When you visit Buckalew Chevrolet, please thank them for their support of Buckalew Elementary!





## Beat The Increase - Yearbook prices go up Oct 24!

Order yours today - and check out new personalization options to make your child's yearbook an even more treasured heirloom.

*All funds raised support Buckalew Elementary and help offset the cost of yearbook production.*

### Personalized Covers

Add your child's name and icons showing their interests to the cover for a yearbook made just for them (see attached flier for examples).

Just add it to your order when you purchase, or call 877-767-5217 to add if you've already ordered a yearbook. Adds \$5 to cost of yearbook (icons cost extra after October 15).

### Add A Special Message From You

Recognize your son or daughter with a special acknowledgement in a new "Dedications" section of the yearbook - they will love discovering and revisiting this special message just for them!

Adds \$25 to cost of yearbook. To order, go to <http://bit.ly/YearbookDedication>

#### Samantha Smith



Congratulations!  
All you do and all you  
are is because of your  
talent and love for life.

Love,  
Grandma and Grandpa

### PRICE:

2015-2016 Yearbook: \$25 (plus any personalization options chosen)

Yearbook price increases to \$35 on October 24!

### ORDER ONLINE AT:

<http://bit.ly/OrderYearbook> or through the Buckalew PTO Spirit Store at  
<http://www.BuckalewBearsPTO.com>

Yearbook Questions?  
Email Wendy at [wwhamond@hotmail.com](mailto:wwhamond@hotmail.com)

\*\*\*\*\***NOTICE**\*\*\*\*\*

In accordance with the Don A. Buckalew Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization ("PTO") By-Laws, notice is hereby given to the PTO general membership that on Friday, November 6, 2015, an election to fill the soon to be vacated position of Treasurer will be held. The election will be conducted during the November 6th PTO meeting which begins at 9:30 am in the Buckalew Bistro. To be eligible for an Officer position on the PTO Board, any nominee must be a voting member (paid his/her PTO dues). It is preferred for such nominee to have served on the Board of Directors for a minimum of one year.

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Any general PTO member interested in the Publicity position on the PTO Board, please contact Laurie Jeter or Amy Atnipp at [president@buckalewbearspto.com](mailto:president@buckalewbearspto.com)

**For More Detailed Information Regarding PTO  
Activities,  
Please See the PTO Newsletter on the PTO Website  
at [buckalewbearspto.com](http://buckalewbearspto.com).**

