

October 23, 2009

COUGAR NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 26-30	Red Ribbon Week	Nov. 9	Elective Night 6:00
Oct. 27	Progress Reports Go Home	Nov. 10	Fall Pictures
Oct. 27	Football v. Livingston 8 th – 6 th Gr. Campus 7 th - Away	Nov. 12	Basketball v. Huffman Girls - Home Boys - Away
Oct. 29	Volleyball v. Livingston 7 th and 8 th Home	Nov. 13	End of 2 nd Six Weeks
Oct. 30	Fall Dance 2:30 – 4:15	Nov. 13	Dodgeball Tournament After School
Nov. 2	Volleyball v. White Oak 7 th and 8 th Away	Nov. 19	Report Cards Go Home
Nov. 2	Pep Rally	Nov. 19	Basketball: Away Girls @ White Oak Boys @ Livingston
Nov. 3	Football v. White Oak 8 th - Away 7 th - 6 th Gr. Campus	Nov. 20	8 th Grade Career Day
Nov. 7	Volleyball: District Tournament 7 th @ KCMS 8 th @ White Oak	Nov. 23-27	Thanksgiving Break No School

Red Ribbon Week Oct. 26-30

KCMS is joining other schools around the country in celebrating the 21st anniversary to emphasize drug prevention awareness.

Monday

Join the Fight against Drugs
Wear Camo

Tuesday

“Paws”-itively Drug Free
Wear KCMS Spirit/Favorite Team Shirts

Wednesday

I’m Too Cool for Drugs/
Use Your Head and Don’t Do Drugs
Wear Cool Sunglasses and Crazy Hair

Thursday

Put a Cap on Drugs
Wear Caps or Hats

Friday

Spook out Drugs
Wear Costumes

Door Decorating Contest

(2nd Period Classes)

Prizes will be given to the top three classes.

Fall Dance

Oct. 30th 2:30 – 4:15

The Fall Dance will be on Friday, October 30th, 2:30 – 4:15 p.m. Costumes are welcomed but must be in dress code. No objects may accompany the costumes.

Admission: \$5.00

Concession Stand Items: \$1.00

Guidelines for Costumes

Oct. 30th

- **Hair color:** is allowed during the school day
- **Masks and hats:** can be worn to school but must be put in the locker or a classroom at start of first period
- **Face paint:** can be worn at the dance only
- **Objects that accompany costumes:** not allowed at school or dance

Regular dress code will still be enforced during school hours and at the dance

Important Flex Week and SSI information on the back

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7th and 8th Grade Information

Flex Week May 24 – June 4

- This instructional time will consist of 9 days
- All instructional staff will be teaching our students
- The following programs will be offered: (All students can attend school during Flex Week)
 - Summer school
 - SSI (8th grade only)
 - High school credit courses
 - Enrichment academies
- Students meeting the following criteria will have the option to opt out of attending school during Flex Week:
 - Passing all 2010 TAKS tests
 - Passing all classes for the school year
 - A maximum of 10 absences for the school year

8th Grade Information

The Texas Student Success Initiative (SSI) was passed by the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999 as a grade advancement requirement. The purpose of this initiative is to ensure that every student makes the academic progress necessary to show a sufficient understanding of the knowledge and skills taught and tested at each grade level.

The SSI requires that grade 8 students must meet the passing standard on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests in Reading and Mathematics before they can be promoted to grade 9.

KCMS recognizes that the education of your 8th grader is the result of the partnership between our staff, students and parents. Please contact the school if you have any questions about SSI for your student.