

Week of: October 19th-23rd

Kindergarten

news

UPCOMING EVENTS-

- 10/21 Unity Day (wear orange)
- 10/22 Trunk or Treat 6-7pm
- 10/23 Teacher Work Day (no school)
- 10/28 50th Day of School (see flyer)
- 10/23-10/30 Red Ribbon Week (see flyer)
- 10/30 Book Character Parade

Literacy - Identifying story elements of a fable and introducing the letter short vowel o.

Math - classifying objects into categories. .

Science - magnets push and pull.

Social Studies - exploring Digital Citizenship week

Please make sure you are packing a NUT FREE snack and water bottle every day.

MyKaty Cloud, HAC & other Technology Help
Absence Reporting

STUDENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				 Dragon Times Meeting 3:30 - 4:30 1	2	3
4	World Bully Prevention Day Chess  5	Soccer Stars Of Katy  Choir Read Deed Run 6	Walk/Bike to School Student Council Meeting Dragon Times Tutoring 7:45AM 7	 Wear Red for Dyslexia Awareness Mother Daughter event 6:00 - 8:00 PM 8	 Fall Break 9	10
11	 Fall Break 12	 Fall Break 13	14	 Dragon Times Meeting 3:30 - 4:30 15	16	17
18	Chess  19	Soccer Stars Of Katy Choir  Read Deed Run 20	Unity Day Wear Orange Dragon Times Tutoring 7:45AM 21	Trunk or Treat 6:00 - 7:00 PM   Orbit Visit  22	 Campus PD Day 23	24
25	<i>Red Ribbon Week</i> Chess  26	<i>Red Ribbon Week</i>  Soccer Stars Of Katy Challenge Picnic @ School playground 5-6pm Choir 27	<i>Red Ribbon Week</i> 50th Day of School 28	<i>Red Ribbon Week</i> Dragon Times Meeting 3:30 - 4:30  29	<i>Red Ribbon Week</i> Book Character Parade  30	31

SPECIALS

Please make sure you are wearing tennis shoes on PE days.



OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 PK/K: DAY 4 1-5: DAY 2	2 PK/K: DAY 1 1-5: DAY 3	3
4	5 PK/K: DAY 2 1-5: DAY 4	6 PK/K: DAY 3 1-5: DAY 5	7 PK/K: DAY 4 1-5: DAY 6	8 PK/K: DAY 1 1-5: DAY 1	9 FALL BREAK	10
11	12 FALL BREAK	13 FALL BREAK	14 PK/K: DAY 2 1-5: DAY 2	15 PK/K: DAY 3 1-5: DAY 3	16 PK/K: DAY 4 1-5: DAY 4	17
18	19 PK/K: DAY 1 1-5: DAY 5	20 PK/K: DAY 2 1-5: DAY 6	21 PK/K: DAY 3 1-5: DAY 1	22 PK/K: DAY 4 1-5: DAY 2	23 NO SCHOOL PD DAY	24
25	26 PK/K: DAY 1 1-5: DAY 3	27 PK/K: DAY 2 1-5: DAY 4	28 PK/K: DAY 3 1-5: DAY 5	29 PK/K: DAY 4 1-5: DAY 6	30 PK/K: DAY 1 1-5: DAY 1	31



PRE-K/KINDER TEAM (6) *Gonzales Split				
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Art	Nochlin (G)	Joines (G)	Nandy (G)	Sorokoski Kowal
Music	Joines (G)	Nochlin (G)	Kowal Sorokoski	Nandy (G)
Library	Nandy (G)	Kowal Sorokoski	Nochlin (G)	Joines (G)
PE	Kowal Sorokoski	Nandy (G)	Joines (G)	Nochlin (G)

Gonzales splits between the other 3 Kinder classes

RED RIBBON WEEK

Choose Healthy, Be Happy!

Oct. 26 - 30

Join us for a week of fun dress-up days while celebrating healthy choices and a bright future!



MONDAY - Give Bad Choices the Boot!

Western Wear Day

Wear boots, hats, jeans, plaid shirts, or bandanas. Let's kick bad choices to the curb!



TUESDAY - Live the Aloha Way

Tropical Day

Wear Hawaiian shirts, leis, floral prints, and bright colors.



WEDNESDAY - Rockin' Our Healthy Choices!

50s Day

Dress in your coolest retro 50s style and make positive choices.



THURSDAY - Healthy Habits From Head to Toe!

Crazy Hair & Crazy Socks Day

Show off wild hair and fun socks.



FRIDAY - Write Your Best Chapter!

Book Character Day

Dress as a favorite book character and bring the book.



Reminder

Costumes must be school appropriate. No weapons, masks, or scary makeup.

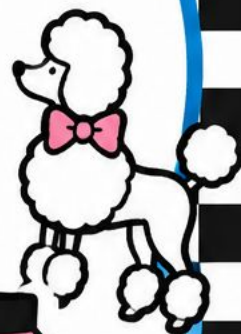
Healthy Choices Today, Bright Futures Tomorrow!

50th DAY OF SCHOOL

October 28th

Students are invited to
dress up in their best

50's attire!

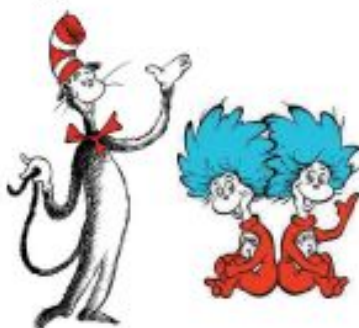




KDE Book Character Day!



Friday, October 30, 2026



Dear Parents,

We are excited for Book Character Dress-Up Day & the Book Character Parade. Book Character Dress-up Day and Parade is **Friday, October 30, 2026**. Students may come to school dressed up as a character from a favorite book. The Book Character Parade will begin at **9:00 a.m.** in the circle drive at the front of the school.

Parents are invited to view the parade in designated areas in front of the school. Raptor badges are not required for parents coming only to watch the parade. Parents will be able to view all classes as the students parade in their costumes through the circle drive.

Costume Guidelines

- Select a book character from a book read independently or with an adult.
- Costumes may be purchased; however, students are encouraged to use items already at home to create their character costume. Have fun & be creative!
- All costumes must be school dress appropriate and comply with dress code guidelines.
 - *Please do not bring toy weapons.
 - *No scary makeup or masks.
- Bring the book with the character to school on **October 30th** to carry in the parade.

We are looking forward to an exciting day celebrating our favorite books and characters!

Thank you!

James and Keiko Davidson Elementary Staff

Transportation Changes



01

Email:

kdetransportation@katyisd.org

02

Always Include:

- Student's First and Last Name
- Grade Level
- Teacher
- Change(Walker/biker/Bus/CarRider)
- Temporary or Permanent
- If permanent, the severe weather dismissal moving forward
- A copy of your driver's license with the email

ABSENCES

01

Notify ADA Clerk/Front Office

Call: 281-234-2500

Online: <https://www.katyisd.org/KDE>
>Campus Links>Absence Reporting Form

02

Email your child's
teachers

03

Send an absence excuse
note when your student
returns (when applicable)

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE SENDING
AN EXTRA PAIR OF CLOTHES IN YOUR
CHILD'S BACKPACK IN CASE OF AN
ACCIDENT!**

COMMUNICATION FOLDER



**BE SURE TO CHECK
YOUR CHILD'S
COMMUNICATION
FOLDER IN THEIR
BACKPACK
REGULARLY FOR
IMPORTANT
INFORMATION.**

Tips for Navigating Elementary School



ALWAYS, ALWAYS bring your driver's license (or passport) when you come into the school.

We are video monitored by the Katy ISD Police Department to make sure we are checking identification for each and every person that enters the school to ensure the safety of your child and our staff. Therefore, **we are unable to let you into the school without proper identification.**



The doors open at **8:10a.m.** and children are expected to be seated in their classroom by **8:30.**

Please note that children are not allowed to enter the building until the **8:10.** bell, (unless they are signed up for a morning program). Please allow your child enough time to walk into the building and get to class before the bell rings. Please have your child ready to exit the car when you are in position to unload. Please remember, that some of our safety patrol children may be frightened by dogs, so please refrain from bringing them for a ride along if possible.

**** If a child is late, please park and walk them in for a tardy slip.**



Likewise, please be on time to pick up your child. The teachers and staff are off contract at **4:05p.m.**, therefore we do not have anyone available to stay late for those children not picked up on time.



Cut-off time to make a transportation change is 2:00p.m. We are unable to accept changes of transportation by phone, therefore all changes **must be in writing.** Changes of transportation can be sent (1) with your child in their daily folder, (2) hand delivered to the front office, (3) by email to **KDETransportation@katyisd.org**, (4) faxed to 281-644-1925 (copy of parent driver's license is required for transportation changes sent by fax or email). Please include the following information: (1) Child's full name, (2) Date, (3) Teacher's name, (4) bus number, car tag number, Walker #1, #2 or #3, (5) parent signature. NOTE: Each child is assigned a car tag number, if your child is riding home in the car of another child, your child still needs to travel under his/her assigned car tag number and not that of the friend.



Lunches **must be dropped off** at the front desk by 10:00a.m.

Lunchtime is a time to promote student independence and peer relationships. Please try not to use this time as a special occasion, (such as a grandparent leaving after a weekend visit) this sometimes upsets the child thus making it difficult for the teacher to get the student back on task for learning. We are very limited on seating and need to provide everyone an opportunity to eat with their child. Therefore, lunch visits are limited to once per week. Parents must sign-up using the Lunch Visitor Form on Signup.com. The link to this can be found on our website and in our school newsletters.

Katy ISD limits visitors to parents, grandparents and non-school aged children.



Arrival and Dismissal Safety Reminders

Now that we are on our way into this amazing school year, we would like to share a few helpful tidbits about arrival and dismissal to ensure that we keep all Davidson students safe.

Bell Schedule

8:10 Doors Open

8:30 Tardy Bell

3:40 Dismissal

Arrival Procedures

Students should not arrive before 8:00am. Contract time for staff begins at 8:05 and we do not want students unsupervised for their safety before the bell rings. (Unless student is part of a morning program)

Please do not drop off students in the staff parking lot.

Students in all grades should be dropped off in the front car line. Students with Fast Passes and special permission may be picked up in the Kindergarten drive.

Please yield to all daycare and school buses as they enter and exit the parking lot.

Dismissal Procedures

Pre-K, Kinder and 1st Grade WALKERS: Parents must have their car rider tag with them to meet their student.

WINDING POINT DRIVE- It is important that Winding Point be kept clear for buses and emergency vehicles. Please do not double park or block the streets along this street. Please refrain from making u-turns in front of the buses.

Remind your students to walk safely, crossing the streets with the crossing guards, not walking between cars.

Parents, please watch for students crossing the streets in the vicinity of the school and down Winding Point Drive.

ARE YOU HERE TO VOLUNTEER?

Katy ISD requires all volunteers serving on or off-campus during or after the instructional day to register with the district through its Raptor security system.

Join our volunteer community and register today with these easy steps:



District-Required Volunteer Registration

Complete the district-required volunteer registration and create your personal profile.

Contact Your Campus

Once registered, contact your campus volunteer organization to sign up for specific activities.



Sign up, show up & log your hours on
your personal volunteer portal!

Log Hours Here:



IT ALL ADDS UP!

www.katyisd.org/partnersineducation

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KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

KATY
Katy Independent School District



Dear Parents,

The SMART tag™ system helps increase safety and security for students riding on a school bus, leveraging technology to improve student management and communications on school buses.

SMART tag™ monitors the location of each tablet-equipped school bus, including student loading and unloading, providing real-time information to the Transportation Department, and you, the parent.

SMART tag™ will help...

- increase driver, school, and parent awareness
- ensure riders will load on the right bus and unload at the right stop
- maximize rider safety and security
- enable drivers to efficiently and effectively carry out their duties
- ensure Special Education and Pre-K students are released to authorized guardians.

SMART tag™ Parent App

- SMART Alerts – sign up to receive push notifications when the bus is near your student's designated bus stop.
- SMART Locate – view live bus location from when you receive the arrival alert up to your home stop.
- Authorized guardian release. This allows you to add and update authorized guardians through the Parent App (for primary parents only and if enabled by your district).

Make sure to register!

Download the Parent App from the app store or scan the QR code, and register to take advantage of the SMART tag™ Parent Features.



<https://www.qbit.codes/q/smart-tag-parent-app>

How it Works



Student ID (SMART tag™)

Students are issued passive, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) cards which do not store student information nor emit any tracking information. RFID technology is used in many industries such as medical (patient, equipment & supplies tracking), libraries (book tracking), and even amusement park access. These IDs are read when students get on or off the bus by an RFID reader. On campus, they can be used at the cafeteria and library via their printed bar codes.

Bus Tablet

SMART tag™ school buses are equipped with a tablet computer and RFID reader. When riders get on or off, they present their ID onto the reader and the tablet displays if the rider is boarding the correct bus or are getting off at their correct stop. The tablet uses its GPS information to report its location and speed, ridership activity and other safety-related information.



Transportation Administration

While buses are in service, their location and ridership info are available for the transportation administrators, so they can oversee all school bus activity.

For more information about SMART tag™, please visit our website at <http://www.smart-tag.net>.



What is GT?

GT is a program that serves students who have high achievement capability, are quick learners, and need an instructional challenge. In Katy ISD, students identified for the Gifted and Talented program get pulled out for one full day a week to the Challenge Classroom.



How can I request screening?

Fill out a Parent Checklist using the Gifted and Talented tile in the Parent My Katy. The Parent My Katy can be found at <https://launchpad.classlink.com/katyisd>. All testing is done on campus.

Submission Deadline By Grade Level

Grade 5	September 2
Kinder	October 7
Grades 1-4	October 7

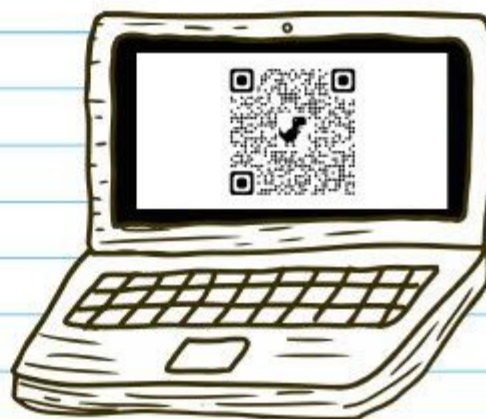
GT Tile is currently open

Need More Information?

Please join the district information sessions that will be via TEAMS on the dates below:

GT Awareness for:

Kindergarten	September 8
Grades 1-11	October 1
Grade 5 KAP/AP	December 10



The QR code will take you to the KISD Parent My Katy.

NO LATE
SUBMISSIONS
WILL BE
ACCEPTED



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www.katyisd.org/Page/4167

PARENT RESOURCES

KINDER PARENT **PORTAL**



Responsibility

Kindergarten Family Connection

PurposeFULL
People

Overview

This month we are talking about Responsibility. One way to define Responsibility is "taking action and understanding the impact of our choices." Taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned. Understanding the impact of our choices means that our actions matter. Positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others.

Responsibility is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Strong.

Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like focusing, organizing, and goal-setting.

In The Classroom

Following directions can be challenging for young students! An important way we will practice Responsibility in Kindergarten this month is learning to follow directions. Strong Listening is foundational for following directions. When we listen with our whole selves, following directions (and practicing Responsibility) becomes much easier!

Steps for Strong Listening:

1. Eyes are ready (point to your eyes)
2. Ears are listening (cup your ears)
3. Brain is focused (point to your brain)
4. Heart is caring (put your hand on your heart)

Strategies for Following Directions:

1. Pay attention to directions with Strong Listening
2. Ask questions if you are confused
3. Do what you are asked to do the first time



Conversation Starters



- Can you share or show what it means to be Responsible?
- What are the 3 steps you use to follow directions and practice being Responsible?



Responsibility

PurposeFull Pursuits

PurposeFULL
People

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Responsibility. Here are 3 "PurposeFull Pursuits" for you to complete together. How many can you do this month?

Pursuit #1

As a family, think of ways in which you might make someone's life a little easier by helping a neighbor or family friend with 1 of their Responsibilities. Could you bring the garbage to the chute or out to the curb? Could you carry things in from the grocery store? Could you invite someone over for a meal or a show?

Pursuit #2

Review Responsibility as a family! Responsibility is taking action and understanding how our choices affect others. Choose 1 household chore (or more!) that requires multiple steps. Then have each member of the family select 1 step to complete to help get the job done!

Maybe it is washing the dishes, doing laundry, cleaning the living room, or unloading the groceries - whatever it is, see who can be the quickest or most effective at their task!



Pursuit #3

We have all demonstrated Responsibility in our lives. Many of us have seen people practice Responsibility in ways that have inspired us. Stories are powerful tools for connecting as a family. Protect time this week to share stories about Responsibility with each other (you can use the story prompts to get started). At the end of the conversation, think of 1 way you can practice Responsibility this week.



Story Prompts:

- A time I (or someone else) showed Responsibility was ____.
- An act of Responsibility that changed/challenged me was ____.

