



# The Almanac

An All Star Publication of Askew Elementary School

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## Drug Free-The Askew Way to Be!

### Red Ribbon Week

The week of October 26-30, 2009 is National Red Ribbon Week. This is a time when schools and communities celebrate a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. We have lots of fun activities planned for the week and encourage all students to participate!

**Monday, October 26-** Wear Red Day

\*Students wear red clothing to school.

**Tuesday, October 27-** Join the Fight Against Drugs

\*Students wear camouflage clothing.

**Wednesday, October 28-** Drugs Turn you Inside Out!

\*Students wear their clothes inside out!

**Thursday, October 29-** Follow your Dreams- Don't Do Drugs!

\*Students wear their pajamas to school!

**Friday, October 30-** Say "Boo" to Drugs!

\*Students wear a fall-themed shirt!

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## Join Us for Literacy Night!

Please join us on Thursday, October 22nd for a fun-filled night of activities designed to enhance your knowledge of reading and all that it encompasses. Sessions such as *Reader's Theater*, *Phenomenal Phonics*, *Tackling the TAKS*, and more will certainly give you an informative yet creative view of how fun literacy can be. Don't miss out on the food, prizes, and wonderful make-and-take opportunities. RSVP forms will be sent home in student folders today.



### PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!



You are cordially invited to become a member of the **Parent Advisory Council!** The Parent Advisory Council is a collaboration between the school and parents of participating children in the Title I, Part A program. The PAC is a best practice that allows parents to be involved in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in planning, reviewing and improving Title I, Part A programs.

At this meeting we will do a Title I Overview and discuss Askew's Parental Involvement Policy as well the curriculum. We would love for

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### Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 14	Odyssey of the Mind Interest Meeting Askew Library 3:30 pm
Oct. 22	Parent Advisory Council Meeting Askew Cafeteria 4:30—5:30 pm  Literacy Night 5:30—7:00pm
Oct. 26-30	Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 30	HISD Day at UH  (Football Game: Nov. 21; Buy Tickets by Oct. 30)
Nov. 4	Report Card Day  Fuddruckers Night
Nov. 5	Picture Day
Nov. 16	Prince's Night
Nov. 17	PTO Meeting 8:00 am
Nov. 25-28	Thanksgiving Holiday

you to become a part of this council! Share ideas, voice concerns, and allow your positive presence to be felt here at Askew.

Join us in the cafeteria on Thursday, October 22 from 4:30pm-5:30pm -- one hour before Literacy Night! For questions please contact Ebony Cumby, our Title I Coordinator, at (281) 368-2100 or at ebutler@houstonisd.org.

### Odyssey of the Mind



A meeting for all those interested in Odyssey of the Mind will be held Wednesday, October 14, in the school library at 3:30 pm. Odyssey of the mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Kids apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They bring their solutions to competitions on the local, state, and World level. Grades K through Second are in the primary division and will present their solution at the Regional competition only. Grades Three through Five have the opportunity to advance to the World competition in May. Coaches are needed to help facilitate the teams as they solve their long term problems. A coaches training will be held October 24<sup>th</sup> at Sharpstown High School. Coaches decide when and where their teams will meet, so this is an excellent opportunity for working parents to get involved in something fun and worthwhile! For more information on Odyssey, go to [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com). If you are interested, but cannot join the meeting, please contact PTO

Club Liaison, Arienne de Vassal, at [arienne410@aol.com](mailto:arienne410@aol.com) or 281-497-7074.

### Volunteers Needed



The library is in need of volunteers to help shelve books! Our wonderful librarian, Ms. Hartsoch, will hold a training/overview of the library and book shelving on Friday, October 16th at 1:05 pm. So come by a little early before picking up the kids and get familiar with our newly painted Askew library! If you cannot make it that day, but wish to come in another time to help, just let Ms. Hartsoch or the office know. You can contact Ms. Hartsoch at [lhartsoc@houstonisd.org](mailto:lhartsoc@houstonisd.org).

### Quillian Recreation Center

Quillian Recreation Center has been offering quality after-school programs for over 20 years and currently our buses serve Askew Elementary (\$275 per month)

The Quillian staff has worked very hard to make this a fun and safe program. Our after-school counselors are excited about working with your child! Each day the children are provided with a snack and supervised time for homework. The children will also enjoy time in the game room and gymnasium. Children may stay at Quillian as late as 6:30pm. Facilities also include a cool playground, rock climbing wall and swimming pool. Full day care is available on most school holidays.

Contact Beverly Okosun at 713.458.4713 or [bokosun@quilliancenter.org](mailto:bokosun@quilliancenter.org) for more information. Visit our website for more information on After School Care and other Quillian Programs.

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### Congratulations Heather Lillibridge



Heather Lillibridge, a first grader in Mrs. Monroe's class, won second place in the Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition's 30th Anniversary photo contest for the division of 12 and under. Her photo was of a baby cottontail rabbit. She won \$100, a Children's Museum Family Membership, and passes to the Museum of Natural Sciences. All winning photos will be on display at the TWRC offices. You may find out more at <http://www.twrc-houston.org/>



### Fundraiser for the Askew Science Club

This year the Askew Science Club is raising funds through recycling working or nonworking cell phones, laptop computers, iPods, digital cameras, digital video cameras, MP3 players, and handheld game consoles. Please deposit all of you unwanted equipment in the box marked Science Club Fundraiser in the front courtyard throughout the school year. Thank you.

## Mrs. Townes' Weekly

Force

Gravity

Rotation

Reflection

