



The Almanac

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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. 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 have been sent home already!!

- ◆ Reader's theater is a great way to involve students in reading, writing, listening and speaking activities by reading a script adapted from literature aloud to an audience. It helps to develop fluency, increase comprehension, motivate readers, create confidence, and provide opportunities for cooperative learning. You will get to take home a script and puppets that you create in our session



- ◆ Tackling TAKS Reading: All you have ever wanted to know about TAKS Reading but too afraid to ask...WE HAVE THE ANSWERS!!

Come Learn...

...What are the expectations?...

...What your child should do?...

...What you can do to help?...

...What we are doing??

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Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 19	Prince's Night
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. 29	Pumpkin Dance @ 2PM!!
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. 7	Westbriar Middle School Booster Club Carnival
Nov. 9-13	Fall Book Fair in Library!!
Nov. 16	Prince's Night
Nov. 17	PTO Meeting 8:00 am
Nov. 25-28	Thanksgiving Holiday

**PARENTS! PARENTS!
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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 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.



Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF!!

Little orange boxes will be sent home. Take these boxes with you when trick-or-treating to help raise money for kids all around the world! Just \$1 will provide 40 children with water for a day. Boxes will be collected by Wednesday, November 4th with your homeroom teachers. HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

PARENTS!

Please watch for a form to come home in your child's Tuesday folder about the Askew Directory. Please correct the information and send it back no later than October 21st—that's next Wednesday!! The English form is Pink and the Spanish form is Tan. Watch for them!!



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends on **SUNDAY, November 1, 2009.** Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour!

Odyssey of the Mind

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 24th 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 *O d y s s e y*, go to www.odysseyofthemind.com. If you are interested, but cannot join the meeting, please contact PTO Club Liaison, Arienne de Vassal, at arienne410@aol.com or 281-497-7074.

Volunteers Needed

The library is in need of volunteers to help shelve books! Please let Ms. Hartsoch know if you are interested!! You can contact Ms. Hartsoch at lhartsoc@houstonisd.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 your unwanted equipment in the box marked Science Club Fundraiser in the front courtyard throughout the school year. Thank you.

**Mrs. Townes'
Weekly
Science
Vocabulary**

- Electromagnetic
- Insulator
- Conductor
- Closed Circuit
- Open Circuit

