

# BOBCATbeat

Oak Forest Elementary

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## A NOTE FROM PRINCIPAL POLLACK

All of the teachers and staff at Oak Forest are very excited to start the 2009-2010 School Year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer. I want to welcome all of our students and parents back to school, and I want to extend a very warm welcome to all of the students and parents that are new to Oak Forest. If you have any questions or concerns

during the school year, please feel free to contact me at 713-613-2536 or [spollack@houstonisd.org](mailto:spollack@houstonisd.org).

We have received some very exciting news to start off the new school year. Oak Forest has been named to the 2009 Texas Business and Education Coalition (TBEC) Honor Roll. This prestigious award recognizes schools

with the highest percentage of students performing at the state's most rigorous standard in every subject over a three year period. Only 254 out of the more than 8,000 public schools in Texas earned this honor. This accomplishment is the result of the dedicated students, teachers, parents, and staff members that are a part of Oak Forest Elementary.

**PTA MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17TH  
HAVE DINNER WITH US FIRST!**

The PTA will be serving a meal at 6:00 before the 6:30 meeting.

For only \$4.00 you can enjoy

- A Chik-Fil-A chicken sandwich,
- a bag of chips,
- a cookie or apple slices

AND

- a water.

## SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT & WIN A CLASSROOM VISIT FROM BOBBY THE BOBCAT

Students, show your Oak Forest Elementary school spirit and create an original, colorful drawing of our school mascot, Bobby the Bobcat in an Astros uniform. The classroom with the highest participation will receive a visit from Bobby!

Hurry, the deadline for participation is **Thursday, October 1st** and Bobby the Mascot will visit your classroom on October 5th!



## TEACHER APPRECIATION

Welcome Back! We hope all of you have had a wonderful start to this new school year. We would like to ask any parent that is interested in helping the Teacher Appreciation Committee this year, and who is not on our current E-mail list, please send a quick E-mail to Carrie Botello at [ckadl19298@aol.com](mailto:ckadl19298@aol.com)

Help us show our appreciation to our teachers and staff with gifts and goodies throughout the school year. Look for our up coming E-mails and sign up if you are able!

Thanks and have a great year!

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### ICE CREAM SOCIAL A HUGE SUCCESS!

A Special Thank you to Oak Forest Elementary faculty and families for making our annual Ice Cream Socials held on August 18th and August 20th the best ever! We had spectacular, record breaking nights and we'd like to give a special thank you to our parent volunteers: Melissa and Mike Nino, Sally McDaniel, Jennie Biggs, Ann Herzog, Catie Brow, Letitia Van Campen, Ron Crumpler and Kathy Crumpler.

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### FALL FESTIVAL

**Save the Date:**  
**November 7, 2009 11-3pm**

**Open House - Sept. 9th & 10th**  
stop by our booth to get more information  
or to order a Fall Festival t-shirt

sign-up to help with your child's class booth -  
there will be a flyer in each class

**For questions or information, you can contact**  
Jennie Biggs at [jgbiggs@gmail.com](mailto:jgbiggs@gmail.com) or  
Catie Brow at [browfamily@comcast.net](mailto:browfamily@comcast.net)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following Faculty and Staff:

Beverly Scott	9 / 1
Wendy Knight	9 / 2
Dora Valdez	9 / 2
Katherine Garcia	9 / 15
Cathy French	9 / 20
Jacquelyn Maida	9 / 23
Jacqueline Vallejos	9 / 23
Sylvia Lacefield	9 / 25
Amy Bakenhus	9 / 29
Shannon Cones	10 / 8
Elba Rodriguez	10 / 8
Diane Cates	10 / 20

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### ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: ARBORETUM PINE STRAW DRIVE

We will be using pine straw to mulch the arboretum this year. We will be collecting pine straw on **Monday** mornings **only**, during school drop-off by the **arboretum gate**. We ask that the pine straw be bagged and as free as possible of any junk including sticks and pine cones. Your contribution is appreciated!

If you have any questions  
call

**Claudet Goff:**

713-956-7330

or email at

[claudetgoff@aol.com](mailto:claudetgoff@aol.com)

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## COOKIE DOUGH PTA 2009 FUNDRAISER IS IN PROGRESS

Our Goal this year is to raise \$20,000. The funds raised help pay for:

Classroom Enhancement ♦ Field Trip Buses ♦ Accelerated Reader  
Arts & Education Assemblies ♦ 5th Grade Graduation Party  
Teacher appreciation ♦ Arboretum Maintenance and Education Materials  
President's Project ♦ School Directory for All PTA Members  
♦ School supplies and clothing for needy families' ♦

**Selling dates:** Now until Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009.

**Orders due:** Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009.

NO orders can be accepted after Friday, Sept. 25, 2009.

**Delivery date:** Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009 at the school.

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP that DAY!**

### PRIZES, PRIZES & MORE PRIZES:

1. Cumulative prize program – based on the # of items sold
2. School Supplies for each classroom. Teachers can earn \$\$ for school supplies in their classroom based on the % participation in the classroom  
50% classroom participation = \$35;  
70% participation = \$50;  
&  
100% classroom participation = \$100 in school supplies.
3. Ice Cream Party for the top selling classroom in each pod.
4. Debit Cards for the top 3 sellers at Oak Forest Elementary  
1st Place \$100 ♦ 2nd Place \$75 ♦ 3rd Place \$50
5. Roll in the Dough(\$\$) for a chance to win up to \$100 (2 winners)  
For each 10 items sold, your name will be entered in the raffle for a chance to Roll In The Dough at the PTA meeting on November 19, 2009.

**QUESTIONS:** Amber Caver or Ann Herzog at: [cookiedough@oakforestpta.com](mailto:cookiedough@oakforestpta.com).



**WELCOME BACK** Oak Forest students, faculty, and parents. We hope that you had a safe and fun summer and are ready to hit the books and learn. We also want to remind you that there are Box Tops for Education out there on your favorite products. Clip those Box Tops (example above), turn them in and Oak Forest receives 10 cents for each Box Top.

**“How do you clip and save?”**

It is easy. Clip the Box Tops off the product packaging and place them in a baggie. Once you reach 10, you can turn them in, but don't just stop at 10. Collect as many as you can. Attach a “10 to Win” Raffle sheet that you received in Wednesdays folder on Sept. 2 to the baggie. The baggie with Raffle Sheet can be placed in the Box Tops container in the entry way at school or give them to your teacher and they can place them in the Box Tops container in the teacher work rooms. There are also several community sites which include: Oak Forest Library, The Young and the Restless, St. Matthews CDC, Johnson Memorial School, and Gethsemane Lutheran MDO.

**“Why should you clip and save?”**

Last year, almost 18,000 Box Tops or \$1,800 was collected at Oak Forest. With that money, the PTA was able to keep the teacher classroom assistance amount at \$100. Let's make and break that mark! The goal for this year is 20,000 Box Tops or \$2000. **WE CAN DO IT, WITH EVERYONES HELP!!!**

**“What is the incentive for clipping and saving?”**

All students' who collect Box Tops for the month and turn them in with a “10 to Win” slip, their names will go in a raffle drawing. Two (2) names will be drawn and they will receive a prize package. Anyone who collects ten (10) for the month will receive a small “Thank You” prize. An added bonus for this year, if any faculty member collects and turns in Box Tops their names will go in a drawing and the monthly winner will receive a prize. For the class who all together collects the most for the month will receive extra time at recess.

**“Where can I find Box Tops for Education?”**

Box Tops are found on over 200 of your favorite products. Here are just a view items: Old El Paso Taco Shells, Cheerios cereal, Gushers, Fruit by the Foot, Fruit Roll ups, Betty Crocker potatoes, Cottonelle Toilet Paper, Hefty Trash Bags, Kotex, Kleenex, Huggies, Ziploc Baggies, Betty Crocker Frosting, Chex Mix Snack Bars, Nature Valley Granola Bars, Green Giant Frozen vegetables, Chex Cereals, Juicy Juice, Gold Medal Flour, Pillsbury biscuits and cinnamon rolls, Yoplait yogurt, Hamburger Helper, and the newest addition...Avery products (labels, markers, glue stics, etc). As you can see they are out there, ready to be clipped and saved for Oak Forest Elementary!

**LET'S MAKE THIS AN AWESOME YEAR AND MAKE MONEY FOR OAK FOREST!  
Clip, Save, and Turn in those Box Tops.**

Oak Forest Elementary PTA 2009-2010 School Year

PTA Membership Drive Going on Now thru October 9th

# WE WANT YOU! JOIN PTA



Who can join?

Parents, Grandparents, relatives, neighbors, faculty and staff are all welcome to join and support our PTA!  
You must renew your membership each year.

PTA Members receive a Free School Directory

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Membership Dues Form – Return to your child's homeroom teacher

Member Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Phone #:
Email:
Student's Name & Teacher:

Make checks payable to: OAK FOREST PTA

Dues are \$6.00 per person

Texas Life Members - \$0.00 (per 2005 by laws)

PTA USE ONLY
Date:
Amount Paid:
___ Cash ___ Check No. ___

