

OES Principal's Report – October 26, 2011

Pre-K-47
Kinder-60
First-67
Second-61
Third-64
Fourth-65
Fifth-49

Total—413

October has been a busy month for OES! Thanks to Miss Parker, our Counselor, our students participated in several activities throughout the month:

Fire Prevention Week- Students discussed fire prevention strategies, listened to representatives of our Fire Department and got to take a tour of a fire truck. Students also participated in a poster contest. Three winners were selected by each grade level. Best in School was Adalyne Nehus. Her poster will advance to the next level of competition. We appreciate Mr. Faulkner and other members of our Fire Department for taking time out of their day to provide this opportunity for our students. *Bully Awareness Week-*Both Teachers and the Counselor focused on activities related to bullying prevention. Students were encouraged to wear blue to show support for preventing this issue. Follow up activities have been planned to address this issue again in the spring. *Red Ribbon Week-* Students participated in fun activities in celebration of a drug-free lifestyle.

The fifth grade is participating in a fundraising event for the American Red Cross. Students solicited family and friends to sponsor them with a donation for the total number of miles they walk on Wednesdays during the month of October. Using a pedometer, the students calculate their mileage based on the number of laps in the gym. Each student also received a t-shirt. All donations remain with Hill Country Red Cross, Fredericksburg; the division that covers Crockett County.

Parent Preview Night for the 2nd six weeks was held on the evening of Oct. 11th. This event allowed parents to gain information about their child's core subjects and the learning objectives that their children will be expected to master for this six weeks. Thanks to the PTO for providing door prizes.

PTO Officers for the this school year are: Shauna Hopper—President, Christy Cruz---President Elect, Susan Cantu---Treasurer, Eloisa Ortiz---Secretary

PTO also rewarded our A- A/B Honor roll students with an ice cream cake from DQ on Thursday, October 13th.

Report cards were sent out Oct. 5th. The monthly newsletter went out on Oct. 7th.

This month's classroom observations and walkthroughs are currently centering on RtI instruction. Teachers are using various strategies to aid student mastery. Benchmark assessments are concentrating on higher-level thinking strategies. This is a challenge for all of our students. Parents are noticing the increased level of rigor. Our teachers are meeting with parents during their conference periods to help facilitate an understanding of the new STAAR tests and the readiness standards that will now be tested.

In November we plan on launching our "IT TAKES TWO" Volunteer Campaign. This program will emphasize the importance of parents volunteering on our campus. This slogan will represent the importance of the connection between two entities: home and school. We are asking for volunteers to give us two hours...twice a week, a month or even a year. This effort will complement our efforts of meeting Title One requirements, as well as offer an avenue for parents to have access and feel included with activities at our school. Maria Perez, parent liaison will head this venture.