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Innovation Generation: How to produce creative and useful scientific ideas was authored by Roberta Ness, Dean of the University of Texas School of Public Health and UT-Houston Vice President for Innovation. Dr. Ness teaches how to be a more creative and innovative thinker, and her book is the first on this subject aimed at scientists and engineers. High school director James Moudry and I met with Dr. Ness this week and discussed innovation, the Post Oak High School, Montessori education (her two children attended Montessori school in Pittsburgh), and potential future partnerships. (Thanks to Post Oak trustee Pat Mitchell for making the introduction.)

TWO

Houston is now the most diverse city in the United States. And diversity is at the heart of The Post...
Greening of Post Oak

Starting next fall, the directory section of the Parent Handbook will become a separate booklet and given to all families at orientation. As part of our green initiative, the handbook itself will be printed in small quantities for new families and remain available online (and to download) for the entire community.

We appreciate your support and value your feedback as we implement these changes in order to keep Post Oak green.

Volunteer POPA Appreciation

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

3:30–4:30 pm

Join POPA leadership, faculty, and staff as they say thanks to everyone who has volunteered over the year. No volunteer job is too small to be recognized.
Thank You
Post Oak!

Dear Faculty, Staff and students of Post Oak, I would like to thank you all for supporting me on my Spelling Bee journey that culminated in the Houston PBS Bee on Saturday. It was a great experience, and I enjoyed it. I was disappointed to exit early, but learnt invaluable lessons along the way, such as, asking a lot of questions before starting to spell. Also, always picture the word in your mind before you start to spell and then, spell very S-L-O-W-L-Y. I understand now that Bee success is equal parts knowledge and flawless technique. Saturday was not my best day and a combination of bad luck and missteps on my part proved to be my undoing. However, it was nice to be in the midst of all these other amazing spellers. I would like to extend special gratitude to Mrs. Roark who accompanied me and cheered me on, and also to my classmates. Thanks to Coach Tucker who excused me from a few days of Bearkats practice so I could put in extra effort for the Bee.

I appreciate your being by my side, every step of the way!

Christina Kopanidis-Cantu, Development Director

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Picnic on the Playground!

Thanks to the Zumbado family and The Rochlis Family Foundation for their generous gift of new picnic tables and a new tree bench in our playground. The old picnic tables had seen better days and were scheduled to be replaced one-by-one as the budget allowed. Ten handcrafted new cedar picnic tables with rich auburn coloring are now in their place. Our carpenter used a thicker plank that will prevent warping, and cedar wood naturally repels bugs and does not need to be treated. The hearty construction will help the tables endure for years to come. What a beautiful addition to the garden and playground – thank you Jennifer, and Fernando!

Christina Kopanidis-Cantu, Development Director

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Dads’ Club Poker Night

Thursday, April 26
doors open 7:30 pm
1300 Post Oak Blvd., Ste. 2000
Space is limited
RSVP
Dirt! The Movie
a Spring Environmental Event at The Post Oak School

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Special screening* starts at 6:30 pm
generated by a panel discussion with guests:

Monica Pope
Post Oak parent, award winning chef
& restaurant owner

Bob Randall PhD
Author and retired founding
Executive Director of Urban Harvest

Joe Blanton
Conservation Director at
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center

Kristina Carrillo-Bucaram
Founder of Rawfully Organic co-op

Let’s talk food & gardening!

It’s Carbon-Neutral Day
at Post Oak!
Walk, bike, or share a ride and bring
your refillable water containers.
Let’s make it a no-waste day!

*A section will be skipped to make this event suitable for all ages.
Childcare available for Post Oak Primary and Elementary students.
April 19 is Carbon-Neutral Day

Carpool, buy local, and ____?_____.

What will you do to reduce your carbon footprint?

The Post Oak Green Team & your planet thanks you!
SCENES
from
The Post Oak School

1. Moving up from Infant Community, carrying belongings to the new class.
2. A lesson in hand washing.
3. Reading activities in Primary.
4. Reading and following commands.
5. Dying eggs to hide and then seek.
6. ASEP Chinese class celebrates Easter.
7. Getting a sense of temperature with the thermic tablets.
8. Asking for help from the librarian.
9. Learning a new technique in art class.
10. Creating a model of an oil rig for a play.
11. A blind taste test in Upper Elementary.
**CALENDAR**

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**NOTICE BOARD**

**Houston Rockets**

**Private School Appreciation Night**

The Houston Rockets are hosting a Private School Appreciation Night on Saturday, April 21 against the Golden State Warriors. We would love to invite all the faculty, staff, students, and parents of the students to enjoy a Rockets game! Below is information on that night and prices for the game. If you have any questions or concerns, my information is listed below. Thanks and have a great day!

Nick Townsell, Inside Sales Representative
713-758-7332

**Saturday, April 21, 2012**

7:00 pm

**Ticket Prices**

- $15 (Upper bowl end zones)
- $22 (Upper bowl sidelines)
- $47 (lower level end zones)
- $65 (lower level corners)

To order your tickets email: nicholast@rocketball.com

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