It’s time to get ready for one of the most beloved events of the year: Book Fair!

Book Fair is a fun-filled, family event, and an excellent opportunity to purchase books for your child’s class, the school library, and your friends and family. The teachers have made careful selections for both the main library collection and to go onto the shelves of their own classrooms, including those in the High School—please consider helping build their collection when you make your selections. In addition to the books you buy for the school, a percentage of all purchases you make at Barnes & Noble during Book Fair (books, music, games, toys, and DVDs) will go into a direct fund for our library. The holidays are right around the corner, so be sure to bring your gift lists and get a head start on all your shopping in one place, where your spending will really make a difference.

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THE POST OAK BOOK FAIR
THURSDAY, NOV. 1
9 A.M.–9 P.M.

BARNES & NOBLE
3003 W. HOLCOMBE BLVD.

BOOK FAIR CHAIRS:
HILLERY HUGG & MARY STEPHENS

BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE

4–8 p.m.  Crafts!
  • Bookmaking Project with the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
  • Build-A-Story
  • Wish Scrolls
  • Create Your Own Bookmarks

4–9 p.m.  American Robotics: visualize, build & watch your ideal robot move. Lego-building.

4:30–5:30 p.m.  Readings/Sing-a-long

5:30–6 p.m.  Yoginos: Yoga for Youth

4:30–6:30 p.m.  Face painting

6:30 p.m.  Puppet Pizzazz Show: be delighted & amazed by the incredible puppets and performance

7:00 p.m.  Musical performance by our very own Middle School students
This year, the festivities will celebrate the History of the Book. Students of all grade levels are involved in making this event special. Activities will include craft-making, robotics, readings by our own Post Oak Primary teachers, a sing-along with Music Specialist James Winslow, a yoga presentation (with participation encouraged!), face painting, Lego-building, a puppet show, and for the finale, a performance by Post Oak’s own Middle School band, Summer Street.

Check out the schedule of activities to help you plan your visit to Barnes & Noble. The Book Fair begins at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 1, and will end at 9 p.m. Feel free to come shop earlier in the day—and then return for the festivities with your children again later. Volunteers will be on hand to assist you throughout the day.

Grandparents, other relatives, and friends can shop all week at the store beginning on November 1 (through Nov. 7), and the proceeds will go to the school—just as they will for any purchases you make throughout the week. Just tell the cashier, “I’m with the Post Oak Book Fair.” In addition, if out-of-towners want to shop online at barnesandnoble.com, they can use the online code 10798163 until November 9.

Come support the library and have a blast doing it! Bring the whole family and let the Book Fair take you from the beginnings of the book into the exciting future of Post Oak’s literary collection.

Volunteers always welcome—no experience necessary! If you’d like to help, please contact Elise McClain at...
The Post Oak Fund Continues!

Class Captains have been on the phones calling our community with a whopping response! 48% of our parents have joined the campaign and we have raised over $175,000 of our $250,000 goal.

Haven’t read the brochure? Haven’t yet decided if you are going to participate? PLEASE go online to read the FAQ booklet. It answers questions and explains the importance of the annual fund.

Does your company have a MATCHING GIFT program? The following companies have matched gifts at Post Oak in the past. You could double the size of your support!

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THE 2013 POST OAK GALA

“WE ARE FAMILY” ADVERTISING

Support the gala by purchasing a gala program ad. There is a wide range of price options with ads starting at just $125. In addition to business and commercial ads, individual family ads are welcome! Your ad will be seen by over 500 families and friends of Post Oak both in the program and online on the gala page.
Decision

by High School student
Originally read at the Grand Opening

Like Indiana Jones in Raiders of the Lost Arc or Steve Jobs developing Apple computers, I lead my mind to think outside of the box and do not follow the majority, but follow my heart. On an October day in 2011 in a traditional admissions office, I listened to a visionary named James Moudry speak of a school that did not yet exist and thought to myself, “this is an adventure that I want to experience.”

I first saw the concept of Post Oak High School at the Private School Preview where I was briefly informed about the high school and soon set up a private meeting at The Post Oak School. At the meeting, Mr. Moudry spoke of a strange new world of knowledge of creating a school where museums and other organizations would mold our educational curiosity. I was told about where it was going to be, the organizations we would have relations with, what the curriculum would look like, and what would make it different than other high schools. The concept of the high school was very hard to grasp at first. There were no visuals, no true facilities, only an idea and my imagination. I had to entrust what Mr. Moudry was telling me and believe that it was going to happen.

After the meeting I went to school with a new high school in my mind, my teachers and friends thought I was crazy going to a brand new school that did not exist yet. Also I was not following the traditions of the school that I was attending.

I felt that I was able to believe this high school was going to happen because there was a 49-year-old, well-known school behind it, which influenced me in making my decision. When I was looking at high schools, I thought to myself, I want to go somewhere different because everyone at my school attended the same high schools, and I felt this was my educational map.

I desired to go to it because it was “outside of the box” and unlike any high school that I knew. I wanted a clean slate by not knowing anyone and wanted something with that “it” factor, and Post Oak High School had that.

One of the major advantages of choosing Post Oak High School was the special relations it had formed with the organizations in the Museum District. Also, I had a background in Montessori at Little Red School House, Smaller Scholars, and Montessori Academy and really loved the concept of independent studies at a pace molded around one’s individual academic level.

There were many things that I did not know about, such as what teachers I was going to have or what classes I would be required to take in order to graduate, but I was willing to have it be a mystery or a surprise to come in my adventure at Post Oak High School. With an aspiration to start anew, I looked forward to meeting my classmates and the educators with whom I was going to spend the next four years at Post Oak High School.

Now, I am thrilled and overjoyed that I am a student in the inaugural class of 2016 at Post Oak High School. I know that my teachers will prepare my classmates and myself for college and a thirst for life-long learning. I feel that choosing Post Oak High School was unlike anyone else at my school and was a path not taken by many, but was a path that was best suited for me. I am really glad that I chose Post Oak High School because it is so different and unique from any other high school and is truly the best high school that I could be so fortunate to attend.
Field Day 2012

What a day! Along with the ever popular Earthball, inflatables, and Mystery Box raffles, the dunk tank (a joint effort by MS and HS students) was a huge success! The Create Your Own Visor activity with Ms. Diana was a hit and the perfect way to shield all the smiling faces from the bright October sun. Did you make your own fortune cookie with Mr. Grisbee and the High School students? They were popular and delicious! The Instrument Petting Zoo (presented by the Houston Symphony) was a blast, and the younger children had a great time learning about healthy eating with the Veggie Pals. Enormous thanks to this year’s Field Day Chairs, Mary Vaeza-Lopez and Bernadette Verzosa, for their work in planning such a fun day packed with new activities and old favorites. Thanks also to volunteer coordinator, Claudia Macias, who did a fabulous job rounding up volunteers. Lastly, thank you to all of our parent volunteers! •

—Kathryn Murphy, Development Coordinator

For more photos, check out the gallery in the parent community on our website!
Green Team Taking Orders for PlanetBox Lunch Boxes!

The Post Oak Green Team is collecting orders for the awesome PlanetBox lunch-packing system. We need 10 orders to get the 10% group discount and we’re over half-way there. See the website for pricing and options: www.planetbox.com

Please email Daniela Weil at [email protected] if you want to order with the group and get a discount.

Thank you for helping to make Post Oak a no-waste lunch zone!

High School Admission OPEN HOUSE

Wed., Nov. 7, 7 p.m.
1102 Autrey St., Houston 77006

Join us to learn more about what makes Post Oak High School an excellent choice. Bring a friend!
Upper Elementary Trip to Austin 2012

By Maya Pinto, Upper Elementary teacher

The moment the students and chaperones were comfortably seated, snacks and water for the trip stashed, attendance had been called, and the bus began to move, I felt a thrill of adventure take over and melting away was the sense of preparation, of mentally going over endless checklists, and worrying about details in the planning. It certainly proved to be a memorable trip!

Our first stop was the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center where I enjoyed a walk with my group, indulged in observing nature, counted butterflies and dragonflies, appreciated the outdoor lunch, and marveled at how little the students need in order to find joy and activity in the moment. Next we went to the Capitol Visitor’s Center, where our tour included a well-organized docent-led overview of the history of Texas, the story of the construction of the grand Capitol, and the tale of the ‘Goddess of Liberty’ standing proudly over the dome of the imposing red granite structure, rendering a sense of grandeur to the hearts of all who experience being there. Thanks to the kind request by one of our chaperones, we were met at the Capitol by Senator Babe Schwartz who took us into the Senate chamber, showed us his seat, and explained what his days look like as a senator in the oldest state office building in Texas! Later our drive to the wharf gave us an opportunity to enjoy cruising on the Colorado River, eating a delicious meal, and having the opportunity to observe the resident bat community flying out at sunset for their nightly meal from their roost under the Congress Bridge. All this and we had not yet checked in our hotel!

The next morning we were delighted with the abundance and variety of the buffet breakfast and we were soon on our way to the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum. The 4D movie experience was evocative of early Texas days, until a hurricane broke around us, and eerie snake sensations slithered around our back—disconcerting? You bet! Very memorable indeed was the narration by no other than a virtual Sam Houston himself on the silver screen!

We took a leisurely lunch and returned to an IMAX movie about Texas. Two ideas stand out in my mind—“If you don’t like the weather in Texas, wait five minutes...!” and the dubitable statistic, “81% of people in Texas believe in Heaven, and 98% believe they are already there...!” The Zilker Gardens were a botanical adventure, complete with dinosaur footprints in the limestone paving. On a hot, humid afternoon, we had a new appreciation for the luxury of air conditioning—in the conference room, at the gardens, and in the bus. We closed the day with dinner and bowling at the Main Event Center in Austin. My favorite moment was when the wall screens playing music videos suddenly began to play the “Cupid Shuffle” and suddenly the people there were treated to the enjoyable scene of Post Oak students dancing at the top of each bowling alley in unison! Tired, but exhilarated, we closed the second day in Austin. My guess is the chaperones were pleased watching their wards fall asleep effortlessly.

The next morning, after a sumptuous breakfast, we drove to Pioneer Farms—an expedition back in time when homesteaders established their homes in
Still looking for Parent Volunteers for Post Oak’s 50th Anniversary Committee

Sign up through the link on homepage or contact Kathryn Murphy at kathrynmurphy@postoakschool.org.
(2013–14 is our celebration year)

VISION & HEARING SCREENING
THURS., NOV. 1 & FRI., NOV. 2

All children in the required ages/grades will receive vision, hearing, acanthosis nigricans (AN) and/or spinal screening.

Required ages (as of Sept. 1, 2011) for vision and hearing screening: all first-time entrants ages four and older, all four, five, six, eight, 10, and 12 year olds.

Required grades for acanthosis nigricans screening: all children in 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades.

Required grades for spinal screening: all children in 6th and 9th grades.

Girls are requested to wear undergarments.

REMINDER
DATE CHANGE
Third grade standardized testing has moved from Dec. 3–7 to Nov. 12–16.
vast lands of Texas, and enjoyed simple yet uncomplicated and wholesome lifestyles. Here one of our students discovered she shared the restroom with a polite and unassuming garden snake—slightly shaken but safe, she reported that the snake chose to leave the restroom with dignity!

Our return drive to school included a boxed sandwich lunch on the bus, a snack, and lots of conversation about all we had experienced—I was filled with gratitude that I had the good fortune to share my time with such a wonderful group of fellow travelers. In the words of our bus driver, Mr. Wilkerson, “I have driven school groups before, but never one so well-mannered.”

STUDENT REPORTS

by [Name]

Last Wednesday we went to Austin. When we arrived we went to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. It was so fun. We saw so many plants and nature. It was cool there. We ate a sandwich, a cookie, and chips and after that in the store I bought dead crickets and ate them.

Then we went to the Capitol. There we saw a lot of old stuff. And then the coolest thing happened. We met Senator Schwartz and he showed us around the Capitol and there are really cool chairs that no one can sit on except for the senators and he let us sit at his desk.

After all this fun we went to this awesome cruise by the river. There we had Mexican food. It all started being real calm then everyone got so hyper and everyone was running around the cruise. It was real fun. Then after a really long day we went to an awesome hotel and we went to sleep.

The next morning we went to the Bob Bullock Museum. There we saw two freaky movies then we had delicious lunch, then we saw around the museum and after we went to see an IMAX movie. It was so cool then we went to the store in the museum. It was really interesting and I bought so many souvenirs. Then we went bowling. It was so much fun. It was awesome and I won the three games! I wish we could do this again because it was so amazing! We ate pizza, salad, chicken tenders, and cookies. The food was delicious. Then we went to the hotel to sleep.

The next day we had breakfast. I had waffles. Then we went to Pioneer farms and home. Yay!

by [Name 2]

This is about my adventure to Austin. On the trip, Mr. Pinto’s class and Mrs. Pinto’s class came. On the first day we went to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. I was in a group with my mom, [Name] and [Name]. We went to an alcove called the Little House. It was full of little shelves of activities, including charts of the bugs and birds you might see in the garden. We also found some interesting plants and rocks in the garden and on the trails! Next (after we ate lunch) we went to the Capitol Visitor Center. There we saw some exhibits. Then we entered the Capitol. We got to meet a senator! We were shown down to the basement. The dome was right above us! We also saw the spectacular dome and some other interesting rooms! That night we took a dinner cruise and saw bats!!! We could even hear them!!! The next day we went to Bob Bullock Texas State history museum. They also had a big dome! First we watched two short movies (Star of Destiny and Wild Texas Weather) and the effects were awesome! Then we got some time to look at some videos and exhibits. After we ate lunch we watched Texas the Big Picture on IMAX. Later we visited a botanical garden. It was very nice but my favorite thing was the Japanese garden. It was so tranquil and peaceful! That night we went bowling and ate dinner. It was so much fun!

Then on the third and final day we went to Pioneer Farms. We went in rooms full of toys, paintings, and carriages on display. We also saw the blacksmith! His family has been doing this for 600 years!!! I really liked his tools and gadgets! I really had an awesome time!

by [Name 3]

This year my class (Mrs. Pinto’s class) and Mr. Pinto’s class went on a fun trip to Austin. We saw everything from bats to pioneer farms. From all the places we went to I decided to write about my experience at a place called the Zilker Gardens. You might be wondering why I chose to write about my experience there—it’s just a big garden. Well, it’s because that place was one of those places where everything is naturally beautiful.

We went to the Zilker Gardens near the end of the day so I was very tired. Our
guide took us to about four different places in the gardens. The first one we went to was the herb garden. Our guide asked us to identify different herbs that you could eat. Unfortunately, I didn’t get a chance to name any because I was too busy taking pictures of everything!

We soon made our way to the cacti gardens. Over there, I saw cacti that I have never seen before! Some of us also noticed that a part of one of the cacti was red. Our guide explained that it was the fruit of the cactus and sometimes farmers would grow that type of cactus and harvest the fruit. I also took a lot of pictures here. By this time I was exhausted. Thank goodness we were heading to the relaxing Japanese Garden.

The Japanese Garden was the biggest garden in the Zilker Gardens. Because of this I could write pages about this beautiful place, but instead I’ll just tell you the best parts about this place. This garden was built by a seventy-nine year old man. But what is truly amazing is that he built the Japanese Gardens all by himself. It took one and a half years for him to finish it. He created a bamboo forest, a small traditional Japanese tea house, a wooden bridge, and even lakes which make the word ‘Austin’ and a magnificent (but tiny) waterfall! After we went through his wonderful garden, there was bad news: I was completely exhausted, Thank goodness we were heading to the relaxing Japanese Garden.

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The last part that we toured was the Dinosaur Garden. This place was not originally part of the garden, but after two college students found dinosaur footprints on the land, it was added to the gardens. In this part of the Zilker Gardens we saw species of plants that were there millions of years ago! There was also another bigger, beautiful waterfall in that garden.

When we returned to the gift shop (that was where we had started) I walked straight to the water fountain to quench my thirst and restore my energy. I bought a sweet-scented candle as a souvenir.

Overall, I had a wonderful experience at the Zilker Gardens. I took many pictures, I learned a lot, and had fun. I hope I can go there again to see all the beautiful sights once more.

By [Blank]

Lone Star Cruise
On Wednesday we left for Austin! One of my favorite parts was that night, it was the Lone Star cruise. We ate delicious Tex-Mex and then when it was dark, we learned a lot about bats. About five bats called scout bats flew out to look for any major predators. Once they gave the signal, which we could not understand, some bats started swarming. Then about two thousand flew out. It was amazing. I hope that when you’re in Upper Elementary you will enjoy this as much as I did.

Main Event Austin
There were many places in Austin that we went such as Zilker Gardens, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Bob Bullock Museum. But one of my favorites was Main Event! It was so much fun. We went bowling. I, well let’s just say, I’m not the best at bowling. My friends call me boney (jokingly). On my second go I got a strike and my friend [Blank] scared me so badly—then we all started dancing. It was so much fun and I hope you have fun experiences too.

In Pioneer Farms I learned what it was like living in the 1800s. When we went to the blacksmith he gave me a piece of charcoal. We saw a donkey, goat, pig, horses, and some chickens. I got to see some really fancy wagons. I saw how you used the restroom back then.

By [Blank]

Austin was very fun. We went to LBJ Wildflower Center first. Then we went to the state Capitol and met a senator. For dinner that day we went to see bats. The next day we went to the Bob Bullock state history museum. After that we went to Zilker Gardens. Then we had a nice dinner at the Main Event. On the last day we went to the pioneer farms. Then it was time to get on the bus and go home.

My favorite thing that we did was bowling and dinner at the Main Event. I played two games and the first one I won. I was
playing with   ,

The dinner was a delicious meal of chicken tenders and pepperoni and cheese pizza. We also got lemonade. I thought that it was really cool when they put “Welcome Post Oak School” on the screen. The staff were all very nice and helpful. I loved it when everybody started dancing to the cha-cha slide! It was one of the coolest nights ever!!!

KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD!!!

The Austin trip was really fun! The first thing we did (other than the road trip) was the Capitol introduction building, it had a lot of information on the Capitol and a short movie about a kid who was very curious and who ventured with Sam Houston inside the secret places of the Capitol. After that we went to the Capitol. We had a personal tour guide to show us around.

Then we went on the cruise. On the cruise there was Mexican food and we went under the bridge where a lot of bats fly out! We also went on a trip in the gardens where we walked around a lot, it was tiring. The next day we went on another garden tour which was even more tiring than before. Soon after that it was about night time. When it was dark we went… bowling!! I didn’t do good at all. I got one spare…that’s all! With bumpers also! I need to practice badly.

Then next day was the day we left but before that we went to a museum! At the museum we watched two 4D movies where we could feel what was happening on the screen. Then we watched one regular movie, but still good. After that it was time to go. That was my fun experience in Austin, I hope that everyone else had a fun time too!!

This was my favorite part of the whole Austin trip. It was so much fun that I wish I could go to the Lady Bird Johnson Garden every single day!

By

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Pinto’s classes went on a trip to Austin. I had a lot of fun. On the first day, we started with the LBJ Wildflower Center. It was beautiful. We saw birds, butterflies, and a mouse! After that, we went to the Capitol and Capitol Visitor Center. I learned a lot about Texas history, and saw some amazing art and rooms in the Capitol. After the Capitol, we went on a boat by Congress Bridge and saw the bats.

The next day, we went to the Bob Bullock Museum. That was my favorite part of the trip. I really liked how realistic the setup was, and how, as you went from floor to floor, it was like time was passing. We also saw some movies. One about Texas history, one about Texas weather, and one about Texas culture.

Next we went to Zilker Botanical Gardens. It was very hot, but we walked through the prehistoric garden, the Japanese garden, and the rose garden. After that; we went bowling. It was so much fun. Even though I am really bad at bowling, I had so much fun. I got about three gutter balls even thought we had the gutters up.

I had so much fun!

By

My favorite part of the trip was bowling, because it was fun and I was with my friends. And the Texas Spirit Movie at the Bob Bullock Museum. I liked the movie because the rattle snake part was funny
when everyone screamed and it was 4D.
The cruise was really fun. I am glad our classes (Mr. and Mrs. Pinto’s classes) went on the trip. At the Pioneer Farms there was a snake in the restroom and screamed. It was funny. And kept talking about how big the snake was.

At the Capitol building we got to sit in the senator’s chair! It was comfortable. There were buttons to press for the microphone! In the House of Representatives you press a button and it shows up on a board next to your name. I learned the House of Representatives is called the house. I learned the Goddess of Liberty’s name, and you are supposed to look at her face from several hundred feet away. For my Austin research I learned Lady Bird Johnson’s husband Lyndon B. Johnson was president after John F. Kennedy was assassinated. I am glad we went to Austin. It was so much fun!

By
I had a lot of fun on the Austin trip. First we went to Lady Bird Johnson and I saw a lot of very pretty butterflies and I was hoping to see a snake but I didn’t!

When I was on a trail with some other people we saw a baby scorpion and all of the girls screamed! We also get lunch in Lady Bird Johnson!

Next we went to the Capitol and we all learned a lot of stuff there, and they gave all of us this little ticket thingy!

At Zilker Gardens we looked at a lot of old fashion houses and we got to go in them! We learned how they used the rest room and how to used the kitchen! When everybody went to the restroom was using the rest room she saw a snake coming straight toward her and she screamed and ran all the girls screamed too! There was a lot of gift shops everywhere we went! I loved the Austin trip and hope we go there again.

By
From Wednesday to Friday I was in Austin. I traveled there on a bus with my class and Mrs. Pinto’s class. The bus ride took a long time but we finally arrived at the first destination…Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

The LBJ Wildflower Center had many beautiful gardens. My group saw a mouse run across the trail. It was very cute. There was also a large tower which was used to save water but it had a staircase so we climbed to the top. At the gift shop I got a clay mouse to remember the mouse I saw.

The second place we went to was the Capitol. I got to look up at the Texas star. I think the best part was the Alamo painting and the San Jacinto painting. I love the art work because you could look at it for half an hour and still have more to look at.

The last thing we did that day was go on the bat tour. We got on a small ferry and ate dinner on the top deck. We ate tortillas for dinner and mine was huge. The drink was iced tea and I put lots and lots of sugar. Finally we reached the bat bridge. Time for fact time! There are over a million bats living under that bridge. They are Mexican free-tailed bats. They are extremely small and in my opinion loud!

The next day we woke up and headed to the Bullock Museum. There were a lot of really cool things. I learned a lot. We went to the Café for lunch. I got a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Then we went to a part of gardens called the Zilker Gardens. It was built by a Chinese man. He built it for his son. It was a beautiful garden. At the gift shops I got a quartz necklace! It had a glass charm.

When it was getting late we drove the Main Event to go bowling. It was my favorite part of the trip. We ate pizza for dinner.

On the last day we went to pioneer farm. There were a lot of old houses that showed what life was like back then. I got to feed donkeys and chickens. I fed the chickens grasshoppers that I had caught. There was a blacksmith there too who made cool little knives.

That was our last stop so we headed back to Houston. The End!
drove to the Capitol building. We first went to the visitor’s center and watched a small movie about the Capitol building. Then we went to the Capitol and got a tour. We also got to meet an old senator. That evening we went on a mini cruise. We had dinner on the cruise. The people who worked there drove us through a tunnel and there were a bunch of bats. Then we checked into our hotel and went to bed.

The next day we went to the Bob Bullock Museum and watched two 4D shows and one IMAX movie. They also had three floors of exhibits. After that we had lunch and went to the Zilker Gardens where we saw waterfalls, ponds, and streams. By that time it was the evening and we drove back to the hotel.

For our final day we went to Pioneer farms, where we got to look in old houses. Our group also saw horses, cows, a goat, and a snake. Then we went back on the bus to drive back to the school. We had a great time in Austin!

By [Redacted]

Day 1: I got to school at 7:00 a.m., I hugged my dad and I said “Bye Dad! See you on Friday!” Then everyone loaded the bus and we left. We were on our way to Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. When we got there, a lady gave us a tour and told us some history of the gardens. I got a lot of mosquito bites in the gardens. By that time it was the evening and we drove back to the school. On the bus we had a great time.

Day 2: We woke up at 7:30 and got dressed and packed our day bags. Then we went downstairs to eat breakfast. After breakfast, we went to the Bob Bullock Museum. In the museum we saw the Goddess of Liberty (the real statue). We saw two movies and then we went to lunch. We ate at the café. There, I had quesadillas and a bottle of water. After lunch, we looked around for a bit. Then we went to the gift shop. I bought a plastic popper thing and a dream catcher kit. Then we left and went to Zilker Gardens. When we got there, a lady gave us a tour and told us some history of the gardens. I saw a black rabbit. After the tour, we went to the gift shop. I bought pick up sticks. Then we left and went bowling. We had pizza and lemonade for dinner, and I got second place in one of my games. And the Cha-Cha slide came on once, so we all stopped bowling and began to do the Cha-Cha slide. Then we went back to the hotel. We got ready for bed and went straight to sleep.

Day 3: I woke up at 7:30 a.m. and I got dressed and then I packed up. It was the best day of our trip. I went downstairs and had breakfast. After breakfast, we loaded the bus and left to pioneer farms. When we got there, an older man gave us a mini tour. We saw lots of pets, and ant piles (which are not pets). So I got a lot of ant bites. Then we went to the gift shop. I bought a jar of peridot, my birthstone. Then we got back in the bus and headed for school. On the bus we had Jason Deli's for lunch. I also made a remix of a Taylor Swift song with [Redacted] and [Redacted]. Then Mrs. Pinto gave us this assignment. When we got back to school, I was happy and sad. I was happy to be home, but sad that our trip was over. When I got home I told my family all about it. They said they were jealous. I loved that trip so much.

The End!

By [Redacted]

10/3/12—The day we were going to Austin we left school around 7:20 a.m. and got to Austin 10:30 a.m. The first thing we did was, we went to LBJ Wildflower Center, and almost everyone climbed a really tall tower. After that we went to the Capitol Museum where we did puzzles on the computer. After we crossed the street and went to the Capitol where we saw the Goddess of Liberty and we met the old senator. After we ate dinner on a boat were we ate dinner and we saw bats.

10/4/12—That morning we ate breakfast in the hotel and we went to Zilker Gardens where I learned that one man built a lot of it. But before that we went to the Bob Bullock Museum where we saw movies and many things. After we went BOWLING! Where I got second place on the two rounds I played against [Redacted] and [Redacted]. I don’t know what will happen tomorrow.

10/5/12—Today I woke up at 6:30 a.m. and ate breakfast at 7:40 a.m. Then we drove to a place called Pioneer Farms where we saw old homes and in the girls bathroom there was a snake. After we drive to HOUSTON! #1 TRIP
**NOTICE BOARD**

**Grandparents’ & Friends’ Days**

**Invitations Go Out Next Week!**

If you would like your child’s grandparents or other relatives/friends to be invited to this year’s Grandparents’ Days (November 19 & 20), please visit [www postoakschool org](http://www postoakschool org) and submit their mailing information. Please include anyone you think would like to observe and/or interact with your children in their Montessori environment. After Nov. 2, invitations will only be emailed, provided that we are given the email address.

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**Avoid a Ticket!**

**A NOTE FROM OFFICER HEFFERIN**

We have noticed a large number of cars coming through the lot with expired registrations and/or inspection stickers. Please take a look to see that yours are up to date.

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