

Australian Kaleidoscope

March 21st, 2005



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On **March 21st**, Comanche Elementary will be hosting our second International Program by bringing to our school another wonderful cultural program called “Australian Kaleidoscope”. It will be presented by two talented brothers, Aubrey and Martin Beggs of Long Jetty, New South Wales, Australia. These award-winning musicians will share the history and culture of Australia through a variety of interactions with the students, including folk songs, dances, stories, musical instruments, and a multi-media presentation. A third presenter, Ngalan – the Aboriginal member of the group, was not granted his visa at the last minute. However, Aubrey and Martin will be sharing all the wonderful information about the Aborigine native culture with our students.

There will be two assemblies (grades PreK-5th will be divided) and a 30-minute workshop for students in grades 1 through 5. Please see schedule of activities for March 21st on the following page.

In order to help prepare our students for a wonderful cultural experience, I will be contacting you this week to schedule your class for a time with the library to do an “Introduction to Australia”. I have also prepared an “Australian Packet” of information and activities that you might find helpful for further classroom extensions. Watch the Library OPAC Homepage for Australian links to be posted this week. **Oklahoma PASS Skills addressed by this event are also listed on the next page.**

Australian Kaleidoscope is jointly sponsored by the Comanche Elementary Library Media Center, and the Comanche PTO. We hope that students, teachers, and guests will find this program enriching, educational, and an enjoyable means for learning more about the world around us.

-Lynn Tilley-

Australian Kaleidoscope Schedule for the Day March 21, 2005

8:45 - 9:45	Assembly (1 hour) – Grades 3, 4, & 5
10:00 - 10:45	Assembly (45 min.) – Grades PreK, K, 1, & 2
11:00 - 11:40	Workshop (40 min.) for 4 th Grade
11:40 - 12:30	Lunch Break for Australian Kaleidoscope personnel (50 min.)
12:30 - 1:00	Workshop (30 min.) for 1 st Grade
1:10 - 1:40	Workshop (30 min.) for 2 nd Grade
1:50 - 2:20	Workshop (30 min.) for 3 rd Grade
2:30 - 3:10	Workshop (40 min.) for 5 th Grade

OKLAHOMA PASS SKILLS
FOR
AUSTRALIAN KALEIDOSCOPE EVENT

Note: Even though English is spoken in Australia, there are differences in word and language usage from English spoken in the United States. Therefore, the following PASS Skills would also apply to our study of Australia.

Language Awareness Objectives:

Goal 2: Cultures: Gain Knowledge and Understanding of Other Cultures.

- (1) Develop an awareness of other cultures.
- (2) Be able to identify areas of the world where the language studied is being spoken.
- (3) Participate in developmentally appropriate cultural activities such as games and songs.
- (4) Identify and reproduce distinctive cultural products of the culture of the languages studied.

Goal 4: Comparisons: Develop Insight into the Nature of Language and Culture.

- (1) Be aware of the differences among cultures and respect those differences.
- (2) Develop awareness that the world has many languages.
- (3) Compare holidays and celebrations.
- (4) Compare daily practices of people in the target cultures with their own.