

**TAKS Testing Tomorrow for Grades 3 - 5**

Children should arrive at school by 7:50 a.m.

**From the Principal's Pen**

March ushers in a hint of Spring and a busy couple of weeks before a well-deserved Spring Break. Our students in grades 3,4, and 5 will be taking the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills on March 3rd. Thank you in advance for ensuring that our students are prepared for success by getting a full night's rest, eating a light, healthy breakfast, and arriving on time. Parents, please note that students in grade 4 have only one opportunity to take the TAKS, therefore, student attendance is of utmost importance. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a proper testing environment on March 3, and welcome the return of our parents and volunteers back to campus on March 4.

Kindergarten and 1st grade students are anxiously awaiting their moment on stage in the upcoming Evening with the Arts on March 12.

Pam and I thank you for your commitment to making our school the VERY BEST!!! Have a safe and restful Spring Break!

~ C. Gonzales

**Nurse's Notes**

Upon return from Spring Break, every student will be checked for head lice by the school's nurse, Anne DeLay. These parasitic insects are extremely contagious.

**Hottest Ticket Off Broadway**

Tickets are going fast for *A Night in New York*, the 2009 Poe Auction. To secure your seat or table, fill out the form in your child's Monday folder or download the form from the PTO website at [www.poepto.org](http://www.poepto.org). E-mail Cathy Moore at [rcscmoore@earthlink.net](mailto:rcscmoore@earthlink.net) for more information.

**Monday 3.3**  
TAKS testing for grades 3 - 5

**Tuesday 3.10**  
PTO Meeting 8 a.m.

**Thursday 3.12**  
Evening with the Arts grades K & 1 at 6:30 p.m.

**Friday 3.13**  
12:30 p.m. dismissal for Spring Break

**Tuesday, 3.24**  
SDMC Meeting 6 p.m.

**Friday 3.27**  
Class and individual pictures taken

**Becoming a Love and Logic Parent**

Don't miss Marsha Baumann's parenting course on Love and Logic offered on seven Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. starting March 27.

Whether you have toddlers or teens, the course will help you raise children who are honest, caring and respectful. Contact Marsha Baumann today at [mbaumann@houstonisd.org](mailto:mbaumann@houstonisd.org) or 713 535-3780 to reserve your spot. Free child care to be provided.

**Nominating Committee Members Needed**

The PTO will vote on a Nominating Committee at its March 10 meeting. The purpose of the committee is to identify and recruit candidates for open positions on the 2009-2010 PTO Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee will recommend a slate to be considered for approval by the Executive Board and then elected by the PTO at the May meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Nominating Committee, please contact President-Elect Cathy Moore by e-mail at [rcscmoore@earthlink.net](mailto:rcscmoore@earthlink.net) no later than Friday, March 6.

**Student Portraits for Sale**

Candid black and white portraits of students will be featured in the hallway outside of each child's homeroom. These beautifully matted photos will be offered for sale at a price of \$30 each as part of the fundraising efforts of the 2009 Poe Auction.

To purchase your child's portrait, please pay his or her teacher. All checks should be made out to Poe PTO.

**March Events**