

**PTO Meeting Tuesday, April 14 at 8 a.m.**

Featuring Sarah Gish, author of "The Summer Book: A Guide to Houston Day Camps and Classes for Kids and Teens"

**A Night to Remember**

Thanks to Auction Chair Lily King and the enormous number of dedicated Poe parents who volunteered to help, A Night in New York, The Poe Auction 2009 was truly a night to remember.

The Auction Committee spends months planning the event, securing fabulous items for both the silent and live auction, coordinating class projects, creating parent and student parties and socials, producing the auction catalog and so much more.

On Friday, The Briar Club was as busy as the opening night of a Broadway show. Parents spent the day setting up the signage, displays, and putting the final touches on the seating. Then, 6:30 p.m. came and it was show time! The audience filed in to find a chic setting for an entertaining evening of dining, dancing and bidding.

"It takes a huge cast of characters to pull off a production of this magnitude," said PTO President Laurie Lowery. "On behalf of the PTO, I want to express my sincere gratitude to Lily King, Melaney Derden, Sheri Brudner, Sarah Dyke, Cecilia Baylon, Jill Gilbert, Kathy Kahanek, Angie Synek, Cathy Moore, Lisa Schmidt, Vickie Snow, Alma Wheat, Jennifer Wyatt, Teresa Wyatt, and the Sub-Committee volunteers, Grade Level Chairs, and Room Parents, who gave of their time and talents. The entire evening was a tremendous success. Bravo!"

**African Heritage Celebrated**

During the month of February, Poe celebrated the contributions made to the world by people of African descent. Thanks to Black History Month Chairperson Jocelyn Thomas, Mrs. Jackson, Charna Falls, Lisa Nellums, and Angela Jones for making the school's halls a beautiful tribute to legendary musicians, politicians, scientists, writers, activists and more.

The highlight of the month was a Black History performance featuring Poe alumnus Keffus Falls on the steel drums.

**K-1-2 Team Selected for Name That Book**

Thirty-six students were interested in taking the comprehension test on the 30 titles on the NTB Master List. The top seven scores made the Poe team and will compete (with one Alternate) at the HISD Doris Miller Center for the preliminary round on Thursday, April 16. Congratulations to: Isabella Marchione, Natasha Savas, Robert Navratil, ChauLein Phan, Zale Bush, Sam Miller, and Elliot Miller. Thank you to all parents who encouraged their children to read books for NTB.

**Author Presentation for Fourth Grade**

Author/cartoonist Marc Tyler Nobleman shared his writing process and his cartoons with students on Monday, March 30. Copies of his book BOYS OF STEEL: THE CREATORS OF SUPERMAN were available for purchase and were signed by the author, with a small profit being added to the Poe library book fund.

12:30 p.m. dismissal this Thursday, 04.09.

School holiday Friday, 04.10.

**Nurse's Notes**

Almost daily, I find myself asking a child his mother or father's phone number so I can relay important information to them. I am continually shocked at how many students do not know their phone number or address. Something as simple as committing a few numbers to memory (even if they have a cell phone) can be a matter of life and death in an emergency should they every become lost or separated from you. Please take a few minutes to teach your child his address and phone number and review it with them every now and again. If your number and address changes, make sure they know the new number as soon as possible. This simple thing will give you both peace of mind.  
- Nurse Delay

**April Events**

**Tuesday, 04.07**

TAKS 5th Grade Math

**Tuesday 04.09**

Jump Rope for Heart  
12:30 p.m. dismissal

**Friday 04.10**

School Holiday

**Tuesday 04.14**

8 a.m. PTO Meeting in the cafeteria

**Thursday 04.16**

Kindergarten Round-up

**Saturday, 04.18**

5th Grade Science Camp

**Friday 3.27**

Class and individual pictures taken

**Saturday 04.25**

Final 5th Grade Science Camp!

**04.27- 04.30**

TAKS Testing, don't forget to eat breakfast!

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