

**PTO Old Board/New Board Mixer Wed. May 20, 6:30 p.m.**

Taqueria La Tapatia, 1749 Richmond @ Dunlavy St. All parents/PTO members are welcome.

**2009-2010 PTO Board Elected**

The 2009-2010 PTO Board of Directors was elected on Tuesday, May 5 at the PTO Meeting. Please welcome incoming President Cathy Moore along with other members of the Executive Board including President Elect Tammy Jaben, Past President Laurie Lowery, Secretary Angie Synek, Treasurer Kathy Kahanek, Budget Finance Dennis Hobbs, VIPS Membership Chairs Amy Aulbach, Arasely Diaz and Joclyn Thomas.

There are still four very important positions to fill on next year's Board including Library Chair, Garden Club Chair, Valentine Luncheon Co-Chair, and Editor of Poe In the Know. Please contact Cathy Moore at [rscmoore@earthlink.net](mailto:rscmoore@earthlink.net) to volunteer for one of these jobs.

**Author Kathi Appelt at Poe Wednesday**

Parents are invited to attend one of the three presentations by author Kathi Appelt on Wed., May 13. at 8:15 a.m., 9:05 a.m. or 2 p.m.

Appelt's books will be sold in the front hallway from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be signed by the author. Brazos Bookstore will be the vendor for the books, with a percentage going to the Poe library book fund.

**Carnival T-shirt Design Contest Ends Friday**

Is your child is such a good artist it's scary? Have your little pumpkin enter the 2009 Poe Carnival Design Contest by Friday, May 15, 2009. The winning design will be featured on the carnival t-shirt.

Students in pre-K through 4th grade should submit their artwork on 8 1/2 x 11 unlined white paper to the front office. The entry must include "2009 Poe Elementary Carnival" in the design and the student's name, phone number and home room teacher's name must be on the back. Scary or violent characters and the words "Trick or Treat" or "Halloween" are not allowed.

Winners will be announced Friday, May 22. T-shirt pre-sales will begin at the Ice Cream Social in August. The prize is a \$25 gift certificate to Target and a free carnival t-shirt.

**PTO President's Update**

Last week Poe's new PTO website [www.poepto.org](http://www.poepto.org) went live! For many of us, this website is a dream come true. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Melisa Regan, proud parent of 1st grader, KP and Kindergartner, Cooper. I could not be more proud of the site. Currently, you can download forms for school supplies, access information about our fundraising rebate programs, and view PTO meeting minutes as soon as they've been approved. By next year, we hope to be able to order uniforms online and purchase tickets to school events. Needless to say, this is a much needed tool that we can use to keep our parents informed and make all our lives a little easier.

In other news, I want to thank Janet Flood and her committee for a fabulous Teacher Appreciation Week. Janet coordinated so many fun ways for the students to show their gratitude to Poe's outstanding staff.

Please take a moment to thank these wonderful volunteers. Don't forget to log on to the website over the summer, we'll continue adding information about the upcoming school year!

- Laurie Lowery

**K-1-2 TEAM KNOW THEIR BOOKS**

The Poe kindergarten through second grade team competed in the preliminary round of the "Name That Book!" contest. Their knowledge of the 30 books on the master list and their reasoning skills earned the team a score of 12 points. Burrus Elementary scored 14 points and went on to the final round of competition. Congratulations to these students for working together successfully: Natasha Savas, Robert Navratil, ChauLein Phan, Zale Bush, Sam Miller, and Elliot Miller.

**See you at Gugliani's This Summer**

Poe Family Night at Gugliani's was such a big success it's going to continue through the summer. Eat dinner at Gugliani's the 4th Tuesday of every month or May 26, June 23, July 28 and Sept. 1 and Poe will receive 10% of the evening's proceeds. The restaurant is located at 2400 Times Blvd. in Rice Village. Thanks to Frank Fossella for coordinating this fundraiser.

**SPARK Park Contributions by Poe Families to Date**

**Major Underwriter - \$25,000 and up**

Poe PTO '07-'08

**Sustaining Sponsor - \$5,000 - \$9,999**

Susan & Gary Blackie (in honor of Benjamin Davis)  
Jill & Gray Gilbert Family

**Athletic Champion - \$1000 - \$4,999**

Marci & Mark Arnold Family  
Joy Schmitz & Mark Barnes Family  
Kathy & Ron Kahanek Family  
Janet & Tim Peters Family  
Pennies for Poe Park student fundraiser '07-'08  
Poe 5th Grade Class '06-'07  
Chrysi & George Polydoros Family  
Debbie & Ed Sharp Family

**Playground Supporter - \$500 - \$999**

Julie Baker & Paul Heim

**Playground Supporter Cont.**

Rodney Ellis Campaign Fund  
Jennifer & Dimitri Georgantas Family  
Heather & Brock Hajdik Family  
Barbara & Kevin Finkel Family  
Tammy & Dave Jaben Family  
Dr. Susan & Bart Latimer Family  
Laurie & John Lowery Family  
Cathy & Robert Moore Family  
Elaine & Allen Mut Family  
Michele & Robert Navratil Family  
Turi & Jan Odegard Family  
Grace & Arturo Olmos Family  
Bridget & Burke Purdie Family  
Michael Rigney Jr.  
Angie & Mark Synek Family  
Carter Watts

**Poe Patron - \$100 - \$499**

Anjanette & Ronnie Blewer Family  
Sheri & Russ Brudner Family  
Jack Christensen  
Phu Gia Dang  
Paulo Dias

**Poe Patron Cont.**

Girl Scout Troop 25017  
Dee Dee Guzman & Justo Gonzalez Family  
Rocio & John Kinsella Family  
Tim Craig & Janet Kolhase Family  
Sheri Luehr Family  
Stephanie Pedigo & Kent Maulsby Family  
Renee & Stephen McNeil Family  
Stephen & Joe Milano Family  
Jody & Goroh Numata Family  
Sharon & Hank Petri Family  
Poe Student Council '07-'08  
Lisa & Phil Schmitt Family  
Christine & Allan Sherer & Family  
Michelle Dugan & Doug Shoemaker Family  
Debbie & Stuart Verdon

**Raven Fan - up to \$100**

Aiman Al-Ali Family  
Karen & Donald Fernbach Family  
Pamela McDonald  
Kelly McEachern Family  
KP Regan

**May Events**

**Thursday 05.14**

Evening of the Arts grades 4 & 5, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday 05.22**

5th Grade Graduation 6:30 p.m.

**Monday 05.25**

School Holiday

**Thursday 05.28**

Last Day of School 12:30 p.m. dismissal