

August 24, 2009

PTO Meeting Tuesday September 1 at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria
Curriculum Night for Grades K-2 Thursday September 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria
Curriculum Night for Grades 3-5 Thursday September 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria
Labor Day Monday September 7 No School

From the Principal's Pen

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Poe Elementary, where this year we are "Wild About Learning!" We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable and restful summer vacation. We will be sending home important school information with your child in the upcoming weeks. Please take time to review this as we ask that forms be signed and returned by September 4th. We thank you in advance as we work together to make this year a successful and exciting year for our students. During the first two weeks of school our students will be acclimating to school procedures once again. For this reason, we appreciate your cooperation in not joining your child for lunch until September 8th. Also, for the safety of our students, if you are dropping off your child in the morning or picking up your child from school in the afternoon, please remember to pick up and drop off on Hazard Street only. Traffic flow runs from North Blvd. to South Blvd. on Hazard. Busses will drop-off and pick up on Wilton Street, and day care vans will drop off on South Blvd. If you walk your child to his/her classroom, North and South Blvd. will be used for parking. We appreciate your cooperation as we embark on another exciting school year with our Poe families!
C. Gonzales

POE Directory Forms Now Available

The POE Directory serves the parents, children, and faculty of our school. It allows other parents, teachers, and volunteers to contact you for a variety of important reasons. New this year is the capability to complete the form on line at www.poepto.org. The process allows the data to be gathered efficiently which enables the directory to be published as soon as possible this Fall. In addition the data is securely encrypted to protect your information. If you prefer to complete a paper form, these can be found in the Monday folder and in the wall rack by the PTO bulletin board in the front hallway.

We ask that all families complete a directory form. A section of this form requests contact information for the homeroom parents to keep you updated about homeroom happenings.

Beginning of Year Paperwork

It's not too late to turn in all that paperwork from the summer mail out. Just look in the Monday folder, on the PTO website at www.poepto.org, or in the wall rack by the PTO bulletin board in the front hallway. Forms included in the summer mail out are:

School Supplies School Uniforms
PTO Membership PTO Volunteer

Drive for Show, Putt for POE at the Fourth Annual Raven Classic Golf Tournament

Space is still available for this fun way to meet other POE parents over a round of golf! Sign up for the POE Auction Social **Raven Classic Golf Tournament!** This year's event will tee off at Cypresswood Golf Club's The Tradition Course. The scramble tournament is Sunday, Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. Cost is \$150 per player (men and women) and the hosts are Darren Flatt, John Lowery, Charles Flood, and Mark Synek. Sign up by emailing Darren Flatt at flatt@hotmail.com.

Raptor System Replaces the Badge

The volunteer badges and yellow visitor badges have left the building. There is a new system being used that provides a safer more monitored environment for the students. All volunteers, visitors, and parents will be asked to present a valid state issued ID for entering into the system.

Curriculum Nights September 3 & 10

Principal Gonzales will hold two Curriculum Nights on Thursday, September 3 at 6:30 p.m. for parents with children in kindergarten through the second grade. Parents with third through fifth graders should attend on Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. The meetings will be in the school's cafeteria. Please consider arranging for child care as you attend these important events.

Uniform Store Hours

The Uniform Store will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. the first week of school from Monday August 24 through Friday August 28. The remainder of the year Uniforms may be purchased Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.