



In The Know

The PTO Home Communication

October 5, 2009

PTO Meeting Tuesday, October 6, 8:00am Poe Cafeteria
Book Fair Planning Meeting, October 9, 8:00am Poe Cafeteria
Lamar Feeder Pattern Community Connections Meeting, October 12, 6:00pm at Lamar HS
Individual School Pictures, Tuesday, October 13
Early Dismissal (and Parent/Teacher Conferences TBD), Wednesday, October 14, 12:30pm
Fall Workday, Saturday, October 17, 8:00-12:00noon

Time for Individual School Pictures

Tuesday, Oct. 13 is Fall (Individual) Picture Day. Class pictures will be taken in the Spring. This will be a free dress day for pictures, so uniforms are not required.

Name That Book Preparation Continues

Each student at Poe last May received a list of the titles included in the HISD Name That Book competition for 2009-2010. Many students in grades K-2 began reading the 30 books on their list over the summer; students in grades 3-4-5 are reading the 35 books on their list. All students who enjoy reading and can remember details of characters, settings, and plots are encouraged to read all the books on their team-level list and take the comprehension test at the end of January. The K-1-2 students with the seven highest comprehension scores on their 30 books will be on the K-1-2 competitive team. The gr. 3-4-5 students with the highest comprehension scores on their 35 books will be on the gr. 3-4-5 competitive team. Books can be borrowed from the Poe library and the Houston public libraries. Reading lists and rules can be found at <http://www.hisdlibraryservices.org/NTBK-2.html> and at <http://www.hisdlibraryservices.org/NTB3-6.htm> For more info contact Ms. Gustafson at ggustafs@houstonisd.org.

HISD Central Region Back to School Bash

Show your support and school spirit for Poe by attending the Lamar Feeder Pattern Community Connections Meeting at Lamar HS on Monday, Oct. 12 at 6:00p.m. See what other schools in the Lamar Feeder Pattern are doing and watch student performances. Poe is scheduled to perform at the Spring meeting. The other elementary schools in the Lamar Feeder Pattern are West U, Twain, Roberts, River Oaks, MacGregor, The Rice School, Gregory Lincoln, Wilson, and Wharton. Free babysitting and a free dress pass for all those attending.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, Oct 14 is early dismissal day at 12:30 to allow for Parent Teacher Conferences. Check with your child's teacher for available conference times.

Book Fair Planning Meeting

There will be a Book Fair planning meeting Friday, October 9 at 8:00am in the cafeteria. Contact the Book Fair Chairs, Lisa Shurter lshurter@comcast.net or Grace Olmos gholmos@sbcglobal.net for more information. The Book Fair is scheduled for Nov.16 through Nov. 20.

Design Bookmark for Poe Book Fair

The annual Poe Book Fair will be held this year from Nov. 16th-20th. In anticipation of the grand event, the annual bookmark contest will start on Oct. 5th with a flyer in the Monday folder. The size of the bookmark is on the flyer. Entries must be received in the front office by Friday, Oct. 16th. Winning entries will be announced on Oct. 30th. More info. on the flyer in the Monday folder.

Shared Decision Making Committee (SDMC) Meeting

The October SDMC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Oct. 20 at 6:00 in the Art Room. The SDMC, chaired by Mrs. Gonzales, collaborates on important decisions for Poe such as uniforms, budget, goal setting, curriculum implementation, and school organization. Committee members are comprised of teachers and Poe parents. To submit a question or issue to the SDMC, complete the SDMC form on the Poe website under Parent News/Info and turn it into the office. Forms and prior meeting minutes can be found by the PTO bulletin board in the front hallway. Meetings are open to the public.

HISD Gradespeed's Parent Connect

HISD's Parent Student Connect (PSC) became available September 28. The PSConnect Web site offers access to grades and attendance as teachers enter data in their online gradebooks. Go to the Poe Website and select Parents & Students. Under Parent Student Connect you will find a step-by-step guide in English and Spanish and the login to access your student's information. To access the information you must first register. To register you have the HISD Student ID, Student Date of Birth, and last 5 digits of Student's Social Security Number. Betty Garcia, Poe's Technology Teacher, will be available to answer questions about Gradespeed and PSConnect Website following the PTO Meeting on October 6.

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