



Gugliani's Night, Tuesday and Wednesday	12/15 & 16	PTO Meeting, Tuesday 8:00 am	1/12
SDMC Meeting, Tuesday 6:00 pm, Art Room	12/15	HISD Community Connections, Wednesday 6:00 pm	1/13
Winter Parties, Friday	12/18	Frog's GT Expo	1/14
Winter Holiday	12/21-1/4	Papa John's Poe Night, Thursday	1/14
PITK January 11 th Submission Deadline, Tuesday	1/5	Edgar Allan Poe Birthday Celebration, Friday	1/15
Auction Meeting, Thursday 7:00 pm, Raven Grill	1/7	MLK Holiday	1/18

From the Principal's Pen

Dear Poe Families and Friends,

I would like to thank all of you for your support during our canned food drive. We will be sending donations to the Bread of Life Organization this coming week. What a great way to remind our students about the importance of giving back to the community and helping others!

Mrs. Ondruch and I are looking forward to our annual Holiday Sing-Along this week, and wish all of you a safe and restful holiday season.

Reminder:

Student Parties will be held on Friday, December 18th, at 2:00pm....and students return from Winter Break on Tuesday, January 5, 2010!

C. Gonzales

From The Registrar

Please remember to send an absence note when students return to school. These should include the child's full name, date of absence, and reason for their absence (along with their teacher's name). If you are withdrawing your child from school, please make sure to call and notify Ms. Nelda Molina in the front office in addition to your teacher.

Spark Park Nears Completion

The Spark Park Committee is happy to announce the playground is open for play. The fence is completed and new play equipment installed. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the playground completion effort with adding mulch to the new Spacenet Climbing Structure. An additional thank you to Janet Peters for seeing this project through and organizing the work day.

Special recognition goes to the Spark Park Committee, who has put in many hours working on the Spark Park. Thank you.

Janet Peters
Kathy Kahanek
Marci Arnold
Kevin McCarthy
Liz Herndon

Mrs. Gonzales
Angie Synek
Laurie Lowery
Kathy Delange
Cathy Moore

The Spring will bring children's art work to the Spark Park and a special dedication in March.

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Don't Forget to Order Your Yearbook

Yearbook prices will go up after the holidays so please take advantage of the early-order price of \$15. There are 2 ways to order:

1. Turn in your completed order form along with a check made out to "Poe PTO" to the Yearbook box in the office.
2. Order online at www.jostensyearbooks.com

Additional forms will be available on the wall near the PTO bulletin board. If you have any questions, please email Laurie Lowery at laurielowery@comcast.net

Photographers Wanted

Do you have great photos from school events? Please share them with us! We'd love to include them in the yearbook. Go to the PTO website, www.poepto.org for details on uploading photos!

Gugliani's Poe Nights

How about Italian for dinner this week? Gugliani's, 2400 Times Blvd in Rice Village, will donate 10% of the night's sales to Poe. This offer is good for two consecutive nights and for take-out orders. Poe's next family night is Tuesday AND Wednesday, December 15th and 16th. Be sure to tell your server that you are with Poe.

Donations Needed for Poe Co Garage Sale

The Poe Co Garage Sale is coming up on Saturday February 20th! If you are cleaning house before or after the holidays, please think of us and save your items for donation. Tax receipts are provided. Limited pick-up and storage also available: aliciabye@yahoo.com. Spread the word!



Everybody's Somebody at Poe
Auction 2010

Come one and y'all!!!
Auction Meeting
Thursday, January 7th
7:00 pm
Raven Grill
Everybody's welcome!