



In The Know - The PTO Home Communication

February 8, 2010

Papa John's Poe Night – Thursday	2/11	Black History Program – Friday	2/19
President's Day Holiday – Monday	2/15	Poe Co Garage Sale – Saturday	2/20
SDMC Meeting – Tuesday, 6:00pm	2/16	Auction Meeting – Monday, 7:00pm Raven Grill	2/22

Wild About FROGS GT Expo

The Poe G/T Expo, "Wild About FROGS" was held January 14. Many students in Poe's Neighborhood Vanguard Program participated and presented the research findings and creative writing they worked on during the fall semester. So many projects and stories were wonderful! We hope you had a chance to come and visit with the students to see their work. The HISD Central Region G/T Expo was held on February 6, at Gregory-Lincoln Education Center, from 10 AM - 12 PM. 5th grade was represented by Jacob Arnold, Chloe Estrada, and Jillian Thomas; Julia Gay for fourth grade, and Nicole Mut for third grade.

Poe Art Car - Donations Needed!

Poe's All Art Day 2010 is planned for Friday, May 7. This year's theme will be the Art Car movement. Poe students will collaborate on the creation of Poe's first-ever Art Car to be entered in the Houston Art Car parade on Saturday, May 8. In late March, students will create their own art cars during ancillary by painting and gluing things onto small toy cars. The students' toy art cars will then be glued onto a real car by parent and artist volunteers during one or two Art Car assembly parties to be held later in April. Poe will have its "Art Car Art Car" on display at Poe during All Art Day and then in the parade. If you have any used die-cast metal cars or trucks (Hot Wheels, Matchbox, Tonka, etc.) of any size, please bring them to the Art Room's donation boxes. We also need lots of very small decoration items that can be glued onto the cars (beads, buttons, lego heads, tiny toys, etc.). It will be best if the glued-on items are hard plastic or metal and can survive rain/heat. Please bring decoration items in ziplock bags or plastic tubs to make for ease of use in the class.

Love and Logic Seminar: How to Discipline Kids without Losing Their Love and Respect

Thursday, February 18th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Open to all parents. Free babysitting provided. Reservations, contact: mbaumann@yahoo.com or 713-535-3780

HAABSE Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Fifth Grade's Miss Davis! She is Poe's HAABSE Teacher of the Year (Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators). She will be celebrated on Feb. 12 at the Westin Galleria.

The Reward of Being WANTED

Did you spot your little somebody's WANTED sign outside the classroom? The poster is yours to keep when you pay the \$20 REWARD to your homeroom teacher. All proceeds go to improving our school for the POE GANG.

The Poe Co Garage sale

The Poe Co Garage sale is February 20th at 8 am. Come and shop! Thanks for your generosity: The collection box in the lobby has been full every day. Please continue to bring your "treasures" to the box. We appreciate your support! Email aliciabye@yahoo.com for large pick-ups.

Rainbow Challenge Math Competition

Saturday, Jan.30, 2010 Poe 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders participated in a math competition focusing on problem solving. The competition consisted of an individual and team component. Our 3rd grade team members were: Jillian Harris, Maximo Lopez, Christina Gayle, Taylor Quiroz, and Jordan Sanders. Our 4th grade members were: Klaius Gaston, Sarah Cavazos, Casey Harrell, Payton Caldwell, and Leena Al Ali. 5th graders were; Zayonara Reyes, David Burbano, and Carson Thomas. The 3rd grade team won 1st place in their group. They received medals and a team trophy. **Congratulations to all the participants.** We are very proud of them. They are all winners.

Auction Volunteer Round-Up Begins!

Well, the hootenanny is almost here! And, it's going to take a "posse" of parents to help our Chairpeople pull this shin dig off! First, we're gonna need lots of wily folks to set-up the day of the party. Shifts are available between 10am –6pm. Then, we're gonna need a right friendly group to help check everybody in. Next, we're gonna need a few lively polecats to keep watch over the auction tables, sell goodies in the General Store and record bids during the live auction. And, don't leave too early because the Sheriff's gonna need help roundin' up everyone to check out and circle up the wagons to load up all the unclaimed loot! If you're interested in joining the Poe Auction Posse – YOU WON'T REGRET IT! - email Laurie Lowery at laurielowery@comcast.net for specific information about shifts or check the sign up sheet on the PTO bulletin board and website. HAPPY TRAILS!

HISD 2010 NAME THAT BOOK POE Team

The following students earned a position on the Poe team in the HISD NAME THAT BOOK Competition with the top 7 scores:

Seattle Hickey (Baldwin-221)
Jack Teheng (Estrada-101)
Gina Matos (Reilly-222)
Avery Harrison (Urbach-218)
Koby Craven (Pierre-K34)
Domenica Gomez (Estrada-101)
Elliot Miller (Estrada-101)

Thank you to all teachers who encouraged their students to read and to take the test! Thank you to parents who read to their child and to those who discussed the books with their children after the child read the books! The Poe NAME THAT BOOK K-1-2 TEAM will meet in the Poe library on Monday, Feb. 22, 3:30 to 5:00, to prepare for the district-wide competition on Thursday, Feb. 25. Other team preparation time will be attempted during the school day. Permission forms will go home in Monday folders

Helping Haiti

Thank you for all who contributed to the \$720 funds raised to benefit the victims of the earthquake tragedy in Haiti.