

# POE IN THE KNOW

The PTO Home Communication  
January 9, 2012



## PTO Meeting

The first PTO meeting of 2012 will take place Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 8:00 am in the cafeteria. Please plan to come to hear more about the upcoming events and how you can help.

## Auction Update

Hold the date for the biggest social event of the year: Poe Paradise Auction on Friday March 2, 2012!

Underwriting funds are vital in allowing us to throw the best event possible, which helps us raise the most money possible for our great school. All levels of underwriting receive recognition on the t-shirt and within the catalog and newsletters. Levels start at \$250 and go up to \$5,000. This is a great way to advertise a business or recognize your Poe student!

Also, we are working hard to gather donated items to auction off.

Please consider donating such things as sports or theater tickets, vacation homes, art work, or gift certificates for goods or services.

Don't forget - your parents and neighbors might have great contacts, too.

Please contact [auction@poeptto.org](mailto:auction@poeptto.org) if you will underwrite or donate and we will get the appropriate forms to you!

## From the Principal's Pen

Keeping Our School Community Respectful, Responsible, Relentless, and Safe

As we start our new calendar year, there are some subtle but significant changes we will be making to ensure the safety of all of our children. Some of these changes may cause a little discomfort for some of you individually, but I feel it is the right thing to do for our school community as a whole. Beginning this week, I am asking that all students enter the building through the front door in the morning if they arrive prior to 7:45 am. All other doors will be locked. Prior to 7:45, all students should report to the cafeteria. There should be no one in the hallways; teachers are not on duty and the halls are not monitored. At 7:45, the two front side doors will also be open until 8:00 am. At 8:00 am, the only door open will be the front door. I am also going to ask that parents exit through the front doors. It is just too easy to let people into our building if we are all going in and out of every door. Any student entering after 8:00 am must come through the office for a tardy slip. Please help us by adhering to these rules and helping your child be here at school and in their classroom before the tardy bell rings at 8:00 am. Every child who enters a classroom late misses instruction and also disrupts what is already happening in class. Help us teach our children the life-long habits of arriving on time, being prepared, and keeping safe. Poe is a wonderful school with a wonderful school community. Let's all work together to keep our kids safe by making these small adjustments to what we do daily. I realize it will be a small inconvenience; that's a really small price to pay to keep our kids safe.

On a similar note, at dismissal time, please do not ask your children to wait for you at the corner of the school to be picked up. All students need to be monitored by a staff member until they are picked up by their parent or ride. I am also going to ask that parents and students not use the grassy hill areas in front of the school as play areas during dismissal. It makes it very hard for us to know where our students are and to know who is with an adult and who is not. Please wait until after we have moved to the steps and inside before playing.

Thanks always for your support. Together, we'll make Poe the best school in HISD for our kids.

Sincerely,

Jeff Amerson  
Principal

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