



Poe Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes Oct. 6, 2009

President's Remarks: Information on the PTO website is still relatively new and is constantly being updated. There is a link to the Poe Calendar from the PTO website. We are trying to cut down on paper in the Monday folders so please use Poe in the Know, the PTO website, or the bulletin board in the front hall to distribute information about events.

Principal's Remarks: Thanks to the Wild about Art Day volunteers. The event was a big success. The Back to School Bash is on the 12th. There will be a free dress day for all who attend. The nurse is working on vision and hearing screenings. Early dismissal for parent conferences is Oct. 14. Parent work day is Oct. 17. If you are interested in making an anonymous donation to the SPARK Park, it can be done through the front office. Just finished 5th grade SOS (Sharpen our Skills). Fourth grade started the program yesterday.

Carnival: We have a lot of t-shirts to sell at a cost of \$12/\$14 each. Tickets go on sale next week online and after school. Drink donations are needed as well as Happy Meal toys and stuffed animals. There will be a costume contest at 2 p.m., a pumpkin carving contest and a raffle.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer is out of town.

SPARK Park: Janet Peters says that a lot of progress has been made over the summer but Army Worms infested the grass but is going to come back. Waiting on HISD's decision on how to treat them. Fence is going up. There was a glitch on that as well having to do with permit issues. A big piece of playground equipment is coming and there will be a penny drive to help raise money to pay for the new equipment. The park will be dedicated in the spring.

VIPS: A PTO membership list has been posted online and in the office. Book Fair volunteers are needed. Homeroom volunteers are needed for Reilly, Castro, Hernandez, Gonzales and Zientek. Tuesday, 10/13 is the Homeroom parent meeting at 8:05 a.m.

Technology: Computer lab will be open next week for parents to learn GradeSpeed and Raptor.

Book Fair: Nov 16-20. Scholastic is the vendor. Volunteer meeting Oct. 9 at 8 a.m.

Merchant Rebates: Kroger card must be redone every year. HEB no longer participates. Amazon.com should be accessed through the PTO website. Please give the link to grandparents and friends. Go to Guglianis Oct. 27.

Speaker: Carter Higley with School House Partners discussed his rebate program which can be accessed through the PTO Website.

Library: There are many volunteer opportunities in the library. Over 1,000 books need to be repaired to get them back on the shelves. There will be a book mending workshop on Wed., Dec. 2. Research is being done to compare our library to others in the area.

Picture Day: If you can volunteer for picture day, contact Hovita in the office.

GradeSpeed: The information is at News and Information on the Poe ES website. Go to GradeSpeed to connect. Will need student's HISD ID number, date of birth and last 5 digits of the Social Security number.