



# The Pirates' Scroll

Poteau Upper Elementary Newsletter



## REMINDER

Late students disrupt not only their learning, but the learning of their entire class.

If your child eats breakfast at school, **PLEASE ARRIVE before 8:00 a.m. to prevent tardies.**

## NOTICE

### SAFETY PROCEDURES

ALL VISITORS must enter the building through the main entrance to proceed directly to the office.

DO NOT attempt to access other doors.

STUDENTS have been directed NOT to open exterior doors for anyone.

## HELP YOUR CHILD EARN BETTER GRADES

Some kids, and even some parents, believe that an A student is just born that way. But teachers know that students can learn the skills they need to earn more A's.

Here are some ways to help your child earn better grades:

- ◆ **Make sure learning comes first.** Give your child many opportunities to get excited about learning. Keep puzzles and paint, books and binoculars available for your child to use.
- ◆ **Keep the balance.** Help your children balance school and sports, work and play. Balance TV or video game time with exercise and reading.
- ◆ **Read every day.** Reading aloud lets you expose your children to books that might be too difficult for them to tackle on their

own. You will help build their vocabulary and stretch their horizons.

- ◆ **Set up a study space** to keep all school supplies. Buy, and teach your child to use an assignment book.
- ◆ **Make sure your discipline is firm, fair, and consistent.** Children need—and want—limits. Do not hesitate to limit TV time or to set up a regular study hour.
- ◆ **Get involved** at your child's school by volunteering.
- ◆ **Get help if your child struggles.** Ask the teacher what you can do at home to provide support and/or guidance. Consider using a responsible high school student as a tutor.
- ◆ **Look for and discuss graded papers** with your child to help him learn from mistakes.

## SAFETY PATROL



Says  
"Thank You!"  
For making the  
Valentine's Day Fundraiser  
A GREAT SUCCESS!

## UES BOOK FAIR



March  
4th - 8th  
8:30 a.m. to  
3:00 p.m.

FAMILY NIGHT  
Thursday, March 7th  
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

## ART SHOW

During Book Fair Family Night  
In the Cafeteria



CORRECTION:

**EMILY HUMPHRIES**  
In Mrs. Crandell's class had  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**  
in the 1st Semester.

She was mistakenly omitted.  
Congratulations Emily!



**5th Grade  
MUSIC  
PROGRAMS**  
Wed., March 13th  
10 a.m., in the Gym

\$10

Pre-Order  
a  
**DVD**

Forms  
Available  
In The  
Office

4th grade programs are still available.

## IMPORTANT DATES

UES Book Fair	March 4th-8th 8:30am-3pm
Family Night	March 7th 3-7pm
Art Show (In the Cafeteria)	March 7th 3-7pm
5th Grade Music Program (In the Gym)	Wednesday, March 13th 10 am
St. Patrick's Day	March 17th
Spring Break	March 18th-22nd
Easter Break	Friday, March 29th

For Online Resources, many of which are used at school,  
go to: [www.poteau.k12.ok.us](http://www.poteau.k12.ok.us).  
Click on the UES website, then go to "Student Resources"  
for useful sites for parents and students.

### Here are just a few of those websites:

[http://lms.thinkthroughmath.com/students/sign\\_in](http://lms.thinkthroughmath.com/students/sign_in)  
<http://www.vmathlive.com/login/>  
<http://www.tickettolearn.com/>

<http://www.coolmath4kids.com/>  
<http://www.gigglepoetry.com/>  
<http://kidsknowit.com/>  
<http://www.funbrain.com/>  
<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/learn.jsp>

Parents can monitor AR progress here:  
<http://hosted127.renlearn.com/221618/HomeConnect>

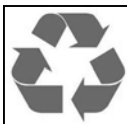
Parents can monitor student grades by accessing Wengage Gradebook via the district's website.

## Read Aloud Together At Any Age

No matter how young or old your child is, reading aloud together is a great way to build reading and language skills. Here are some tips:



- ◆ Read the title and author's name before you begin.
- ◆ Use plenty of expression in your voice.
- ◆ Talk about the illustrations.
- ◆ Ask relatives and babysitters to substitute some TV time with reading time with your child.
- ◆ Don't read stories that neither of you would enjoy.



## HELP US TURN TRASH INTO CASH!

By recycling through our school, not only are you helping the environment, but you are supporting the

**POTEAU PIRATE  
SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES!**

### Recycle Product of the Month: *Malt-o-Meal Cereal Bags*

*These are many of the recyclable items we collect:*

Juice Pouches	Candy Wrappers	Chip Bags
Cereal Boxes	Cereal Bags	Dairy Tubs
Solo Cups	Tape Dispensers	Ink Cartridges
Toner Bars	Tooth Brushes	Toothpaste Tubes
Glue Bottles	Flip Flops	Pairs of Shoes

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FOR FEBRUARY

### HONESTY Being Truthful and Sincere

February 4-8

- 3rd Grade**  
Aniyah Fitzpatrick  
Mrs. Haney
- 4th Grade**  
Paige Monks  
Mrs. Hamman
- 5th Grade**  
Devon Rodriguez  
Mrs. Byous

February 11-14

- 3rd Grade**  
Caden Fox  
Mrs. Lamb
- 4th Grade**  
Camryn Wickware  
Mrs. McKenzie
- 5th Grade**  
Luke Wheat  
Mrs. Chitwood

February 19-22

- 3rd Grade**  
Tate Weldon  
Mrs. McMillin
- 4th Grade**  
Candra Nixon  
Mrs. Phillips
- 5th Grade**  
Lane Williams  
Mrs. Davies

## Teach the Importance of Treating Others with Respect



To help a child make friends, parents should model the qualities that make it possible to attract and keep friends. Be kind to your child and others. Don't gossip about your friends. Be available when your friends need help.

Also, teach your child to:

- ◆ **Be Polite.** Say, "Excuse me," "I'm sorry," "Please," and "Thank you."
- ◆ **Listen** to what others have to say.
- ◆ **Be a good sport.** Look out for the welfare of his entire team, not just himself.
- ◆ **Be assertive.** Stand up for what's right, without being aggressive.
- ◆ **Be friendly.** Be the first one to smile at classmates and say, "Hi."

Are you a student?

Are you happy to get out of your class for a break?

Do you enjoy learning beyond the classroom?

Do you like activities?



If the answer is "YES," then give your **ACTIVITY TEACHERS** a BIG

### WORD SEARCH

Find and circle the last names and class names of your Activity Teachers. They run up, down, across, and diagonally.

- ◆ Edwards
- ◆ Benson
- ◆ Daily
- ◆ Ford
- ◆ Hall
- ◆ Art
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Library
- ◆ Physical
- ◆ Education

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o a d a f i y l r s e y c w a  
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b e n s o n f p t d c r c g l  
e d u c a t i o n e d m i k i  
y s z d v c z f f q r q s c b  
c o s q q v m r o x d u y w r  
g f j l b x q a d m o e h j a  
b l d a u x e l r q m d p k r  
m s w k q i c y z m x g f d y

MARCH CHARACTER TRAIT: Self-Discipline— thinking about your words and actions, and then making choices that are right

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**KENNY NI**

In Mrs. Miller's Class  
For Completing ALL  
3rd Grade VMath  
And is now working  
on 4th Grade Level

If you missed one of the monthly *Pirates' Scroll* Newsletters, you can find them on the UES Website: [www.poteau.k12.ok.us](http://www.poteau.k12.ok.us)