



The Pirates' Scroll

Poteau Upper Elementary Newsletter



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Testing Dates

April 3rd-21st

Accommodated Testing:
April 3rd-21st

Regular Testing:
Monday, April 10th

3rd Grade, Reading 1
5th Grade, Writing

Tuesday, April 11th

3rd Grade, Reading 2
4th Grade, Reading 1
5th Grade, Reading 1-2

Wednesday, April 12th

3rd Grade, Math 1
4th Grade, Reading 2
5th Grade, Science 1 and 2

Thursday, April 13th

3rd Grade, Math 2
4th Grade, Math 1 and 2
5th Grade, Math 1 and 2

PARENTS: TEST-TAKING TIPS FOR STUDENTS

Tests are important because they help:

- ◆ The teacher evaluate a student's needs and progress
- ◆ The student gauge his or her own level of mastery
- ◆ The parent monitors his or her child's progress

Tips to give your child about taking tests:

- ◆ **Relax.** Just do the best you can. Your first choice is usually correct. Don't change an answer unless you have a good reason.
- ◆ **Be aware of key words** such as "all," "now," "always," "never," "only," exactly."
- ◆ In multiple-choice questions, **don't skip the longest answer.** It should be considered, since test writers want to be sure the correct answer is accurate they may add lots of details to insure accuracy.
- ◆ **Watch for negative words** like "not," "no," "never."
- ◆ **Look for information** in some of the questions. This information may help you answer other questions.

You can assist your child by doing the following:

- ◆ Make sure your child gets a **good night's sleep** and **eats a proper breakfast.**
- ◆ Maintain a **pleasant home environment** and **avoid unnecessary conflicts.**
- ◆ Make sure your child has taken any **needed medication.**
- ◆ **Ensure that your child is present during testing.** (children generally perform better when taking tests in their groups rather than at a make-up time).
- ◆ **Get your child to school on time** the day of the test.
- ◆ **Wish your child good luck** each morning of the test.
- ◆ Tell your child that **he/she is special** and that **you believe in him/her!**
- ◆ Remind your child **the test is important.** Encourage him/her to do his/her best.
- ◆ If your child is too ill to attend, please call the school office.
- ◆ If the test is on a subject you can review, help your child go over the material.
- ◆ Remind your child to **listen to and read instructions carefully.**
- ◆ Explain to your child the **importance of using time wisely** and for any question he/she is stuck on, to **make the best guess and move on.**
- ◆ Tell your child to **attempt to answer all of the questions** and leave none blank.
- ◆ Encourage your child to **stay focused**, even if other students finish early.



Carla Gilliam & Nancy Ortega

You are Greatly Appreciated!
Administrative Professional Day
Wednesday, April 26th

IMPORTANT DATES

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| OCCT Testing Window | April 3rd-21st |
| MARCH Students of the Week Luncheon | Wed., April 5th 11:55-12:35 |
| NO SCHOOL Good Friday | April 14th |
| EASTER SUNDAY | April 16th |
| KIWANIS Track Meet (Costner Stadium) | April 20th |
| 4th Grade Poster Contest Awards Presentation | April 20th 2:00 p.m. |
| 3rdGrade Track Meet | Monday, April 25th 8:30am-12:30pm |
| 4th Grade Track Meet | Tuesday, April 26th 8:30am-12:30pm |
| Administrative Professional Day | Wednesday, April 26th |
| 5thGrade Track Meet | Wednesday, April 27th 8:30am-12:30pm |
| Track Meet Finals (Costner Stadium) | Thursday, April 28th 6 - 8:30 p.m. |

UES TRACK MEET Preliminaries



Admission:
Students: \$0.50
Adults: \$1.00

3rd- Mon., April 24th, 8:30am - 12:30pm
4th- Tues., April 25th, 8:30am - 12:30pm
5th- Wed., April 26th, 8:30am - 12:30pm

School Lunches Available

OR Students May Bring Their Lunch

FULL CONCESSION AVAILABLE!
NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK



UES TRACK MEET FINALS

Admission:
Students \$1.00
(Non-Participants)
Adults \$2.00



THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH, 6-8:30PM

No Field Events at the Finals
Participants: Please Arrive Early

FULL CONCESSION AVAILABLE!
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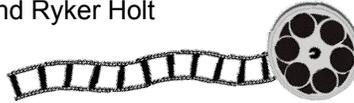
Students of the Week

COMMITMENT

MARCH WEEK 1



Week 1, Feb. 27th - March 3rd (L-R):
 Kaylee Martin, Tory Phillips,
 Jessica Billings, Michael
 Pershing, Chase Post,
 and Ryker Holt



Week 2, March 6th - 10th
 (L-R): Kaylea Miller,
 Paeton Anderson, Zane
 Harrison, Jolee Smith,
 Grant Thomas, and Not
 Pictured- Logan Faulkner



MARCH WEEK 2

MARCH WEEK 3



Week 3, March 20th - 24th
 (L-R): Kalynn Dexter-Taylor,
 Gracie Spradley, John Robertson,
 Connor May, Will Jordan,
 and Owen Wren

Week 4 will be in the May Newsletter.

APRIL



APRIL
 NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE
 PREVENTION MONTH

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline:
 1-800-522-3511

PARENTS: The following is information pulled from notes sent home at the end of March

SATURDAY SCHOOL

In an effort to provide a better opportunity for students to be more accountable for their work and their actions, Poteau Upper Elementary will begin implementing Saturday School. While most of our students do an excellent job of being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe, there are still those who fail to do so. This failure causes these students, and those around them, to miss valuable opportunities for learning and social interaction.

Though several consequences are already being implemented, we have found that, short of suspension, Saturday School could be an effective tool in reinforcing the behavioral and academic expectations for students. Once several efforts for correction have been made (e.g. verbal correction, loss of privilege, parent contact, detention, corporal discipline, etc.), Saturday School may be assigned.

It is, of course, our hope to not utilize this consequence. With that in mind, please discuss this new procedure, as well as any behavior concerns, with your child. **Always make any initial contact with your child's teacher regarding issues of any kind. It is Poteau School's intent for parents and teachers to work as a team in educating and growing all students.**

INCENTIVE TRIP ELIGIBILITY

End of the Semester Incentive Trips are taken at the end of each semester, usually in December and again in May. These trips are a privilege and serve as a means of rewarding students who are maintaining good citizenship by meeting the three UES Expectations of being:

Respectful, Responsible, and Safe In the areas of: **Attendance, Academics, and Behavior**

Students who meet the following requirements, by 3:00 p.m., ONE school day prior to the trip, will be eligible to participate in their Incentive Trip.

- The student may not have missed more than 10 school days or a total of 70 periods (5th grade), excused or unexcused, for that current semester.
- The student may not have received more than 15 (combined) Tardies, Early Withdrawals, and/or Partial Days, excused or unexcused, for that current semester.
- The student may not have received any F's in any core subjects (Math, English, Reading, Science, and Social Studies) on their 9-week report card for that current semester and their average on the day prior to the trip.
- The student must have received no more than 6 Discipline Forms for that current semester.
- The student must not have been suspended out of school (OSS) at any time during that current semester.
- The student must have no more than ONE incident of In-School Suspension (ISS) during that current semester.