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The Pegasus Post

From the Principal- Dr. McBroom

Parents,

We are well into the month of November and Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. We have so many things to be thankful for here at Pope Elementary School! I am thankful for Pope's wonderful staff, our parents, and the 3rd Aerial Port Squadron. All of you work countless hours in support of the success of our school. I would also like to thank all of our students, parents, community members, and staff members who participated in our Red Ribbon Week Activities.

Throughout the school year, staff and students will participate in Fire Prevention Week Activities, and scheduled emergency drills, which are essential components of our Safety Education Program. We have participated in monthly fire drills, severe weather drill, a shelter-n- place drill, and a lock down drill during the first nine week period. Please continue to speak with your child about the importance of safety at school and at home. Together we can promote a safe and nurturing environment for our students. Thank you for your support.

PTO Points

- ◆ The next PTO General meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th at 3pm in the cafeteria.
- ◆ The Book Fair will be held Monday, November 26th through Friday, November 30th. If you are interested in helping please contact our president, Megan McConnell at megan.mcconnell16@gmail.com
- ◆ Upcoming Popcorn Fridays are November 16th, and November 30th.

Upcoming Dates

- *December 5: Second Interim Reporting Period
- *December 13: Winter Show ~ Pre-K-1st Grade at 1:00pm
2nd-5th Grade at 2:00pm
- *December 19-24: Winter Break
- *December 25: Christmas
- *December 26-31: Winter Break
- *December 3: Parent Workshop ~ Student Learning Styles, 9:00 am in Room 12
- *December 5: Parent Workshop ~ Student Learning Styles, 9:00 am in Room 12
- *January 1: New Years Day Holiday
- *January 2: Students return to school
- *January 18: CSI Day, Non-student day
- *January 21: Martin Luther King Day Holiday



Pope's Vision:
 Teaching for the Future...Learning for a Lifetime!

DoDEA Mission:
 Educate, Engage and Empower Each student to succeed in a dynamic world.

Smart Goal #1: By the end of the school year, all students will increase reading comprehension skills. At Pope Elementary School reading comprehension will be evidenced by improved phonological awareness, phonics, decoding, fluency and vocabulary skills. Data will be gathered and monitored using system-wide and selected local assessments.

Smart Goal #2: By the end of the school year, all students will increase math problem solving skills. At Pope Elementary School math problem solving will be evidenced through mathematical communication using strategies such as, but not limited to the four step (Understand, Plan, Solve, Look back) process. Data will be gathered and monitored using system-wide and selected local assessments.



November Dates:

- *Nov. 15: PTO Meeting 3:00-4:00pm
- *Nov. 16: Popcorn Friday
- *Nov. 21-23: Thanksgiving Break
- *Nov. 26-30: Book Fair
- *Nov. 29: Doughnuts with Dr. McBroom at 2:15
- *Nov. 30: Popcorn Friday

Nurse's Notes

Please join us as we bid farewell to Nurse Ebony. Nurse Ebony and her new husband are relocated. Her last day was November 2, 2012. Please welcome our new nurse Francesca Day! She comes to us with 20 years of nursing experience and a wealth of knowledge. Welcome to Pope Elementary School Nurse Francesca Day!



PE Notes- Dr. Montgomery

Family Winter Fun Days 2012

Parents,

You're invited to participate with your child's physical education class on any of the days below:



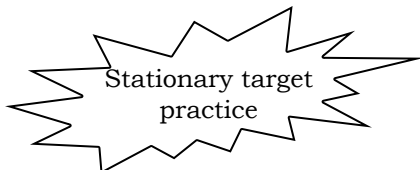
Snowball Fight



Nov 30th, Dec 3rd & 4th



Elf Bowling



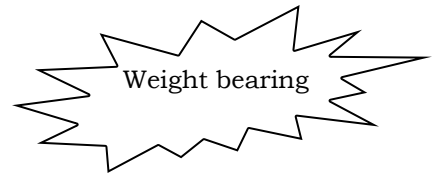
Dec 5th, 6th & 7th



Sleigh Rides



Ice Skating



Dec 10th, 11th or 12th



Dec 13th, 14th, or 17th

These activities are built on the imagination of children within a movement environment.

Gifted News- Ms. Murray



The 3rd graders will be reading *Henry and the Paper Route* by Beverly Cleary. While reading this book, students will be able to address skills in the core curriculum such as cause and effect, retelling and prediction. They will learn new vocabulary and be able to address questions at the higher levels of Bloom's Taxonomy. As an extension to this book, students will complete a project of their choice. In math, 3rd graders will do research on armadillos and determine how long they can hold their breath and walk under water. Students will then record the information in seconds, minutes, and hours. Students will continue by writing multiplication problems for each.

The 4th graders are finishing up *Blue Willow* by Doris Gates and using literature circles with assigned roles.

Examples of literature circle roles include: fact finder, literary luminary, connector, discussion director, scene setter and vocabulary enricher. In math, 4th graders are still participating in the Stock Market Challenge and building problem-solving skills through the use of Superstar Math, creative thinking skills problems and manipulatives.

The 5th graders are finishing up *The Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell and completing a webquest that goes with the book. In math, 5th graders are still participating in the Stock Market Challenge and building problem-solving skills through the use of Superstar Math, creative thinking skills problems and manipulatives.

Information Center Corner– Mrs. Ray

I am pleased with the number of students who have been checking out books this school year. Please continue to help your child with reading comprehension by asking questions and doing quick activities that will lead to your child having a better understanding of what is read. For tips on how to help increase your child's reading comprehension skills at home, please visit the website listed below.

<http://www.cedu.niu.edu/lty/literacyclinic/raisingReaders/InformationalTexts.pdf>

The Information Center opens each morning at 8:00. I invite all third, fourth, and fifth grade students to come and practice on the V-Math website. If your child is struggling with math or could use some extra practice time please take advantage of this opportunity. The computers are also open for students to take Reading Counts tests.

The "Librarian's Award" was given to several of the students on Award's Day. This award is given to the student from each grade level that has checked out the most books for the nine week grading period. Congratulations to the winners!

ESL Notes– Mrs. Robinson



Tips for Parents of ESL Students – Parents here are some suggestions for ways you can help your student be more successful at school.

- NETWORK! Meet other families in your school. Other parents and children are often happy to help explain homework and school information.
- If you have any questions about the school, your child's class, homework or other activities, please ask a translator friend to contact the school for you.
- For parent-teacher conferences or other school meetings that might include confidential information, please ask the school to provide an interpreter.
- To improve your own English skills you might like to take adult ESL classes.
- Offer to help in the classroom. This is the best way to keep up on what your child is learning. It's also a great way to meet other parents.
- Ask your children to teach you what they are learning in school - in English. This is good practice for them as well as increasing family time.
- Share your culture with your child's classroom. Your child and family are a link to the world. You have many valuable experiences that can enhance the students' understanding of other countries and customs.
- Be a role model for your children. When they see you learning more English they will also want to improve their English and succeed in school.

Music Notes– Mrs. Evans

Pope ES Winter Show

December 13th

PreK-1st Grade at 1 PM*

2nd-5th Grade at 2 PM*

*Includes a special performance by the Pope ES Chorus Club



Counselor's Corner– Ms. Skinner-Coleman, NCC

STUDY SKILLS ARE IMPORTANT

Parents here are some questions for you and your child to answer before setting up a study routine:

Making a Schedule:

- Do you keep a schedule that shows the time you plan to spend each day studying?
- Do you divide your time among the different subjects to be studied?
- Do you spread the study time over at least four days of the week?
- Do you keep up to date in your homework?
- Do you keep a record of the work you need to do in a notebook and check it off when it is completed?

Arranging a place to Study:

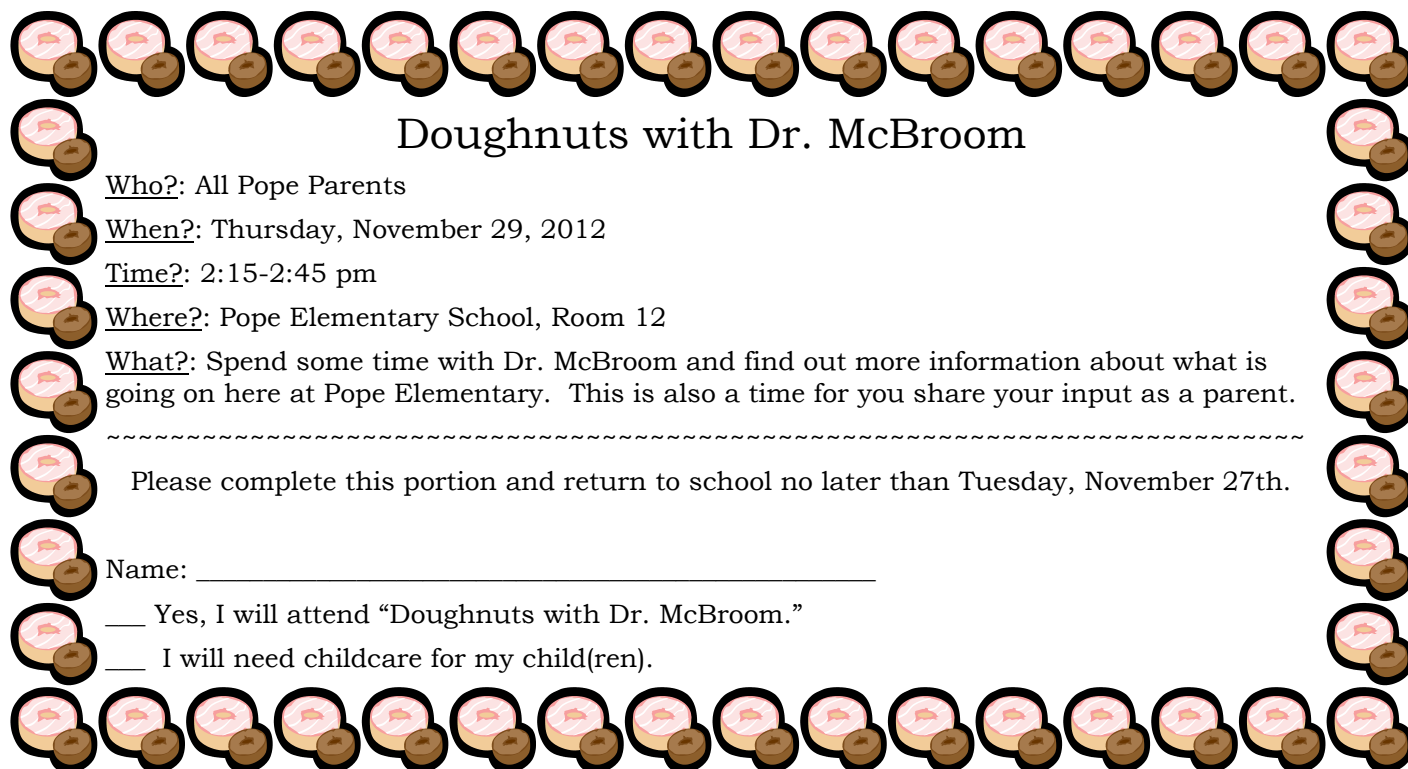
- Do you study in a place where you are away from interferences like TV, etc.?
- When you study, do you have all the materials you need right there?
- Do you have enough light to read by?
- Do you work in a cool room?

Answering yes to all of the above questions sets the foundations for developing and maintaining effective study skills that will facilitate student success. Keep up the good work.

Upcoming Events

Parent workshop: Student Learning Styles. December 3, 9:00 am in Room 12 and December 5, 9:00 am in Room 12. There are several specific types of learning styles. This work shop will help parents define and identify the learning styles in order to help maximize student achievement.

You're Invited



Doughnuts with Dr. McBroom

Who?: All Pope Parents

When?: Thursday, November 29, 2012

Time?: 2:15-2:45 pm

Where?: Pope Elementary School, Room 12

What?: Spend some time with Dr. McBroom and find out more information about what is going on here at Pope Elementary. This is also a time for you share your input as a parent.

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Please complete this portion and return to school no later than Tuesday, November 27th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will attend "Doughnuts with Dr. McBroom."

I will need childcare for my child(ren).