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The Pegasus Post

From the Principal– Dr. McBroom

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all the parents who attended Pope's curriculum night on October 1st. This was a wonderful opportunity for students and staff members to share information about our continuous school improvement goals, standards, and curriculum.

Now as we culminate an exciting first quarter grading period, Parent-Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching. Conference times are wonderful opportunities for you and your child's teacher to communicate with one another, while building positive and trusting relationships. Your involvement and participation are critical components to the success of your child's learning experiences. I look forward to seeing you at the conferences on November 9th for Pre-K – 5th grades and November 7th – 9th for Pre- K.

Friendly Reminders

- ◆ Breakfast is served each morning from 7:45-8:15.
- ◆ Clubs have started! If your child is a participant in an afterschool club please make sure to pick them up on time.
- ◆ All visitors need to stop by the front office to sign in and receive a visitor pass before heading to your destination.
- ◆ Early release on Wednesdays ~ Dismissal time is at 1:55pm.
- ◆ Award's Day will be held on November 8. Notifications will be sent home with those students receiving awards.



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 this 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 this school year, all students will increase math problem solving skills. At Pope Elementary School math problem solving will be evidenced through the four step UPSL (Understand, Plan, Solve, Look Back) process.

Data will be gathered and monitored using system-wide and selected local assessments.

Upcoming Dates:



- *Oct. 26: Popcorn Friday
- *Oct. 26: End of 1st reporting period
- *Nov. 2: Teacher workday
- *Nov. 6: Report cards sent home
- *Nov. 7-8: Pre-K parent-teacher conferences
- *Nov. 9: Parent-teacher conferences
- *Nov. 12: Veteran's Day Holiday
- *Nov. 21-23: Thanksgiving Break

Nurse's Notes—Nurse Ebony

New DoDEA Immunization requirements and reminders for the 2012-2013 School Year

Thank you parents for getting your child's immunizations up-to-date for the school year 2012-13!

There are a few new DoDEA immunization requirements. Based on your child's age, these immunizations are due before the new school year begins.

Students under age 5 years old: **Pneumococcal (PCV)**- The required minimum immunizations for School Year 2012-13 for students who are under the age of 5 years are based on the age appropriate immunization schedule established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) [<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/downloads/child/0-6yrs-schedule-pr.pdf>] and now includes Pneumococcal. Age Appropriate Immunization schedule: Administer 1 dose of PCV to all healthy children aged 24 through 59 months who are not completely vaccinated for their age. Please see the link listed above for further details.

Students 11 years old and older: **Tdap** and **Meningococcal** are required for students at age 11 years old.

Other required immunizations include the following:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTap) (4-5 doses. One must be given **AFTER** 4th birthday)
- Hepatitis A (Hep A) (2 doses)
- Hepatitis B (Hep B) (3 doses)
- Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib is not required after age 5)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) (2 doses)
- Inactivated Poliovirus (IPV) (3-4 doses. One must be given **AFTER** 4th birthday)
- Varicella (2 doses)



If you have further questions or concerns, please contact the school nurse at 910-907-0911.



Curriculum Night

PTO Points

Happy October to all of our Pope Elementary families! We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone that came out for curriculum night and the spaghetti dinner. Check out what the PTO has going for the rest of October and all of November:

- ◆ "Harvest Hello" deliveries will be made on October 31st; order forms will be sent home soon.
- ◆ Be on the look out for Pope t-shirt and sweatshirt order forms in your child's backpack.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Upcoming Popcorn Fridays are October 26th, November 16th, and November 30th.



Information Center Corner– Mrs. Ray

Thank you for encouraging your child to read books. Most of the students are checking out books on a regular basis and are returning them in a timely manner. As always, if you would like to check out extra books for your child to read; please stop by the Information Center and I will gladly set up an account for you. I can also assist you with checking out books that your child will enjoy.



If you are looking for a great website for your child I recommend the “DOGO News” site. The web address is: <http://www.dogonews.com/>. This site is filled with current events information, interactive maps, videos, informational articles, and other interesting features. It is a reliable and safe source for children to use in order to gain knowledge of the world around them. It can be used independently by 3-5 students. Students in grades K-2 would need assistance. It is being used by schools all over the country.

PE Notes– Dr. Montgomery

*October is
Breast
Cancer
Awareness
Month* Take the time to:

- ◆ Self exam
- ◆ Schedule a mammogram/physical
- ◆ Read about other breast cancer victims...MEN!

Important reminder to parents/guardians:

Please remind your child(ren) to wear tennis on the days they have physical education. I have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all my students therefore participation will be denied if the type of shoes worn presents a safety issue. Your support will be greatly appreciated!



Art Notes– Mrs. Ozment

Our Art Education program weaves creative expression, art history, art criticism and aesthetic perception into every lesson throughout the grade levels.

The complete list of the seven **Visual Art Standards** for each grade level can be found at <http://www.dodea.edu> (Standards & Curriculum PK-12 Standards & Curriculum Content Standards.)

Student work is graded by what they have learned and demonstrated by both product and conversation.

Class Expectations

Listen, Pay attention, Follow directions

Parents are invited to accompany their children during their art lessons. All students seem to benefit from these visitations. The only thing I ask is that you leave younger siblings at home. There may be times that I ask students to bring in visuals or materials. These objects should not cost a thing.

If there are any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me. I would gladly set up a time to meet with you.



Parent Workshop...



What's my child's Learning Style?

Monday, December 3rd, 9-10 AM, Room 12
or

Wednesday, December 5th 9-10 AM, Room 12

- Knowing how your child learns is key to his or her success
 - Help them succeed
- Participate in interactive online activities to help you determine which learning style best describes you and your child

Contact Pope ES at 907-0209 to register

Workshop will be conducted by MFLC and School Counselor



Join the "S.T.E.A.M. TEAM"

- > Club opportunity : 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students
- > Meeting frequency: after school on Thursday's starting October 18th
- > Location: Multipurpose room
- > Parent permission :required



Application are available from club sponsor:
Dr. Montgomery