

PTO News & Events

Week of February 12, 2024

In the weekly newsletter, you'll find information about upcoming events sponsored by the PTO and fundraisers for events. You can also find information and signups on our website: <https://popepto.org>

Want to know more or have questions about how to volunteer? Please email our Pope PTO VP of Communications, Janet Banes, at info@PopePTO.org

Spring Events Calendar is now available

A calendar featuring the events from the Spring is now available for you to view. ***Please note some date changes have occurred!*** You can find the calendar at the bottom of this newsletter or on the PTO website in the newsletter section.

Need to Order a Yearbook?

Do you still need to order a yearbook? Yearbooks are \$60.00. Visit the PTO website to order. Don't delay and miss out on this chance to capture your child's memories. Only limited quantities will be available for purchase after delivery in May.

Field Day Volunteers Needed!

Our Pope Panther Field Days are coming up soon: March 6-8, 2024! Field Day is one of our school's most popular events, and our student have already been practicing showing their pride and the skills for the fun events of the day.

To make this a successful event, we need parent helpers both before the event and the day of the event. Please see the SignUp Genius links below to volunteer.

2024 FIELD DAY: SPIRIT ITEMS & WATER

There are two volunteer positions that need to be filled for each homeroom to help with items before Field Day: Spirit Items Coordinator and Water Bottles & Cooler Provider.

SignUp Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A45ACA829A0F49-47547908-2024>

2024 FIELD DAY: EVENT VOLUNTEERS

On the day of Field Day, volunteers are needed to assist with equipment set up and change outs, keeping of track homerooms showing PRIDE, assisting Coach Schlosser and Coach Morgan as needed, and/or making an appearance as our mascot, Paws.

Please note that the 1st & 2nd Grade field trip on March 8 is at the SAME TIME as 4th & 5th Grades' Field Days.

SignUp Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A45ACA829A0F49-47803502-2024>

Upcoming Dates

02/10	Sweetheart Dance
02/12-16	Kindness Week
02/14	SRC Demo: 1 st Grade – Small Mammals Valentine's Day Exchange
02/15	100 th Day of Kindergarten
02/16	NO SCHOOL
02/19	NO SCHOOL
02/23	Go Texan Day

Lost and Found

Our Lost & Found Crew works hard to reunite your student with their missing belongings. Please label each item your student brings to school to assist our Lost and Found Crew in this task.

Check out the Google Drive link for pictures of the items currently without an owner!

Lost & Found Google Drive link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13DC5sZxXBzT9HYw-RVAFtA6JXyNVmlr?usp=drive_link

See your item in the Lost & Found pictures? Contact our Lost and Found Chair, Kat Neal, at katayount@gmail.com

5th Grade Fall Event Photos Needed for Memory Book

The 5th Grade Party Planning Committee is looking for photos from the fall semester to add to our 5th Grade Memory Book. Each 5th grade student is gifted a memory book at the end of the year, courtesy of the PTO.

Pictures should be submitted using the Balfour website <https://images.balfour.com> or the Balfour ImageShare App. Our "Project Number" is: F02135 and leave the "Upload Code" blank. See the flyer below for more details.

Please Note: The 5th Grade Memory Book is NOT the same as the Yearbook - pictures must be submitted separately to each project.

Submitting Pictures to Yearbook

Please make sure to submit your pictures to the yearbook in a timely manner! We ask that you turn in your pictures no later than 10 days after the event.

- There are two ways you can submit:
 1. Upload via Balfour's website: images.balfour.com using your phone or computer **(RECOMMENDED)**
OR
 2. Upload the Balfour ImageShare app
- Our "Project Number" is: 427093 and leave the "Upload Code" blank
- You can only upload 10 images at a time, so it may take more than one upload if you have a lot. JPEG files preferred; HEIC files may be too large and give you an error.
- Be detailed in your names and captions –
 - Name: John Smith, Jane Doe, 2nd Grade, Ms. Jones
 - Caption: Meet the Teacher
- You can list as many names as you know in the name section. You can always ask your student to help you identify who is in the picture - they'll know names, even if it's just a first name.

If you are an iPhone user and are having problems submitting your pictures through the ImageShare app, please see the "Yearbook Help for iPhone Users" flyer below.

Pope Teacher & Staff Favorites

Want to know what our Pope Teachers and Staff Members really want?? Check out their "Favorites" sheet on the PTO website. Each teacher and staff member has submitted a page with all the details you need to know to brighten their day!

Volunteering in CFISD & at Pope

When you volunteer at any CFISD campus or Pope, you will want to make sure to sign-in at the Front Desk as a volunteer. This will print "volunteer" on your name tag and automatically log your volunteer hours for you. When you sign in as a "visitor," no volunteer hours are recorded.

- **To sign in as a "volunteer," you must have a volunteer account in the CFISD RAPTOR system.**
 - **If you volunteered last year and had a volunteer name tag:** You should already have an account in place. You can check your account by clicking this link to sign in to the Volunteer Portal: [CFISD Raptor Volunteer Portal](#)
 - **If you are new to volunteering at Pope:** You will need to create an account by following the instructions in the document below called "VIPS Registration, RAPTOR, and Reporting Your Time."
 - If you have any problems logging in or creating an account, please contact CFISD Community Engagement at the phone number listed in the attachment. *Do not call the front desk at Pope - they do not handle this issue.*

PTO Online Directory is Active

As part of your PTO Membership, you have access to our online directory on our website. Directory information is only available to families with a paid membership and cannot be accessed by the general public. To access the Directory, visit the PTO website and look for the icon on the main menu.

If you have any questions about the online directory or how to edit what information you share with other PTO members, please check out our Online Directory FAQ [here](#)

Checking your PTO Account & Order Information

Haven't updated your contact information or child's teacher? Not sure if you ordered a yearbook? Visit the PTO webpage and click on the menu button labeled "My Account & PTO Orders," which after you sign in, will bring you to all the information listed for your PTO account, including your student(s) current grade and anything you have ordered through the PTO website. Please make sure your student(s) grade and teacher are updated so that items ordered through the PTO website can be delivered promptly and accurately.



Pope Elementary Spring 2024 Calendar

January

- 1/15 **NO SCHOOL**
- 1/18 SRC DEMO: KINDER HEDGEHOGS
- 1/23 MOTHER GOOSE VISIT: PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN
- 1/24 CLASS PICTURES

February

- 2/2 SRC DEMO: 2ND GRADE ANIMAL BODY COVERINGS
- 2/7 POPE SPIRIT NIGHT: CHICK-FIL-A FRY ROAD
- 2/9 **PRIDE STORE**
- 2/10 SWEETHEART DANCE
- 2/12-16 KINDNESS WEEK
- 2/14 VALENTINE'S EXCHANGE
- 2/14 SRC DEMO: 1ST GRADE SMALL MAMMALS
- 2/15 100TH DAY OF KINDERGARTEN
- 2/16 **NO SCHOOL**
- 2/16 POPE SPIRIT NIGHT: ICODE
- 2/19 **NO SCHOOL**
- 2/23 GO TEXAN DAY

March

- 3/1 READ ACROSS AMERICA
- 3/6 FIELD DAY: KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE
- 3/7 FIELD DAY: 2ND GRADE & 3RD GRADE
- 3/8 FIELD DAY: 4TH GRADE & 5TH GRADE
- 3/11-15 **SPRING BREAK**
- 3/19 POPE SPIRIT NIGHT: SPRING CREEK
- 3/22 **PRIDE STORE**
- 3/22 POPE SPIRIT NIGHT: ADVENTURE KIDS PLAYCARE
- 3/26 SRC DEMO: PRE-K ANIMAL FRIENDS
- 3/29 **NO SCHOOL**

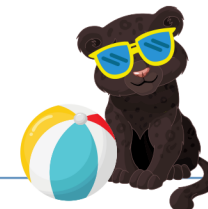
April

- 4/3 POPE SPIRIT NIGHT: CRUST PIZZA
- 4/4 SRC DEMO: 5TH GRADE BIRD STUDY SKINS
- 4/8 SPRING PICTURES
- 4/11 SRC DEMO: 3RD GRADE ARTHROPODS
- 4/13-14 FATHERS-N-FLASHLIGHTS
- 4/15 **NO SCHOOL**
- 4/16 **STAAR TESTING: 5TH GRADE SCIENCE**
- 4/18 **STAAR TESTING: 3RD-5TH GRADE ELAR**
- 4/24 **STAAR TESTING: 3RD - 5TH GRADE MATH**
- 4/26 **PRIDE STORE**
- 4/27 MOM & ME KICKBALL
- 4/30 POPE SPIRIT NIGHT: D'LITES HOUSTON

May

- 5/1 CFISD VIPS APPRECIATION AT MHAB
- TBD POPE VIPS APPRECIATION
- 5/6-10 TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK
- 5/7 2ND GRADE PROGRAM
- 5/10 MUFFINS WITH MOM
- 5/10 SRC DEMO: 5TH GRADE CSI
- 5/17 SRC DEMO: 3RD GRADE AMPHIBIANS
- 5/21 PORTFOLIO NIGHT
- 5/23 SRC DEMO: 4TH GRADE REPTILES
- 5/24 **PRIDE STORE**
- 5/24 SRC DEMO: 2ND GRADE SNAKES
- 5/27 **NO SCHOOL**
- 5/30 5TH GRADE RECOGNITION NIGHT AT BRIDGELAND HS
- 5/31 5TH GRADE PARTY
- 5/31 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

****ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.****
QUESTIONS? EMAIL INFO@POPEPTO.ORG



5th Grade SRC Volunteering Opportunities

Our Science Resource Center demos are a parent-led lesson presented by trained volunteers to our science classes. We present lessons to all grades Pre-K through 5th grade.

This spring 5th grade has TWO SRC Demo Days at Pope that will need parent volunteers!

Trainings are offered by the SRC Staff to teach parents the lesson they will be presenting and to go over the proper handling techniques and care for the animals.

All SRC demo training sessions take place from 9:30-11:30 AM at the Science Resource Center, located at 11206 Telge Road.

No prior signup or RSVP is needed to attend. *Adults only please.*

Please note: training starts promptly at 9:30 AM!

Want to know more or have questions about how to volunteer?

Please email our Pope PTO SRC Volunteers Chair, Janet Banes, at SRC@PopePTO.org

Bird Study Skins Demo

- Demo Description: Bird study skins (taxidermy specimens) will be used to illustrate the many unique characteristics and adaptations of this class of animals. No live animals are used in this demo.
- Training Dates: Training for this demo was held in the fall, but email Janet Banes for the materials/lessons if you are interested in helping out.
- Demo Day at Pope: Thursday, April 4, 2024



CSI: Cy-Fair Demo

- Demo Description: Students solve a “who done it” mystery as they rotate through three stations completing lab investigations analyzing fingerprints, fiber samples and chromatography samples.
- Training Dates: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 OR Thursday, February 22, 2024
- Demo Day at Pope: Friday, May 10, 2024



ALL OF OUR 5TH GRADE SRC LESSONS ARE BIG DEMOS!

We run two separate classrooms at the same time, so lots of volunteers are needed to help things run smoothly!

Want to volunteer but can't make the trainings? Please reach out to Janet Banes for more info.

5th Grade Memory Book

Event Pictures Needed

Two ways to submit your 5th grade event photos:

- Upload via Balfour's website: <https://images.balfour.com> using the internet browser on your phone or computer (RECOMMENDED)

OR

- Upload via the Balfour ImageShare app

Important Details

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- You can only upload 10 images at a time
- JPEG files preferred; HEIC files may be too large & give you an error
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Event Examples:

1st Day of School, Nature Trails, Boo Bash, Multicultural Day, Paw Painting, Library, Kids Zone, Dress Up Days, Holiday Parties, etc.



Help for iPhone Users

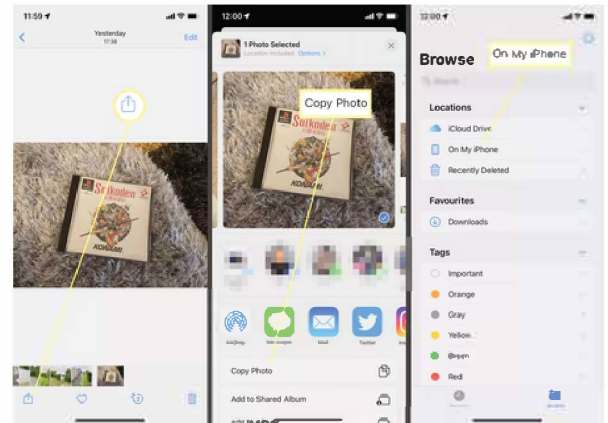
Having trouble uploading your photos?

The iPhone's HEIC files often give errors when submitting to the ImageShare app. JPEG/JPG files are preferred.

How to Convert HEIC to JPG on iPhone

The iPhone's Files app is one of the quickest ways to convert an image file from HEIC to JPG. Here's how to do it.

1. In the Photos app, find the photo you wish to convert and tap Share.
2. Tap Copy Photo.
3. Open the Files app on your iPhone.
4. Tap On My iPhone.
5. Long-press on an empty area and tap Paste.
6. The photo has now been pasted and automatically converted to JPG.
7. Tap the image to share it or Save Image to save it to your Photos.



How to Permanently Convert to JPG on iPhone

If you would prefer to save all your photos automatically as JPG rather than HEIC, here's how to do so.

1. In the Settings app, tap Camera.
2. Tap Camera. Tip: You may need to scroll down to find Camera.
3. Tap Formats.
4. Tap Most Compatible to save photos automatically as JPG.

