

PTO News & Events

Week of April 8, 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

"Kickin' It With Mom" – Kickball Event Registration OPEN

Registration for our Mom and student kickball event, "Kickin' It With Mom" opens on Monday, April 1 on the PTO website. The kickball event is open to Moms and their Pope students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Registration ends on April 14. More details to come!

Due to the need to make Team Rosters and Schedules, **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Spirit Nights!

We have lots of Spirit Nights still planned for the Spring. Spirit Nights are a great way to support the PTO and our school, and we love seeing our Pope Panthers at each event!

Coming up in the month of April we have Spirit Nights at the following locations:

- Chick-fil-A Fry Road: April 10
- D'Lites Houston: April 30

Keep an eye out for flyers with more information!

2024-2025 Pope PTO Board Elections

The 2024-2025 Pope PTO Executive Board elections are scheduled to be held on Friday, April 19th at 9:30am at the final PTO general meeting of the year.

Any member in good standing may become an officer of the PTO. Members interested in serving as executive officers may nominate themselves by submitting a letter of interest. Letters of interest must be submitted via email to Mrs. Herrera (kathryn.herrera@cfisd.net) no later than 2 weeks prior to the last general meeting of the PTO.

If you have questions regarding the duties of the position, please refer to pages 6-9 of the Pope PTO bylaws. These can be found at:

https://popepto.org/Doc/Public/Pope%20PTO%20By%20Laws%20Updated%205_2021.pdf

The following are board positions:

- President
- Vice President of Membership
- Vice President of Fundraising I, II, and III
- Vice President of School Enrichment I and II
- Vice President of Volunteers
- Vice President of Communications
- Secretary/Parliamentarian
- Treasurer

Upcoming Dates

04/08	Spring Pictures
04/10	Pope Spirit Night: Chick-Fil-A Fry Road
04/11	SRC Demo: 3 rd Grade Arthropods
04/13-14	Fathers-N-Flashlights
04/14	Kickball Registration Ends
04/15	NO SCHOOL
04/19	PTO General Meeting – 9:30 AM, Pope Cafeteria
04/26	PRIDE Store
04/27	Kickin' It With Mom Kickball Event
04/30	Pope Spirit Night: D'Lites Houston

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

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.

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.*

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.



SAVE THE DATE!

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 27
3 - 6 PM**

**A KICKBALL EVENT FOR MOMS
AND THEIR POPE STUDENTS IN
KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE.**



**REGISTRATION OPEN APRIL 1-14
ON THE PTO WEBSITE**

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Lost and Found Chair, Kat Neal,
at katayount@gmail.com**

Community Care Night

Benefitting:

Pope Elementary

Wednesday, April 10th

5:00pm-8:00pm

Please notify the cashier that you are supporting this group and a percentage of your sale will be donated by Chick-fil-A accordingly. If you are placing a mobile order through the app, please use your group's special code "PopePride" at checkout.



 **FRY ROAD**

10802 FRY ROAD
CYPRESS, TX 77433

The PTO Loves our Librarian!



Lauren Crites

Why did you become a librarian?

Growing up I knew for the longest time that I wanted to either become a journalist or a teacher, so I fittingly became a writing teacher. After several years in the classroom and then as a district coordinator for reading and writing, I found my sweet spot...the library.

For me, it's the perfect blend of love and learning. The Pope library truly holds my heart. The people are undoubtedly my favorite part, followed by the magic of great stories. Each day we go on adventures through stories and life experiences, make memories together, and learn and grow each year. It truly is such a blessing and a dream come true to be the librarian at Pope Elementary.

What type of schooling do you need to be a librarian?

A certified school librarian is required to have a master's degree. My undergraduate is from Texas A&M University (WHOOPI!) and my master's degree is from Prairie View A&M University. My job requires that I develop lessons to meet a variety of age levels and curriculums, curate collections of books that reach a diverse range of students and topics, and keep an up-to-date working knowledge of online databases and resources for our PK-5th Pope students.

What's your favorite Pope event?

Boo Bash! I love the fall season and the fun of seeing the students outside of the school day all dressed up in their costumes. Passing out candy, playing games, and eating great food are a few items that make this event a hit. It's always amazing to make connections with our Pope families, and this event typically brings out the entire community.