

# PTO News & Events

## Week of September 18, 2023

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](mailto:info@PopePTO.org)

### **PTO Membership is NOW OPEN!**

Did you know that it's SNOW COOL to help out our school? Our PTO Membership drive is in full swing, and we're holding a contest to see which homeroom in each grade can earn the highest participation. The top class in each grade will earn a snow cone party for their homeroom.

When you join the PTO, you'll also have a chance to mark which areas you might be interested in volunteering in at Pope. Also, you'll have access to our "Early Bird" pricing for yearbooks.

Please check out the PTO website – <https://popepto.org> – to complete the membership packet.

**The Membership Drive Contest ends September 30<sup>th</sup>!**

***Thank you to everyone who has joined the PTO already!***

### **PTO Kickoff Meeting – DATE CHANGE: September 22**

Join us on Friday, September 22 at 9:15 AM in the Pope Cafeteria to help us kick off this year's PTO. Come find out more about what the PTO does, learn about volunteer opportunities, and meet the PTO Board.

### **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!

### **3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Nature Trails Field Trip – September 19 & 20**

The CFISD Nature Trails Field Trip is scheduled for **September 19 and 20** for Pope Elementary. The Nature Trails Field Trip is an outdoor classroom experience that includes both teacher-led and parent-led learning stations.

Day 1: September 19, 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Homerooms: Diaz, Elmer, Salinas, Toure

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Homerooms: Douglas, Hernandez, Redmon, Vasquez

Day 2: September 20, 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Homerooms: Herring, Reyna, Sharber

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Homerooms: Austin, Mayfield, Moreno

### **Upcoming Dates**

9/19-20 Nature Trails Field Trip – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

9/20-21 Spirit Night at Spring Creek Barbeque

9/22 **DATE CHANGE:** PTO General Meeting – 9:15 AM, Pope Cafeteria

9/25 Student Holiday/Teacher Professional Development Day

9/28 Vision Screening – volunteers needed

9/30 **LAST DAY** of PTO Membership Contest

**LAST DAY** of "Early Bird" Pricing for Yearbooks

10/03 Hearing Screening – volunteers needed

## ***Hearing & Vision Screening – Volunteers Needed***

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At the end of this month, our Pope Panthers will be screened for vision and hearing. We need volunteers to help with this process on Thursday, September 28 and Tuesday, October 3. There are multiple shifts available. If you are able to help, please see the SignUp Genius link below.

- Pope Elementary - Vision & Hearing Screening Volunteer Signup link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A45ACA829A0F49-pope>

## ***Buy Your Yearbook Before “Early Bird” Pricing Ends!***

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“Early Bird” pricing for yearbooks is now available when you join the PTO! Yearbooks are \$40 through September 30, and then the price goes up. Grab yours today!

## ***Submitting Pictures to the Yearbook***

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Have some great shots from activities during the school year? The Yearbook Committee would love to have you share them with us! All pictures should be submitted no later than 10 days following the event.

- There are two ways you can submit:
  1. Upload via Balfour's website: [images.balfour.com](https://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.

## ***Checking your PTO Account & Order Information***

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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.



# PTO MEMBERSHIP CONTEST UPDATE

CURRENT LEADERS

AS OF 09/13/2023

**PRE-K/ECSE &  
KINDERGARTEN**

**MS. PARSONS  
70%**

**1ST  
GRADE**

**MS. POFF  
76%**

**2ND  
GRADE**

**MS. TURNER TIED AT  
& MS. SPELL 86%**

**3RD  
GRADE**

**MS. TOURE  
74%**

**4TH  
GRADE**

**MS. GLASSON  
85%**

**5TH  
GRADE**

**MS. MAYFIELD  
100%**

**STAFF**

**54%**



HOMEROOM  
WITH THE HIGHEST  
PERCENTAGE OF  
MEMBERSHIPS IN  
EACH GRADE WINS A  
SNOW CONE PARTY!  
CONTEST ENDS  
SEPTEMBER 30TH!

THERE IS

**SNOW MUCH**

THAT YOU CAN DO  
AT POPE!



**JOIN THE PTO TODAY!**

VISIT THE PTO WEBSITE  
AT: [HTTPS://POPEPTO.ORG](https://POPEPTO.ORG)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



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**DATE CHANGE!**

**PTO KICKOFF MEETING**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

**AT 9:15 AM**

**POPE CAFETERIA**

**SPRING CREEK**  
**BARBEQUE**

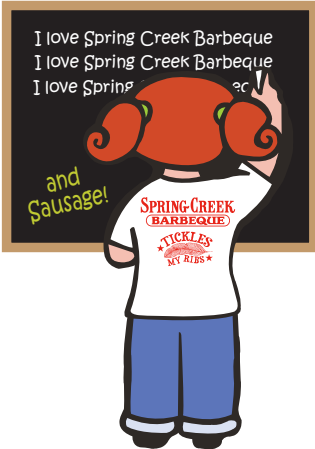


*Join your classmates and their families*

**POPE ELEMENTARY**

**WED. SEP. 20 🐾 THURS. SEP. 21**

**SPRING CREEK BBQ CYPRESS 5pm -9pm**  
**25831 NORTHWEST FREEWAY 🐾 281-758-1450**



- ★ Spring Creek will donate 20% of all the evening's proceeds to the PTO.
- ★ Students should sign in at the front door.
- ★ The class with the best attendance will be given a prize by Spring Creek.
- ★ Your school will have the opportunity to earn a bonus of \$200 by doing the following:
  - Post on the school marquee
  - Post on your Facebook/Instagram/Twitter pages. (We provide the post).

**Come see your teachers  
serve hot, fresh bread  
in the Spring Creek dining room!**





# 3rd & 5th GRADE NATURE TRAILS CHECKLIST



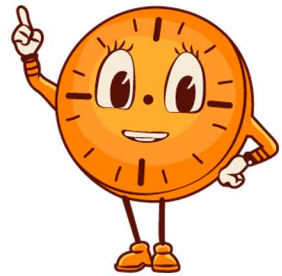
- Know which day your homeroom is assigned to go to Nature Trails.**

Tuesday, 09/19/2023

- 3rd Grade: Diaz, Elmer, Salinas, Toure
- 5th Grade: Douglas, Hernandez, Redmon, Vasquez

Wednesday, 09/20/2023

- 3rd Grade: Herring, Reyna, Sharber
- 5th Grade: Austin, Mayfield, Morenoa



- Be ON TIME to school!**

- Field trip buses will leave at 9AM sharp.

- Wear Closed-Toed Shoes and Long Pants. This is REQUIRED!**

- Wearing a hat is highly suggested!



- Bring a "Trash-Free" Lunch and a non-disposable water bottle.**

- Use your regular lunch box, not a paper bag.
- Consider packing extra water in your child's lunchbox.
- Make sure to label with student's name.



- Apply any sunscreen and insect repellent at home.**

- Do NOT bring this to school.





**GET YOUR YEARBOOK  
NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30  
FOR EARLY BIRD PRICING**

**YEARBOOKS \$40**

**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK WHEN  
YOU JOIN THE PTO AT  
[HTTPS://POPEPTO.ORG](https://POPEPTO.ORG)**

**STARTING OCTOBER 1ST  
YEARBOOKS WILL BE \$55**

# YEARBOOK

## Panther Photographers needed!

Most events take place during normal school hours that parents do not attend.

Become a photographer and get an **ALL ACCESS** pass to these fun events.

A physical camera (not a phone) is required to take pictures at all school events.



If interested, you get first choice of specific event sign-ups.

Email us at  
[yearbook@pto.org](mailto:yearbook@pto.org)

Michele Abbassi & Guadalupe Rogato  
Co-Chairs



# send us your best **SNAPSHOTS** for the **YEARBOOK**

Yearbook photographers can't be everywhere, so if you've got great photos of school events or you and your friends just having fun, please share them with us. The more pictures you share, the better our yearbook will be for everyone! It's easy; submit your photos today!



## ImageShare

**WEB BROWSER  
VERSION**

**(PREFERRED)**

[images.balfour.com](http://images.balfour.com)

**MOBILE APP VERSION**

Search for Balfour ImageShare  
in your App marketplace  
and download the App.



## GETTING STARTED

- Enter our Project Number **427093**. *Upload code is not required.*
- Scroll down and agree to the **Terms & Conditions**
- Click **Start Uploading**
- Enter the student's first and last name and select their grade
- Enter your email address

## UPLOADING IMAGES

- Click **Select Photos**
- Choose up to 10 images and click **Open**
- Enter the names and information about the photos
- Click **Upload Photos**
- Your photos will be uploaded directly to the yearbook staff

*Note: The yearbook staff will review all photos & determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.*

**Pro Tip:** Use the same email address to login on any device to see previous uploads in the History tab.



For more great tips for ImageShare, ask BUZZ at [help.balfour.com](mailto:help.balfour.com)

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