

PTO News & Events

Week of October 9, 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

Still Want to Join the PTO?

If you missed out on joining the PTO during our Membership Drive Contest, it's not too late to join. We would love to have your support for our Panthers! Visit our PTO website at <https://popepto.org>

Need to Order a Yearbook?

Do you still need to order a yearbook? Yearbooks are \$55.00, and you have the option to have your student's name engraved on the front cover for \$10.00. Visit the PTO website to order. Don't delay and miss out on this chance to capture your child's memories,

Boo Bash – Saturday, October 21

Wristbands for Boo Bash are now available for ordering online on the PTO website at <https://popepto.org>. Order your wristbands early to save money and time – lines will be long the day of the event. Wristbands are needed for admission and include all activities – no tickets needed this year! Food trucks and Snow Cone trucks will be on site for you to purchase food on your own. A portion of the sales will benefit Pope.

Bagged Candy donations are needed to fill our Boo Bash Candy Monsters. The candy is used to provide treats at our Staff Trunk or Treat areas as well as the Carnival Games.

Volunteers are needed to help run Boo Bash! Please consider donating a gift of time and helping make this the best event experience possible. You can sign up online via the SignUp Genius:

Boo Bash Volunteers - SignUp Genius link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAEA62DA2F94-2021#/>

Multicultural Day

Multicultural Day is a school day event that celebrates the diversity of our student body through informational presentations, crafts, food, music, cultural dress, dance, and literature.

Volunteers to help plan and present lessons to all grade levels – and we need lots of help! If you are interested, please sign up via the SignUp Genius.

Multicultural Day Volunteers – SignUp Genius link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ADA62AA5F8C61-44937845-pope>

Upcoming Dates

10/16	Student Holiday/Teacher Professional Development Day
10/17	Pope 10 Year Celebration Panther Spirit Day LAST DAY to order Boo Bash wristbands online
10/19	Fall Pictures
10/20	Pink Out
10/21	Boo Bash
10/23-27	Red Ribbon Week
10/24	Pope Spirit Night at Marco's Pizza
10/30	Posters & Pictures due for Veterans Day Celebration
11/02	SRC Demo: 1 st Grade – Eggs & Nests
11/03	PRIDE STORE Pope Spirit Night at iCode
11/6-7	No School
11/10	Veterans Day Celebration

Library Needs: Fall Enrichment Donations

Mrs. Crites has three planned library enrichment activities for the fall. In October, PreK through 3rd grade will make "Magic Wand" bookmarks. In November, Kindergarten and first grade will experience their first "Cooking with Crites" with No-Bake Pumpkin Pie. All grades will have "Cooking with Crites" in December and make homemade popcorn.

Please see the sign up for requested donations. All items are non-perishable and can be dropped off any time before the listed deadline. October items are due by 10/20, November items are due by 11/10, and December items are due by 12/8.

Library Donations SignUp Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4CA8AC28A3FC1-45106635-cooking#/>

Any questions can be emailed to libraryvolunteers@popepto.org. Thank you for supporting the Pope Library!

Lost and Found

It's time to claim your student's missing items! 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-RVAfBtA6JXyNVmlr?usp=drive_link

Questions? Contact our Lost and Found Chair, Kat Neal, at katayount@gmail.com

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](#)

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.*
- Lastly, if you are interested in becoming a Global Volunteer - that is a separate process. A Global Volunteer may volunteer on any campus within the district whether they have a student enrolled there or not. To apply to be a Global Volunteer, you must complete an application as well as pass a criminal background check. You may find information about becoming a Global Volunteer at this site: [Global Volunteer Information](#)


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.


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POPE PANTHER

 **SPIRIT DAY** 



Tuesday, October 17



Show your Panther Pride
and help us celebrate
Pope's 10 year anniversary
by wearing your
favorite Pope shirt!

POPE ELEMENTARY PTO PRESENTS

BOO BASH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

PRE-ORDER WRISTBANDS ONLINE & SAVE

CHILDREN (13 & UNDER): \$20 ADULTS: \$10

PAY AT THE DOOR - CREDIT CARD ONLY

CHILDREN (13 & UNDER): \$25 ADULTS: \$15

ORDER ONLINE NOW - OCTOBER 17 AT [HTTPS://POPEPTO.ORG](https://POPEPTO.ORG)

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: INFO@POPEPTO.ORG

THIS EVENT IS FOR FAMILIES OF POPE STUDENTS ONLY

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE INCLUDED WITH A WRISTBAND!

DJ BOOTH

INFLATABLES

TRUNK OR TREAT

ROCK CLIMBING WALL

DUNK TANK

CARNIVAL GAMES

PUMPKIN PAINTING

INTERACTIVE PHOTO BOOTH

FOOD TRUCKS AND SNOW CONE TRUCKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE FOR PURCHASE ON YOUR OWN.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALES WILL BENEFIT POPE.





IT'S A MONSTER FEEDING FRENZY!

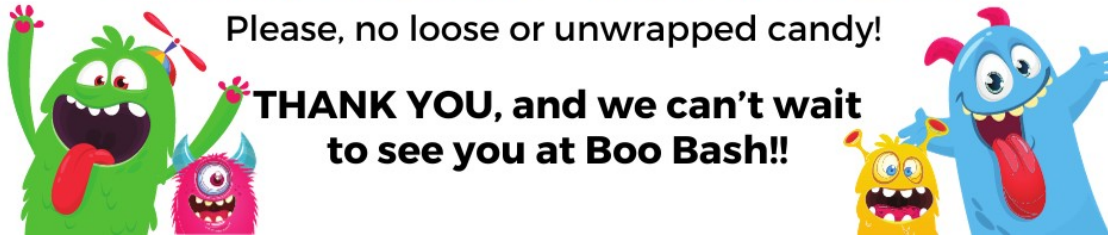
**Our Boo Bash
Candy Monsters are HUNGRY!**

Please help feed the Candy Monsters by sending your student with or dropping off a bag of unopened HALLOWEEN CANDY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Please, no loose or unwrapped candy!

THANK YOU, and we can't wait to see you at Boo Bash!!



POPE ELEMENTARY

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NOVEMBER 17, 2023

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Get Ready to go Back to Class with Mabel's Labels!

Support our fundraiser by taking advantage of exclusive deals on Mabel's Labels durable, waterproof School Labels. Help stop the spread of germs in the classroom by labeling all of their gear.

We get
20%
back!



➔ Visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com
and choose our organization from the list!
Pope Elementary PTO (Cypress)

VIPS Registration, Raptor, & Reporting Your Time

Volunteers: Parent, Grandparent, or Legal Guardian

If you are the parent, grandparent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the CFISD School where you wish to volunteer, please register with the district by following the steps below. All other volunteers must complete an application, consent to a criminal history background check, and be approved first by CFISD as a VIPS Global Volunteer.

1. Creating a Volunteer Portal Account (<https://www.cfisd.net/Page/1699>)
 - a. To volunteer at the school, you must create a CFISD Volunteer profile/account at <https://www.cfisd.net/Page/1699>
 - b. Please create your profile with the SAME name as appears on the photo ID you'll be using to check-in; otherwise, the names will not match when your ID is scanned at the school.
 - c. If you have any problems creating a Volunteer account or logging in hours, please contact CFISD Community Engagement at 281-894-3950.
2. Confirm and/or record your hours on the CFISD Raptor Volunteer Portal
 - a. When you check in as a volunteer at the school, your badge should say "volunteer". If it does, your time SHOULD automatically be entered into the system for you. Hours worked outside of school or when your sticker says "visitor" will need to be recorded manually in Raptor.
 - b. Hours volunteered and the number of volunteers we have are submitted to the District. This allows Pope the opportunity to be considered for special projects through the District and be eligible to receive grants. This includes committee meetings, PTO meetings, being a parent reader in a classroom, volunteering at our events, (on-campus and off-campus).
 - c. A record of your volunteer hours is of vital importance to the school where you volunteer and to the district. Please remember to document all your volunteer hours in the Raptor Volunteer Portal. All volunteers who have recorded at least one volunteer hour in the current school year will receive an invitation to the annual VIPS Appreciation Luncheon.