

PTO News & Events

Week of October 30, 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,

Veterans Day Celebration – November 10

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Please click on this link to register your Veteran and submit photos for a special presentation: [REGISTER YOUR VETERAN HERE](#)

There will be an opportunity for photos with your Veteran after the program is completed. Please make sure to sign your Veteran up if they are planning on attending, so we have enough chairs for all Veterans in attendance.

Students are encouraged to create a poster to celebrate their family Veteran by Monday, October 30th to be hung up in the hallway as part of our celebration.

Multicultural Day – Volunteers Still Needed!

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

10/30	Posters & Pictures due for Veterans Day Celebration
11/02	SRC Demo: 1 st Grade – Eggs & Nests
11/03	PRIDE STORE SRC Demo: 5 th Grade – Mammal Skulls Pope Spirit Night at iCode
11/6-7	No School
11/9	SRC Demo: Kindergarten – Guinea Pigs
11/10	Veterans Day Celebration Coats & Crayons Drive Ends

Coats & Crayons Drive

Pope PTO's Love Care Share Committee along with Student Council are holding a "Coats and Crayons" Drive benefitting our adopted school, M. Robinson Elementary. There will be collection boxes both upstairs and downstairs for students to turn in items. Please see the flyer below for donation specifics. All items should be turned in by November 10.

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.



Pope PTO's Love Care Share Committee & Student Council's



Coats and Crayons Drive



We are collecting cold weather gear and much-needed school supplies for our adopted school, M. Robinson Elementary!

Please look through your closets and see if you can help us.

We are looking for the following:

New or Gently Used & Clean:

- Coats
- Hoodies
- Jackets
- Gloves
- Cold-weather gear

New Boxes of:

- Ticonderoga Pre-Sharpended Pencils
- Crayola Color Pencils
- Crayola Fine Point Color Markers
- Crayola Crayons
- Crayola Broad Tip Markers

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Labels for the stuff kids lose!



**We earn
20%
back!**

Be sure to label all your gear and supplies to help keep them out of the Last & Found. Shop for durable, personalized labels and support our fundraiser!

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

Spirit NIGHT!

Nov. 3rd
6:00 - 8:30 PM
\$35/Child



Kids game with friends
in our state-of-the-art
gaming hubs!

COME JOIN US FOR SOME GAMING FUN!

Parents can take a break after a long week while kids have a blast with friends at one of iCode's epic Game Nights! Pizza & drinks included!

EVERYONE WELCOME! (No need to be currently enrolled in iCode)

Kids play approved games like Minecraft and Roblox in one of our decked out gaming hubs!



STEM, ROBOTICS, CODING & MORE

- Coding For Kids
- Fully Equipped Hubs
- Instructor-led Class

NOW ENROLLING!



*Proceeds will
Benefit the Pope
Elementary PTO*



**SCAN HERE
TO SIGN UP FOR
THIS EVENT!**

Pope Panther Community,

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Students should wear something patriotic on November 10th (anything with red, white and/or blue). Please note that students will be sitting on the ground outside during the performance and this should be taken into consideration when choosing attire. Students may also wear clothing that is representative of the 6 branches of the military.

Veterans of all grade levels are invited to join us for our program that will take place on the hardtop behind the cafeteria with the only entrance and exit being located at the bus zone gate. All visitors will remain outdoors this year for our musical program. The community is also welcome to come and watch our performance, but seats will be reserved for our Veterans. We ask that any family members of veterans watch from behind the chair set up. Please click on this link to register your Veteran and submit photos for a special presentation: [REGISTER YOUR VETERAN HERE](#)

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We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday, November 10th at 9:30am.

Sincerely,

Windy Cho

Music Specialist

Pope Elementary

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

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

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Yearbook Help for iPhone Users

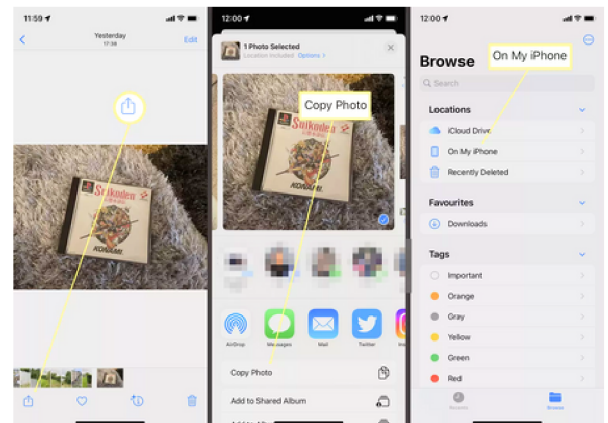
Having trouble uploading your yearbook photos?

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.

