

# PTO News & Events

## Week of December 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)

### ***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,

### ***Pope Holiday Happenings***

The week of December 18 – December 21 is Pope Holiday Spirit Week! We have a lot of fun days planned to make this week special for our Panthers, including Candy Grams and a Gingerbread House contest. The week concludes with our Holiday Parties. Please see the flyer below for more information.

### ***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!

### ***5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2024 Spirit Items – Limited Quantities Remain***

Did you miss out on grabbing a 5<sup>th</sup> grade shirt or yard sign? The PTO has the items up on the website again for you to order. Grab your items now because only limited quantities remain. Once they're gone, they're gone! Order at <https://popepto.org>

### ***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-RVAFtA6JXyNVmlr?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13DC5sZxXBzT9HYw-RVAFtA6JXyNVmlr?usp=drive_link)

Questions? Contact our Lost and Found Chair, Kat Neal, at [katayount@gmail.com](mailto:katayount@gmail.com)

### **Upcoming Dates**

- 12/18-21 Pope Holiday Spirit Week
- 12/18 Gingerbread Houses Due
- 12/19 Choir Holiday Sing-Along at 6PM
- 12/20 Candy Grams Delivered
- 12/21 Holiday Parties  
Pick Up Gingerbread Houses
- 12/22 – 01/07 WINTER BREAK**

## ***Spirit Nights with the Houston Texans!***

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Join us at NRG Stadium with family and friends to watch your Houston Texans! Check out the link below or scan the QR on the flyer to get access to discounted tickets for our remaining games this year! With your purchase, \$5 per ticket will go towards the school!

### **SPIRIT GAME DATES:**

12/3: Texans vs. Denver Broncos  
Pope Elementary Spirit Day  
Game Time: 3 PM

12/31: Texans vs. Tennessee Titans  
Game Time: 12 Noon

Link to purchase:

<https://offer.fevo.com/pope-elementary-school-066015e?fevoUri=pope-elementary-school-066015e%2Fpope-elementary-school-066015e>

For more information, please contact: Jordan Harry, 832-667-2155, [jordan.harry@houstontexans.com](mailto:jordan.harry@houstontexans.com)

## ***Volunteering in CFISD & at Pope***

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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.*

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

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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](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.

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.

### ***PTO Online Directory is Active***

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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***

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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.



The advertisement features a blue background with a pattern of light blue paw prints. It displays three items: a light blue t-shirt with the text "LEAVING OUR MARK" and a graphic of a flag on a post, a white t-shirt with a large number "5" and "5th GRADE" below it, and a white yard sign with the same "LEAVING OUR MARK" text and graphic. Below the items, the text reads: "Still want to order a 5th Grade Parent Shirt or Yard Sign? Limited Quantities remain! Order online at <https://popepto.org>".

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5th Grade Parent Shirt  
or Yard Sign?**

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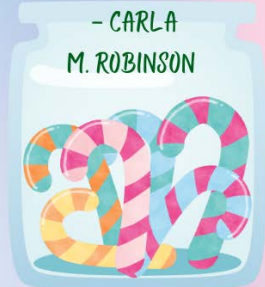
# WE LOVE, WE CARE, WE SHARE

With your generous support purchasing Candy Grams, we were able to supply and send our adopted school, M. Robinson, all their Christmas Party Crafts and Party drinks along with a few surprises!

🐾 Thank you to our entire Pope Community! 🐾

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL  
YOUR HELP  
WITH LOVING ON  
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

- CARLA  
M. ROBINSON



THANK YOU  
For Your Support



## STUDENT GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

It's time to design! What will you build?

**Gingerbread House Due Date: Monday, December 18**

**Gingerbread House Pick Up Date: Thursday, December 21**

### GUIDELINES:

- Gingerbread houses need to be decorated at home and built by the student.
- ***NO sprinkled powdered sugar or nuts allowed!***
- Label the base of the house with the student's name, grade, and homeroom teacher.
- Students must be able to carry the house into the school by themselves. Feel free to send the house in a box so that it doesn't get damaged during transit.
- Gingerbread houses should be turned into the assigned tables on the stage in the cafeteria.

**Principal Herrera will announce the contest winners on Thursday, December 21.**

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded!

1st place: 100 PRIDE Points

2nd place: 75 PRIDE Points

3rd place: 50 PRIDE Points



# POPE ELEMENTARY'S 2023 HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
**THEME: "A LONG WINTER'S NAP"**

Students and staff may wear holiday pajamas!  
*Please wear regular school shoes.*

**Turn in Gingerbread Houses for Contest**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**  
**THEME: MISTLE-"TOES"**

Wear crazy holiday socks and bring any pair of socks to donate to a local shelter. Donated socks can be any size.  
*Please send new and unused socks only.*

**Choir Holiday Sing-Along at 6 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**  
**THEME: "MAY YOUR DAY BE MERRY AND BRIGHT!"**

Brighten the school day by dressing like your favorite holiday character(elf, reindeer, grinch, snowman, etc.)



**Candy Grams will be delivered**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**  
**THEME: "DECK THE HALLS"**

Come decked out in your favorite holiday sweater or festive outfit and ready to celebrate!

**Class Holiday Parties**  
**Gingerbread House Contest Winners Announced**

*Please note that some grade levels may have additional holiday themed days and/or activities not listed here.*



# THE HOUSTON TEXANS

## WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME

### Pope Elementary School Day

Join us at NRG Stadium with family & friends to watch your Houston Texans! Scan the QR code to get access to discounted tickets.



-Pope Elementary Staff and Student's families have the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets for our remaining games this year! With your purchase, \$5 per ticket will go towards the school.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:  
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# 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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