



The Pirates' Scroll

Poteau Upper Elementary Newsletter

Letter From the Principal

Dear Students and Parents,

As principal, I would like to welcome you back to school! We are excited to get going and eager to promote our theme for this year, "Voyage Into Learning!" Our goals for this year include improving in three areas: academic performance, student attendance and classroom behavior.

An effective and positive educational setting is one where the home, school and community work together. I strongly encourage and welcome parent and community involvement. Our faculty and staff work hard to create a climate and school that is both challenging and encouraging. We maintain high standards of excellence in academic performance, attendance and behavior. We appreciate your support as we strive to reach our goals this year.

Included in our handbook you will find information regarding school and district policies and procedures. I hope you will find this information helpful in becoming familiar with our school's expectations.

I look forward to a wonderful year with our new and returning students.

Sincerely,

Bobbi Gillham, Principal

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OUR NEW FACULTY & STAFF

Eunice Alba	ELL/Paraprofessional
Peggy Crase	Cafeteria
Ashlye Cochran	4th Grade Teacher
Whitney Kirby	4th Grade Teacher
Bitsy Morris	Cafeteria
Andy Perdue	P.E. Teacher
Toni Powell	Paraprofessional
Johnny Skimbo	P.E. Teacher
Erich Sweet	Math Interventionist
Donna Huggins	5th Grade Reading

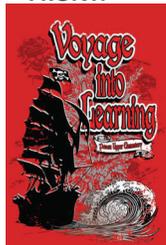
Drivers Need to Remember School Zone Traffic



- ◆ Drive Slowly in School Zones
- ◆ Watch for Children Along Roadways and in the Parking Lot
- ◆ Watch for Safety Patrol Students and Follow Their Traffic Signs
- ◆ Watch for Other Drivers

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FRONT:



BACK:

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."
-Walt Disney

(T-shirts are Red)

**Orders Due Friday,
August 30th, 8:30 a.m.**

IMPORTANT

**Please
DO NOT
Drop
Students Off
Before
7:30 a.m.**

Students may not begin entering the building until that time.

**The School Day
Begins At 8:00 a.m.**

THANK YOU

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Faculty & Staff

For all of your hard work and efforts to give our students a great start to the school year!

**WE APPRECIATE
YOU!**

IMPORTANT DATES

PIRATE FOOTBALL ◆ Red & White Game	◆ Saturday, August 17th
◆ Scrimmage (Heavener)	◆ Friday, August 23rd
Picture Day	August 30th
NO SCHOOL Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 2nd

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CHECK IT OUT!



FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY...

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:

- ◆ 7:30 a.m. is the earliest time parents are allowed to drop students off at school. No duty teachers are available until this time, so your child would be unsupervised.
- ◆ Only the office door is accessible to enter the building after 8:05 a.m. From 7:30 to 8:05 a.m., only the office, gym, and cafeteria doors are unlocked.
- ◆ DROP-OFF
 - ◆ Use the Drop-Off Lane closest to the building
 - ◆ Do Not Drop Off Your Child from the Middle Lane
 - ◆ Only Park in Parallel Parking Lane , Farthest from the Building
- ◆ All visitors must enter the office doors and check in at the office. Students are not allowed to open locked doors to anyone.
- ◆ SCHOOL DISMISSES at 3:00 p.m.
 - ◆ Please Arrive On Time for Pick-Up
 - ◆ Make Arrangements for Pick-Up Before School Begins
 - ◆ Avoid Changing After-School Plans
 - ◆ If it is necessary to call to arrange after-school plans, Please call before 2:45 p.m.

Character Trait of the Month:

CITIZENSHIP

Obeying the rules and working to make your community a better place

Next Month Will Include Students of the Week

The Three R's Of School Success

Readiness: Ensure your child goes to school ready to learn.

- Speak positively about school and teachers.
- Be sure your child gets the sleep and nutrition needed.

Routines: Develop routines for smooth, stress-free mornings.

- Prepare clothes and lunch the night before school.
- Create a morning routine.

Responsibility: Teach your child responsibility by helping him/her stay organized.

- Provide an assignment notebook and show how to record and track them.
- Follow-up daily after school to establish consistency.

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

There may be days when you get up in the morning and things aren't the way you had hoped they would be.

That's when you have to tell yourself that things will get better. There are times when people disappoint you and let you down.

But those are the times when you must remind yourself to trust your own judgments and opinions, to keep your life focused on believing in yourself.

There will be challenges to face and changes to make in your life, and it is up to you to accept them.

Constantly keep yourself headed in the right direction for you. It may not be easy at times, but in those times of struggle you will find a stronger sense of who you are.

So when the days come that are filled with frustration and unexpected responsibilities, remember to believe in yourself and all you want your life to be.

Because the challenges and changes will only help you to find the goals that you know are meant to come true for you.

Keep Believing in Yourself!

Solve The Riddle:

**A Man Without Eyes
Saw Plums On A Tree.
He Did Not Take Plums,
He Did Not Leave Plums.
How Can This Be?**

The answer will be in the September Newsletter.
Hint: It has to do with PLURAL words.

*"How wonderful it is that nobody needs to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."
-Anne Frank*