



The Pirates' Scroll

Poteau Upper Elementary Newsletter

Letter From the Principal

Dear Students and Parents,

It's time for school again! I want to welcome our new and returning students to Poteau Upper Elementary School. I hope students are excited and ready for a great year filled with learning and fun! In keeping with our Hollywood theme, we are rolling out the red carpet for our VIP learners in third, fourth and fifth grades!

Our faculty and staff truly want the best for every student, and we look forward to partnering with you to help each student develop life-long learning skills. We understand that success is not accidental. Instead, it is the result of a focused team effort, and everyone has an important part to play to help students achieve goals and reach their full potential.

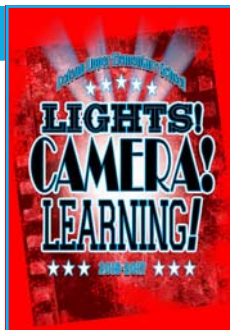
Students...come to school expecting to learn and willing to work hard. Our teachers will provide the quality instruction you deserve and your parents expect. Parents...encourage your children often and have regular conversations with them about school and their work. Parental involvement and consistent school attendance show children that school is important and that you are committed to their success. I encourage you to volunteer regularly with your child's teacher. Together, we can accomplish great things! Learning is our primary focus, and we enjoy treating our students like celebrities by focusing on their academic achievements on a routine basis. We also celebrate positive behaviors regularly. Our students achieve their greatest success by supporting one another in a respectful and caring environment.

I am excited about the learning opportunities this new school year holds. I am certain we will have an Academy Award worthy educational experience as we work together to support the efforts of our students and teachers.



Sincerely,
Bobbi Gillham, Principal
Poteau Upper Elementary School

Lights! Camera! Learning!



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OUR NEW FACULTY & STAFF

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| Adria Sweet | 4th Grade Teacher |
| Kacie Thompson | 4th Grade Teacher |
| Kris Williams | 5th Grade Teacher |
| Brandi Wofford | Speech |
| John Thompson | P.E. Coach |
| James Lowe | Custodian |

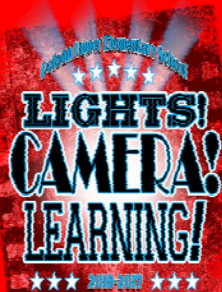
Drivers Need to Remember School Zone Traffic Procedures



- ◆ Drive Slowly in School Zones
- ◆ Watch for Children Along Roadways and in the Parking Lot
- ◆ Watch for Other Drivers

CAUTION

UES T-SHIRTS



\$15 Red Shirt

Orders Due Friday,
September 2nd, 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.

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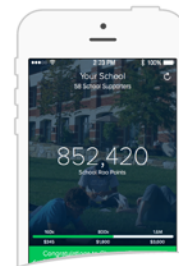
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GLAM RUN

5K RUN &

1 Mile Fun Run/Walk
Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016

Proceeds to benefit
UES **RELAY FOR LIFE** Team

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of School	Thursday, Aug. 11th
PTA, Pizza Hut	Aug. 18, 11am
Picture Day	Aug. 24th
GLAM RUN	Aug. 27th
NO SCHOOL Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 5th
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Tues., Sept. 13 Thurs., Sept. 15



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 2:30 p.m.

Character Trait of the Month:

RESPECT

Treating others the way you would want to be treated

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.

COMMUNICATION PARENTS

- ◆ Be **Involved** in Your Child's Education
- ◆ Be **Supportive** of the School
- ◆ Be **Available** to Your Child's Teacher

Teachers To Parents

- ◆ Verbal and written, through students
- ◆ Via emails, phone calls, and meetings
- ◆ Periodic class-wide notes
- ◆ Online access to Grades

Administration To Parents & Students

- ◆ Monthly Newsletter- *The Pirate's Scroll*
- ◆ Periodic notes and letters from the office
- ◆ FACEBOOK

"It's very easy for someone to take sides When they only know one of them." -Unknown

Steps To Addressing Concerns:

- 1. Clarify with Your Child**
to determine concern
- 2. Communicate with the Teacher**
to verify the incident, and work together for a solution
- 3. Communicate with an Administrator**
only if necessary in finding a solution

Always use 3-Way Communication:



STAFF BIRTHDAYS

1st	Mrs. Lamb
10th	Mr. Edwards
12th	Mrs. Chitwood
13th	Mrs. Ortega
19th	Mrs. King
19th	Mrs. Sweet

*Good fortune follows honesty.
Fame follows sacrifice.
Education follows practice.
Intelligence follows hard work.*

