



The Pirates' Scroll

Poteau Upper Elementary Newsletter



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Taking Donations For Those In Need

Each year, our school has a project for our Christmas giving. This year each grade at UES will be collecting money for gifts to give to those students who are less fortunate, in lieu of exchanging gifts with one another. The students with the

greatest needs at our site are chosen by our personnel. Efforts are made to not duplicate those already on the Angel Tree. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by those who would not otherwise have a Christmas. Please send your donation to

the school as soon as possible. The teachers will collect the money and purchase items of need for the students. This is a way of showing that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Inclement Weather Policy

When school is cancelled due to bad weather, it will be announced on the following local radio stations (before 6:45 a.m., if possible):

- 1280 AM
- 92.5 FM
- 107.3 FM

Other TV and radio stations may be notified. You may also call 647-7790 or log onto the school website: www.poteau.k12.ok.us for school closing information.

REMINDERS

PARENTS:

If your children are missing a coat or other items, it is possible it is with the MANY articles that have accumulated in the school building. **Please check our lost and found.**

SPELLING BEE

All grades will conduct a Spelling Bee within each classroom to determine a winner to participate in a grade-level Spelling Bee Final in the cafeteria. 4th and 5th grade winners will compete at the state regional finals.

SPELLING BEE FINALS

- 4TH GRADE**
Monday, Dec. 17th,
At 1:15 p.m.
- 5TH GRADE**
Wednesday, Dec. 19th,
At 8:30 a.m.
- 3RD GRADE**
Thursday, Dec. 20th,
At 8:30 a.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

PHS & PKMS Christmas Band Concert	Dec. 4th, 6:30 p.m. (BLK Center)
3rd Grade Field Trip to Ballet <i>The Nutcracker</i>	Dec. 7th, 8:30 a.m.
Christmas Pageant	Dec. 9th, 2:00 p.m. (BLK Center)
4th Grade Christmas Program	Dec. 19th, 1:30 p.m. (In UES Gym)
Trip to Poteau Movie Theater: "Rise of the Guardians"	Dec.. 20th 8:45 a.m. 5th & Safe Room 12:30 p.m. 3rd & 4th

**Christmas Break
December 24th
through January 4th**

**School Will Resume
Monday, Jan. 7th**



INVENTION CONVENTION WINNERS

1ST PLACE:

- 3rd Grade: **Caden Fox** Baby Saver Inator
- 4th Grade: **Alexandra Kasper** Night Time Cane
- 5th Grade: **Kyle Cobb** Water Recycler

2ND PLACE:

- 3rd Grade: **Syler Fruen** Christmas Cabinetry
- 4th Grade: **Isabella Law** Hook It
- 5th Grade: **Brooklyn Adams** The Thinking Cap

3RD PLACE:

- 3rd Grade: **Jeron Branscum** Desktop Organizer
- 4th Grade: **Jakston Clark** The Air Head
- 5th Grade: **Kadin Repass** Special Delivery

4TH PLACE:

- 3rd Grade: **Michael Hamilton** Fish Attraction
- 4th Grade: **Trista Fassio** Jack-A-Pack
- 5th Grade: **Jessa Craig** Visor Helper

5TH PLACE:

- 3rd Grade: **Zane Hendrix** The Stand Alone
- 4th Grade: **Jentri Jordan** Easy On Bunny Harness
- 5th Grade: **Morgan Odom** Snack Pack

6TH PLACE:

- 3rd Grade: **James Moss** Gnome Home Protector
- 4th Grade: **Isabella Pillow** The Egg-Straordinary No-Yolk-Ator
- 5th Grade: **Maci White** Comfy Carrier

The winners will be invited to participate in the State Competition!

CONGRATULATIONS!

MUSIC PROGRAMS

\$10

Available on **DVD**

Forms Available In The Office

3rd Grade VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM
4th Grade CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

5th Grade will have a program in the Spring



HELP US TURN TRASH INTO CASH!

By recycling through our school, not only are you helping the environment, but you are supporting the

POTEAU PIRATE SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES!

Recycle Product of the Month: DAIRY TUBS
(Butter, Yogurt, Sour Cream, Cream Cheese, Pudding, etc.)

- These are many of the recyclable items we collect:*
- Juice Pouches
 - Candy Wrappers
 - Cereal Boxes
 - Cereal Bags
 - Solo Cups
 - Tape Dispensers
 - Toner Bars
 - Tooth Brushes
 - Glue Bottles
 - Flip Flops
 - Chip Bags
 - Dairy Tub
 - Ink Cartridges
 - Toothpaste Tubes
 - Pairs of Shoes

THANK YOU CUSTODIANS!

You FLOOR us with your SHINING efforts!

Some facts you may not know about our custodians...

Mary Shaw:

- was born in the Service, dad was in the military, and she has been to Germany 4 times.
- loves fishing, camping, doing crafts, trying restaurants, being with her kids and grandkids.

Cherry Neal:

- used to model for a clothing store when she was in her 30's.
- was 1st Runner-Up in a modeling contest, and she designed her own dress for it.

Ricky Haney:

- was on a bowling league for 6 years and had a bowling average of over 200.
- could squat 3 times his body weight in high school.

WE MUST ALWAYS:

- ◆ Keep our own areas clean
- ◆ Throw away our own trash
- ◆ Help pick up others' trash
- ◆ Avoid unnecessary messes

WE SHOULD ALWAYS:

- ◆ Greet them with a smile and courteous greeting.
- ◆ Learn their names and talk to them.
- ◆ Remember to say "Thank You"

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES



DECEMBER
17TH - 21ST

Monday, December 17th

HOLIDAY HAT DAY

Students will be allowed to wear holiday hats to school.

Tuesday, December 18th

PAJAMA DAY

Students will be allowed to wear appropriate pajamas and bring house shoes to school.

HOLIDAY READERS

A special guest from the community will come read a holiday story to each grade level.

Wednesday, December 19th

"HOLLY DAY"

Students can wear holiday colors of red and green.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 1:30 p.m., Gym

4th Grade students will put on our annual Christmas program for students and parents.

Thursday, December 20th

CHRISTMAS MOVIE

UES will be taking all students to Poteau Theater to see Rise of the Guardians (times listed on front)

Friday, December 21st

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Party times will be as scheduled in classrooms.

3:00 P.M. DISMISSAL FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

School will resume Monday, January 7, 2013.

BUILDING GOOD CHARACTER

Here are some suggestions to help your children learn...

RESPONSIBILITY

- ◆ Keep promises.
- ◆ Give children chores at home
- ◆ When conflicts happen, deal directly with your child.
- ◆ When you make a mistake, admit it and take care of it.
- ◆ Demonstrate initiative and reward it in your children.
- ◆ Cause/Effect: Discuss the consequences of actions.
- ◆ Offer your children choices.
- ◆ Respect your children's needs and wants. But remember, you make the final decision.

DECEMBER CHARACTER TRAIT: Integrity- making choices that help you be the best person you can be

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FOR OCTOBER

COMPASSION

Being kind and thoughtful toward others

October 29-November 2

3rd Grade

Kyle Brown
Mr. Billy

4th Grade

Justin Ocampo
Mrs. Crandell

5th Grade

Brandon Earley
Mrs. Baxter

November 5-9

3rd Grade

Shiloh Fletcher
Mrs. Haney

4th Grade

Kassidy Jacobs
Mrs. Crouch

5th Grade

Krissy Chisenhall
Mr. Braden

November 12-16

3rd Grade

Kalan Nye
Mrs. Mrs. Lamb

4th Grade

Isaac Carroll
Mrs. Hamman

5th Grade

Lexi Wood
Mrs. Byous

November 26-30

3rd Grade

Reagan Bullard
Mrs. McMillin

4th Grade

Taylor Hamner
Mrs. McKenzie

5th Grade

Jennifer Camargo
Mrs. Chitwood

