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Poteau Upper Elementary Newsletter



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Camp Invention inspires confidence in curious children like yours. Not just for a day or a week, but for a lifetime.



Sign Up at **POTEAU UPPER ELEMENTARY** or online at **CAMPINVENTION.ORG**
Brought to your community by local educators.

Poteau Upper Elementary
305 Hughes Drive, Poteau, OK
Directed By: Erich Sweet & Launa Benson
June 9-13, 2014, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
\$220 per child. All Materials Included

At **Morphed!** This summer, children entering **grades three through six** spend their time building original prototypes, creating a personalized motor-powered vehicle, and taking apart electronics to construct a pinball machine.

Questions? 800.968.4332 — campinvention.org — Erich Sweet at 918.647.7760



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See what parents say about our program.

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TEST-TAKING TIPS FOR STUDENTS (CONTINUES ON BACK)

Tests are important because they help the teacher evaluate a student's needs and progress, the student gauge his or her own level of mastery, and the parent monitors his or her child's progress.

Tips to give your child about taking tests:

- ◆ Relax. Just do the best you can. Your first choice is usually correct. Don't change an answer unless you have a good reason to do so.
- ◆ Be aware of key words such as "all," "now," "always," "never," "only," exactly."
- ◆ In multiple-choice questions, don't skip the longest answer. It should be considered, since test writers want to be sure the correct answer is accurate they may add lots of details to insure accuracy.
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Testing Dates

3rd Grade:	
April 14-15th	Reading
April 16-17th	Math
4th Grade:	
April 15-17th	Reading
5th Grade:	
April 14th	Math
April 15th	Reading
April 16th	Science
April 17th	Social Studies
Final Testing:	
April 18th	

IMPORTANT DATES

International Children's Book Day	April 2nd
Spring Casual/Group Pictures	Friday, April 4th Begins 8:15a.m.
KIWANIS Track Meet	Thursday, April 10th, 6pm
Students of the Week Luncheon for MARCH Students	Friday, April 11th 11:50-12:30
EASTER SUNDAY	April 13th
Poteau School Board Meeting (Admin. Bldg)	Monday, April 14th, 6pm
OCCT Testing	April 14th-18th
UES & PPS Book Fair (PPS Music Room, Pre-K Bldg)	April 28th - May 2nd
5th Grade Track Meet	Monday, April 28th 8:15-12:30 p.m.
4th Grade Track Meet	Tuesday, April 29th 8:15-12:30 p.m.
3rd Grade Track Meet	Wednesday, April 30th 8:15-12:30 p.m.
UES TRACK MEET (Costner Stadium)	Thursday, May 1st 5 - 9 p.m.
Testing Celebration	Friday, May 2nd
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 5th - 9th

APRIL

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline:
1-800-522-3511

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You can assist your child prepare for testing by doing the following:

- ◆ Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before a test, and make sure your child eats properly the day of a test.
- ◆ Maintain a pleasant home environment and avoid unnecessary conflicts. Try to make the morning of the test a pleasant one. Do not add to your child's stress.
- ◆ Make sure your child has taken any needed medication.
- ◆ Ensure that your child is present during testing (children generally perform better when taking tests in their groups rather than at a make-up time).
- ◆ Get your child to school on time the day of the test.
- ◆ Wish your child good luck each morning of the test. Tell your child that he/she is special and that you believe in him/her!
- ◆ Remind your child the test is important. Encourage him/her to do his/her best.
- ◆ If your child is too ill to attend, please call the school office.
- ◆ If the test is on a subject for which you can review, help your child go over the material.
- ◆ Remind your child to listen carefully to the instructions from the teacher and to read the directions and each question carefully.
- ◆ Explain to your child the importance of using time wisely. If your child gets stuck on a question, encourage him or her to make the best guess and move on.
- ◆ Tell your child to attempt to answer all of the questions and not to leave any blank.
- ◆ Encourage your child to stay focused on the test, even if other students finish early.

MUSIC PROGRAMS Available on DVD

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade

**PROCEEDS WILL UPDATE
OUR SOUND SYSTEM!**

\$10

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

SELF-DISCIPLINE:
*Thinking about your words
and actions, and then
making good choices that
are right for you and others*



Week 1 (L-R): Maura Tecla, Kelly McAllister, Hailey Treat, Tim Naylor, Jentri Jordan, Wesley Garrett, Issac Carroll



Week 2 (L-R): Chloe Gotes, Anniston Baker, Peyton Stubbs, Braxton Lamb, Corianne Johnson, Blaze Emerson, Shaylin Midgley,



Week 3 (L-R): Garrett Butler, Curtis Culwell, Johanna Rios, Raelee Ruiz, Jori Collins, Alexis Waddle, Miguel Vazquez, Serenity McKee, Jonah Rogers



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:
INK CARTRIDGES

These are many of the recyclable items we collect:

Juice Pouches	Candy Wrappers	Chip Bags
Cereal Boxes	Cereal Bags	Dairy Tubs
Solo Cups	Tape Dispensers	Ink Cartridges
Toner Bars	Tooth Brushes	Toothpaste Tubes
Glue Bottles	Flip Flops	Pairs of Shoes

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APRIL Character Trait:

FAIRNESS

**Taking turns, sharing,
and listening to what
others have to say**

**"Be Fair. Treat
the other man as
you would want
to be treated."
-Everett W. Lord**

PARENTING YOUR SCHOOL-AGE CHILD

Children ages 6 to 12 go through big changes. As they spend more time at school and away from home, they are working to develop an identity of their own. Their bodies are growing stronger and changing quickly, a process that will continue through puberty and the teen years. They are learning to control their feelings, use reason, and solve problems. Yet children in this age group still need rules and structure and, most of all, their parents' love and support.

Normal school-age children:

- ◆ Mature unevenly. Their bodies may be growing, but they are still capable of having temper tantrums and need reminders to take baths and brush their teeth.
- ◆ See things in black and white. They are concerned about fairness and rules.
- ◆ Are capable of doing chores and homework more independently but may need you to remind and teach them (not do it for them).
- ◆ Get distracted easily and may lack organizational skills.
- ◆ Develop deeper relationships with peers and care deeply about "fitting in."

Remember:

Talk to your children, and listen to what they have to say. School-age children may sometimes act like they don't care what their parents say, but they still want your love, attention, and guidance

Information From:

www.childwelfare.gov