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HOME OF THE PANTHER PRIDE MARCH 2014

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Principal Corner

Despite our missed days since the new year, Poplar Road is really focusing on our upcoming assessments. Students have come to school ready to learn and our staff is working hard creating new learning activities for our students. Our administrative staff has had the opportunity to observe many classrooms and we are absolutely amazed at the great work! We are busting at the seams with Panther Pride!

As our third graders are creating genres of writing for their writing assessments throughout the school year, our fifth graders are gearing up to take the Georgia Grade 5 Writing Assessment on March 5th. As part of the preparation for these assessments, teachers are using The 6 + 1 Traits of Writing as the basis for teaching and assessing writing in all of our grade levels. The 6 + 1 Trait model provides teachers with a common language for communicating the characteristics of writing. With consistent use of the Traits, students are able to produce good writing within any genre. This model is also aligned to the domains by which the students receive scores for their performance levels on the Georgia Writing Assessment.

The Georgia Criterion Reference Competency Test (CRCT) for third, fourth and fifth grades will be administered April 21—25. During that same time frame, first and second graders will take their benchmarks. With a little more focus between now and then, I am positive that our students will ROCK their TESTS!

Lesley Goodwin, Ed.S



Counselor Corner

Dear Parents,

On Friday April 4, 2014, Poplar Road Elementary will host Career Day. On this day, we need volunteers to speak to our students about their career. We would like the students to hear about different careers and understand the relevance of academic learning to the tasks they might someday perform in the working world. It is a great experience for our Poplar Road Panthers to learn and explore the many different careers that exist in our community.

In preparing for this exciting day, we're sending home an interest form on goldenrod paper. Please complete the form if you or another family member would be interested in speaking about your career. Our students are becoming aware of the following career clusters this year:

1st graders:

Agriculture, Food, Natural Resources
Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics
Law, Public Safety, and Security

3rd graders:

Hospitality and Tourism
Human Services
Energy

5th Graders:

Finance
Information Technology
Marketing
Government & Public Administration

2nd graders:

Arts, A/V Technology and communications
Health Services
Education and Training

4th Graders:

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
Manufacturing
Architecture & Construction
Business Management & Administration

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Each One ∞ Reach One

If every One could collect One item, One dollar or even give One hour of time, Bridging the Gap would be able to fill our storehouse with the most essential items that in turn will allow us to serve our community and partner agencies throughout the year.

Here's how it works:

You, your business, church, school, or youth group will set up a collection station and encourage each other to fill the bins with the items listed below:

**Peanut Butter • Jelly • Spaghetti Sauce • Pasta Noodles • Canned or Dried Soup •
Rice • Dry Beans • Grits • Oatmeal • Canned Fruit • Chili • Corn • Green Beans •
Canned Meats • Mac & Cheese • Personal Hygiene and Toiletry Items**

Then, bring the items you've collected to Bridging the Gap's Each One Reach One event. A day of fun, free lunch, entertainment for the kids, and a yard sale!

April 26, 2014

10:30a - 2:00p

Bridging the Gap Community Outreach • 19 First Avenue, Newnan

(770) 683.9110 • btgministry@gmail.com • <http://www.btgcommunity.org>

Items can also be delivered to the school before April 25th and we'll get them to Bridging the Gap!

Clinic News

Some healthy eating tips from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Whether you have a toddler or a teen, here are five of the best strategies to improve nutrition and encourage smart eating habits:

Have a regular family meal

Family meals are comforting ritual for both parents and kids. Children like the predictability of family meals and parents get a chance to catch up with their kids. Kids who take part in regular family meals are also more likely to eat fruits, vegetables, and grains. In addition, family meals offer the chance to introduce kids to new foods and act as a role model for healthy eating.

Serve a variety of healthy foods and snacks

Kids, especially younger ones, will eat mostly what is available at home. That is why it is important to control the supply lines- the foods that you serve for meals and have on hands for snacks.

Be a role model by eating healthy yourself

The best way for you to encourage healthy eating is to eat well yourself. Kids will follow the lead of the adults they see every day.

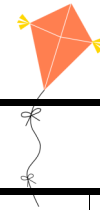
Avoid battles over food



It is easy for food to become a source of conflict. Well-intentioned parents might find themselves bargaining or bribing kids so they eat the healthy food in front of them. A better strategy is to give kids some control, but to also limit the kind of foods available at home.

Involve kids in the process

Most kids will enjoy deciding what to make for dinner. Talk to them about making choices and planning a balanced meal. Some might even want to help shop for ingredients and prepare the meal.

Poplar Road Elementary Calendar for: March 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 3rd Grade Parent Night 6pm	4	5 5th grade Writing Test	6	7 Dental Van to visit	8
9	10 Spring Pictures	11 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5:00-8:00	12	13	14	15
PreK lottery Registration ~ March 10 - March 21 (8:00-4:00 pm daily)						
16	17 3rd nine weeks end 	18	19	20 School Council Mtg. 8:00-8:30 Room 108	21 PreK Drawing 1 :00pm Junction Lanes Spirit Night 5:00-8:00 pm	22
PreK lottery Registration ~ March 10 - March 21 Ending 12:00 pm on 21st Drawing at 1:00 pm						
23	24	25	26 Report Cards Go Home 	27	28	29
30	31	April 1 GYSTC at Poplar Road for 5th grade	2 Head Checks	3	4 Career Day	5
Book Fair March 31-April 4 Donuts with Dad						

Important Information

Mar. 8 Science Olympiad County Meet –Brooks Elem.
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mar. 10 PreK Lottery Registration Begins (8-4 daily)

Mar. 21 PreK Lottery Registration ends at noon.

April 7-11 Spring Break

Media News

Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair is Coming March 31st-April 4th!

Reading is a vital skill for learning. The more kids read, the better they get. The book fair gives kids a chance to choose books they will enjoy reading.

Remember, all book fair profits will go toward purchasing books, equipment, and other library supplies. Homeroom teachers will notify the class of their designated shopping day and time. Parents are welcome to accompany their child to the book fair.

Book fair money should not be sent to school before the opening day of the fair. If parents have specific instructions on how their child should spend their money, those instructions should be submitted in writing to the homeroom teacher. Money should be placed in an envelope that is clearly labeled with the student's name, homeroom, and *Book Fair*. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. All sales are tax-exempt. **Make checks payable to PRES, and include a phone number.**

The fair will be held in room 108. The general schedule is as follows:
Monday 8:15-3:00 Tuesday 8:15-3:00 Wednesday 8:15-2:15
Thursday 8:15-3:00 Friday 8:15-3:00

If you would prefer to order online, you may visit scholastic.com/fair. The online fair will run from March 24th until April 14th. All items purchased online ship to the school for free. More information about our spring book fair will be coming home soon.

P.E. News

A big Thank You to all the students and parents who donated to the American Heart Association. We had 133 participants on Friday February 14th which showed our love and made our contribution to saving lives.

The Fitness Gram is nearly completed for all 4th and 5th graders and reports will be sent home at the end of the school year.

Track Practice will begin the first week of March. Forty students have been chosen and will be representing Poplar Road at the annual Elementary Track Meet May 1st