







FEBRUARY 2011/PTO CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>To Stay Informed</p> <p>Visit the PES Website: PES.UCFSD.ORG Click on the Communications Packet and Join PES-E-News by Clicking on PES Connect.</p> </div>			1 Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 3:30-6:30 PM	2 Groundhog Day 	3 Talent Show 7 PM 	4
5	6	7 PTO Meeting 9:30 AM (Library)	8 Community Library Hours 4-6 PM ***** Student Parent Book Group 6:30-7:30 PM	9	10 Joe Corbi Sale Order Forms Due  Talent Show (Snow Date)	11
12	13	14 Healthy Heart Day 	15 Restaurant Night at Jimmy John's 4-7:30 PM 	16	17	18
19	20 School Closed 	21	22	23 *FOCUS Sponsored Film Screening of "Race to Nowhere" Unionville Elementary 7-9:30 PM	24	25 Joe Corbi Pizza Delivery! 11AM - 2PM PES Cafeteria ***** UHS Used Book Sale
26	27	28 PES Yearbook Sale Ends	29	<u>Coming in March</u> 7 Spring Pictures 9 Quizzo Night 7-9 PM 13 PTO Meeting 9:30 AM 17 4th Grade Skating Party 4-6 PM 23 Half Day of School 28-30 Half Day/ Conferences *Please see PES website for details on FOCUS event.		

A Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents:

As you know, we have been designated a Blue Ribbon school by the National Department of Education. There are many factors that make us a Blue Ribbon school. Certainly, our staff and support from the curriculum are important. However, often overlooked is the support we have from you the parents. I have tried to convey how impressed and appreciative I am of the awesome support that we receive from our parents.

In my opinion, our parental involvement and support is a key element that separates us from many outstanding schools. You the parents, send the children in ready to learn, support them with work at home and provide incredibly enriching programs that supplement the educational experience.

Our PTO is the epicenter for all of this wonderful activity. As the economy has changed, it has become more difficult to obtain volunteers to keep the many programs that the PTO supports. I ask that you consider giving some of your time to these endeavors. There are many ways a parent can support our school. The PTO is well organized. Roles are well defined and specific. You can serve as a board member, on a committee or as a volunteer. The PTO board may sound intimidating, but it does not require as much time as you may think and is extremely rewarding.

We have been so lucky to have such a qualified, dedicated board that has supported our children. I know that it is a great way to share the elementary experience with your children. Please consider supporting the PTO. Any questions either contact a board member or me.

Sincerely,

Andrew McLaughlin

Hello Pocopson,

January brought some snow and colder temperatures, but things were warm at PES for MLK Day of Service. We had about 200 volunteers show up to make 104 fleece blankets, 14 quilts and many festive bookmarks. All of these items will be delivered to sick children at AI DuPont and CHOP. Thank you to Community Service Committee, their prep-work volunteers and all the families who showed up to make blankets. Thank you also to our fabulous sewers and pinners. This event was funded by "Penny Wars", so again, thank you for the generous donations.

Thank you to our Family Fun Chair for a fun night out during this colder weather. I think all who attended Bingo Night had a great time. Don't forget this month's Restaurant Night on Feb. 15th at Jimmy John's. Check out the trains, have a tasty hot dog and fries, and visit with some Pocopson friends.

Our newest fundraiser kicks off Jan 30th. Please consider buying some delicious Joe Corbi's pizza (or cookie dough). The fundraiser will run thru Feb. 10th. Pick up date for orders is Saturday, Feb. 25th from 11am-2pm. Don't forget! Any unclaimed food will be donated to a local food bank.

The 4th and 5th Grade Talent show will take place early this month on Feb. 3rd. Come out for an entertaining evening of student talent and a special finale performed by our staff. A concession stand will be available for water and snacks during the event. There is a rehearsal on Feb. 1st.

Healthy Heart day is Feb. 14th. Grades 3-5 will participate in special activities designed to get them thinking about heart healthy behaviors. Grades K-2 will get a separate activity with the staff and Dr. McLaughlin.

Finally our next PTO meeting is Feb. 7th in the library. We will have Ken Batchelor as a guest speaker regarding progress of changes in the Middle School and District Goals/Initiatives. We also will be voting on our next round of grant allocations. Stay after the meeting for a snack and an informal talk about various committee positions for the PTO. We will have several vacancies on the PTO board, as well as many committees that will need chairs for next year. If you are looking for a way to get involved, please consider coming to the meeting and listen to your many options. We would love to have all existing committee chairs join us as well to share information.

Stay warm and enjoy the day off on Feb. 20th for President's Day. And keep your fingers crossed on Groundhog's Day... I need Spring!

Regards, Michele



Do you LOVE to READ? DONATE a BOOK!

Through Pocopson's Donate-A-Book Program you can donate a book in celebration of your child's birthday or in memory of someone, or just out of the kindness of your heart! Through your generosity, we are able to expand our library collection each year. The library wish list is below.

- Allen, Judy: Unexplained --an encyclopedia of curious phenomena, strange superstitions, and ancient mysteries
- Arnold, Tedd: Fly Guy vs. the flyswatter!; Fly Guy meets Fly Girl!; Ride, Fly Guy, Ride!
- Benton, M. J.: The Kingfisher dinosaur encyclopedia
- Bingham, Caroline, 1962-: DK first dinosaur encyclopedia
- Birney, Betty G: School days according to Humphrey; Summer according to Humphrey
- Conklin, Thomas, 1960-: The Titanic sinks!
- Cronin, Doreen: A barnyard collection: Click, clack, moo and more; Click, clack, splish, splash: a counting adventure; Rescue Bunnies; Click, clack, quackity-quack: an alphabetical adventure; The trouble with chickens
- Guinness World Records, 2012
- Gutman, Dan: Nightmare at the book fair; The kid who became president; Miss Child has gone wild!; Ray & me : a baseball card adventure; Johnny Hangtime; : Mrs.Lilly is silly! / (My Weirder School, #3); They came from center field; Mr. Harrison is embarrassin'!; Ms. Leakey is freaky!
- Selznick, Brian: Wonderstruck: a novel in words and pictures
- Strathmann, Alexis: Fly Guy and Spy stop Byron Fry

Once you purchase a book to donate, please e-mail Mary Hewes at HewesMB@aol.com with the following information:

- your name
- book title
- if it's a birthday book donation, please include your child's birthdate
- if it's donated in memory of some, please include the person's name
- your child's name, grade, and homeroom teacher

All donated books will have a special label placed on the inside cover recognizing your donation, and your child can be the first one to check the book out of the PES library! A special party will also be held at the end of the year to recognize those who have donated books to the library.



Thank you to the following student(s) who started off the New Year off with a donation to the PES Library!
Meera Sehgal

If you have any questions about the Donate a Book Program, please contact **Mary Hewes** at HewesMB@aol.com or 610.793.0422.

Pocopson Elementary Is Fund Raising with Delicious Joe Corbi's Products

Sale Starts January 30th, 2012

Order forms and money due February 10th, 2012

Delivery **Saturday February 25th, 2012 11-2pm in cafeteria**

Note: Product that is not picked up may be donated to a local food bank.

We are raising funds for the enhancement of your child's education. The funds go towards school supplies, and other necessities in our school. These are just some of the programs we will fund. Your help is greatly appreciated.

HOW TO HELP

- * Show the catalog to friends, relatives, and co-workers.
- * Please, no unsupervised door-to-door selling.
- * Please collect the money when you take the order.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

- * CHECKS should be made payable to Pocopson Elementary PTO (PEPTO). Please include seller's name in the memo section of your checks. If possible, write one check for your order. NO cash please!!
- * Please **FILL OUT THE ALL THE FORMS COMPLETELY, WITH YOUR NAME AND NUMBER CLEARLY VISIBLE.**

If you need to make other arrangements for pick up or have any questions or concerns please contact Danielle Lawrence at naterbug090305@yahoo.com or 610-793-6756

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

TIME TO ORDER A 2011-2012 YEARBOOK !

The cost of the Pocopson yearbook is \$24
Orders must be in by February 28, 2012

The yearbook is planned to include:

- Special recognition of Pocopson blue ribbon achievement
- All color pages that vibrantly capture school memories
- Sturdy soft cover with protective coating to preserve your keepsake
- School name and year imprinted in foil on the cover

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Student's Name _____

Teacher _____ Date _____

Cost of Yearbook \$24 x $\frac{\text{Quantity}}{\text{Total Cost}}$ = _____

Please make checks payable to PEPTO and send orders to the attention of "Yearbook Orders"

Check # _____

Cash _____

Questions: Kim Gehrke at kgehrke01@verizon.net or Lisa Sparta at LSparta@verizon.net

Yearbook Committee: Date order received: _____

IT IS TIME TO ORDER YEARBOOK MESSAGES!

- *Is there a student you want to acknowledge?*
- *Do you want to thank a teacher/staff member?*

What you need to do:

- 1) Develop a message 250 characters or less
- 2) Email that message to PEYearbook12@gmail.com.
- 3) In the subject line of the email state Yearbook Message
- 4) Send in **\$5** per message to attention of "Yearbook Messages"

Note: Messages will be entered into the yearbook when the payment is received.

Email messages are preferred for accuracy, but if you are unable to email the message, please write out clearly or type and send it in with your payment.

Orders must be in by February 28, 2012

YEARBOOK MESSAGE PAYMENT FORM

Message to: _____

Message to: _____

Message to: _____

Email that submitted messages: _____

Date messages submitted: _____

Cost of Message **\$5** x _____ = _____
Quantity Total Cost

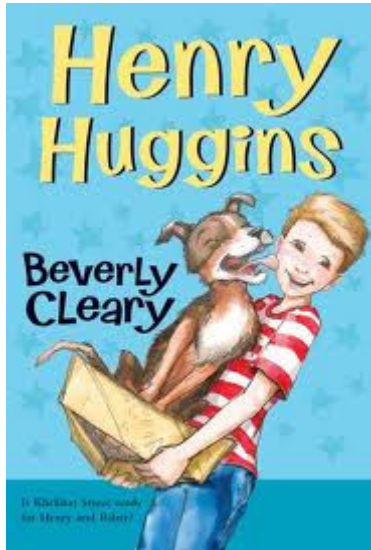
Please make checks payable to PEPTO and send message orders to the attention of "Yearbook Messages"

Check # _____ Cash _____

Questions: Kim Gehrke at kgehrke01@verizon.net or Lisa Sparta at LSparta@verizon.net

Yearbook: Date message received: _____ Date payment received: _____

February Student/Parent Book Group & Community Library Hours



WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8

Mrs. Thomas' next Student/ Parent Book Group will be Wednesday February 8th 6:30 - 7:30PM.

The Book which will be discussed is Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary Reading level is age 8-12 years - interest level will be all ages. Read the book at home with your child of any age, then come ready to discuss the book.

Feel free to bring refreshments to share that might relate to the book title or book content. ****Please contact Mrs. Thomas if your family is planning to attend at ethomas@ucfsd.org****

Also on that same day Community Library Hours will be held. The library will be open from 4 - 6PM for anyone in the district to visit.

Pre-school aged children are welcome to explore the library and invited to check out a book.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

For additional information please contact Eva Thomas (PES Librarian)



Thank you to everyone who attended the MLK Day of Service at Pocopson Elementary School this January. During our morning event, we produced 104 no-sew fleece blankets, 14 quilt-square blankets, and several hundred bookmarks all of which will be donated to hospitalized children in Al duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Thank you to all that helped in the preparation of fabric during our work sessions and in the planning and Implementation of the event.

Andrew McLaughlin

Jodie Weaver

Nancy Jones

Kris Shanahan

Deneen Brusamonti

Michele Klingenberg

Marina Johnson

Julianne LeFevre

Lisa Kinane

Melanie Rundatz

Sara Hunt

Zoe Klingenberg

Anne Jung

Yasmeen Ali Khan

Annie Klingenberg

Diane McCormick

Andrea Luckring

Janis Michels

Lori Shields

Anna Stewart

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this year's Giving Tree. Your generosity and caring has helped many people in our area during this season of giving. We have helped residents at the Pocopson Home, many disadvantaged children in the Kennett and Unionville-Chadds Ford School Districts, and families in Chester County.

Evan Long
Lily Girard
Logan
Sean
Kevin
Nicholas Frazier
Shannon Garvey
Addy Yannuzzi
Collin and Celia Cunane
Ally Hoffman
Nina Impagliazzo
Elizabeth A. Kelly
Danny & Joey piper
The Muhly family
Bryan Kurey
Ashley Kirk
David Hoffman
Adina Schnabel
Ali Girard
Ally Weaver
Samantha Handwerk
Emilia Endara
Nina Zobel
Kendall Gardiner
Beatrice Tenlen
Molly Carson
Sean Carson
Caroline Koberg
Mackenzie Taylor

Shannon Garvey
Cal Walsh
Elise McCormick
Emma Stanislawczyk
Alayna Lopapa
Michael Hewes
Witt Phillips
Matthew Hillhouse
Haley LeFevre
Cate Raihall
Hannah Zhaw
Andrew Garrison
Hunter Darlington
David Hoffman
Paige Wills
Cassidy Lennick
Atlantis Lowe
Camryn Carter
Lily Lowe
Sean Regenye
Claire Matson
Eli Biniasz
Will Raihall
Allison, Izzy & Jason
Jones
Andrea Roberto
Mia & Nina Impagliazzo
Janet & Kenny McGann
Logan Shanahan

Lily Masherino
Emma Friedlander
Natalie Newmann
Sean Watson
Julia Royer
Olivia Y
Lily Ray
Kyle Quain
Chase Y
Dimitrios Cotrotsios
Tori Telson
Rae Ann Dowling
Connor Long
Jojo Frey
Lauren Royer
Bryan Kurey
Emma Main
Tripp Young
Ben Biniasz
Bryce Young
Aidan White
Sophia Conord
Fred Rajasekaran
Samantha Ciccarelli
Griffin Dolata
Matthew Konstantinov
Abbie McCormick
Sarah Garrison
Jack Regenye

Morgan Bosch
Shane Davis
Jimmy Brogan
Mark Matson
Lindsey & Nate Butler
Devna Chopra
David Kinane
Nick Frazier
Dylan Blackburn
Evan Long
Ben Endara
Arden West
Melinda Riley
Muhly Family
Michael McCarthy
All the anonymous
donors

“Race to Nowhere”

A documentary film screening and community discussion for all parents in UCFSD
Thursday, February 23, 2012 7:00 – 9:30pm Unionville Elementary Auditorium

***Important:** Tickets are free; but online registration is required
at: www.rtnunionville.eventbrite.com.

The film “Race to Nowhere” sheds light on the high stakes and high pressure culture that is a part of many children’s lives at schools throughout the country. In the words of the film maker, Vicki Abeles, it is a “call to mobilize families, educators, and policy makers to challenge current assumptions on how best to prepare the youth of America to become healthy, bright, contributing and leading citizens.” “Race to Nowhere” has become a national grassroots phenomenon. Over 600,000 people have attended more than 2,000 screenings in all 50 states and 20 countries.

Following the 85-min. film, we will give parents the opportunity to share their thoughts with others in the audience as well as with a panel of professionals including:

Bethann Cinelli, WCU Dept. of Health Education, Director of the Center for Healthy Schools

Carrie Dickmann, UHS Gifted Teacher

Jeremy Dickson, UHS Science Teacher, LINK Advisor

Jim Fulginiti, Asst. Principal, C. F. Patton Middle School

Jennifer Fulton, School Social Worker, UCFSD

Perk Musacchio, Instructional Support Teacher, Unionville Elementary

John Sanville, Superintendent, UCFSD

Please join us to look at some of these important issues in our own community and explore ways to find the right balance for our children.

Sponsored by FOCUS (Family Outreach Committee of U-CF Schools).

Refreshments will be for sale to benefit the After Prom. Questions?

Contact Cara Malone at tcmalone@comcast.net.