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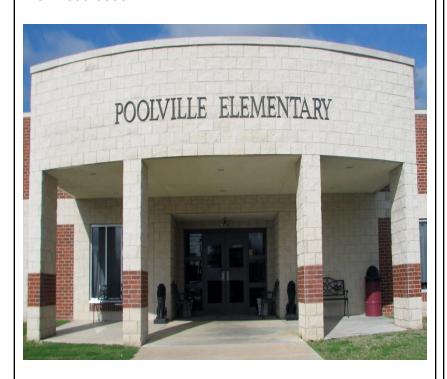
# 'Coolville Chronicles'

Every Monarch, Every Day...The Poolville Way!

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#### **Please Save These Dates:**

3/11 = Hall March

3/12 = PES Saturday School (Attendance

Recovery Opportunity)

3/12 - 3/20 = Spring Break Holiday

3/21 = Kindergarten through 5th-Grade Skating Unit

3/22 = Campus Fire and Lockdown Drills

3/22 = Campus PLCs (3rd through 5th)

3/23 = College And Career Day

3/25 = Hall March

3/28 = Yearbook Ordering Deadline

3/30 = College And Career Day

3/31 = Kindergarten Graduation Pictures

3/31 = Beth Rowney's 50 Years of Service Celebration

4/1 = End of 5th 6 Weeks

4/5 = PES Faculty Meeting (AM and PM Sessions)

4/5 = Campus PLCs (PreK through 2nd)

4/12 through 4/13 = 5th-Grade Camp Carter

4/12 = 4th-Grade Field Trip (Log Cabin Village)

4/13 = Monarch Mile 2.0 (Campus and Community Fun Run)

4/14 = Bad Weather Day

4/15 = Good Friday/Holiday

4/18 = Comp Day

4/19 = Campus PLCs (3rd through 5th)

4/26 = Campus Fire and Lockdown Drills

4/25 through 4/29 = Prekindergarten and

Kindergarten Round-Up

5/3 = PES Faculty Meeting (AM and PM Sessions)

5/7 = PES Saturday School (Attendance Recovery Opportunity)

5/10 = STAAR Math Test (Grades 3 through 5)

5/11 = STAAR Reading Test (Grades 3 through 5)

5/12 = STAAR Science Test (Grade 5)

5/16 = Bad Weather Day

5/18 = Field Day

5/19 = PES Evening Student Award Ceremony

5/23 = Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony

5/24 = Campus Fire and Lockdown Drills

5/24 and 5/25 = Early Release Days at Noon

5/25 = Kindergarten / Senior Cap and Gown Hall March

5/25 = Last Day of School / End of the 6th 6 Weeks

5/26 = Staff Work Day

5/27 = PHS Graduation

### A Letter From The Editor: The Power Of Poolville People...

# **Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:**

Family is everything.

They're the ones who have your back when you need support; they're the ones who cheer you on as you're celebrating life's successes, and they're the ones who laugh with you (and only occasionally at you) during your silliest slip-ups.

In honor of the people in your life—your people—give these inspirational quotes about family a read.

Because if you weren't feeling the family love already, these offerings will inspire warm and fuzzy feelings for your favorite people—no matter how wacky the bunch may be!

At Poolville Elementary School you are our family.

We wish you the very best and safest Spring Break ever!

- 1. "It didn't matter how big our house was; it mattered that there was love in it." Peter Buffett
- 2. "Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family: Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one." Jane Howard
- 3. "Family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten." David Ogden Stiers
- 4. "We may have our differences, but nothing's more important than family." –Coco
- 5. "The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life." Richard Bach

Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us.

Thank you for being YOU!

Thank you for being our FAMILY!

Enthusiastically,

# Jason Cheslock

Jason Cheslock Principal Poolville Elementary School

Here are some recent activities and upcoming events our teachers and





#### students utilize to promote kindness and success.

#### We Promoted High Student Attendance Rates...

We have completed one full week of our Attendance Counts 2.0 Contest for the 5th six-week grading period.

With only two weeks remaining, the competition is fierce. Here are our results thus far:

PK = 94.31% KG = 94.41%

KG = 94.41%

Grade 1 = 95.95%

Grade 2 = 95.18%

Grade 3 = 96.60%

Grade 4 = 96.67%

Grade 5= 95.24%

Campus = 95.48%

Our current leaderboard is:

- 1st Place = 4th-Grade (96.67%)

- 2nd Place = 3rd-Grade (96.60%)

- 3rd Place =1st-Grade (95.95%)

Everyone wins with high attendance!

I cannot wait to award one special grade level with a pizza party!

Please keep it up!

We Offered Daily Inspirational Messages And Research-Based Learning Strategies...

Here is one example.

Spring Break is here! This can be a great time for students and teachers to unwind and recharge after a busy string of months of working hard in school. While taking a break is a must, it is also good to stay a little focused on learning in new, fresh ways, to prevent any regression of skills during the break. You can help your student continue to learn over Spring Break, even with fun, non-school-related activities.

Here are a few fun ways to incorporate learning over Spring Break:

#### - Pair a Story and Movie Together:

If your student wants to watch movies or TV shows over the break, you can pair these with books that go with them. You can read the book(s) and then watch the movie or show. You could talk about the similarities and differences between the two, summarize what each was about, or simply share your favorite moments from each one. This could be a great way to spend an afternoon, or you could plan out a fun movie night.







# - Create Something New:

One great way to work on learning skills, such as math, following directions, and reading, is to get creative. This could be cooking or baking something delicious, where you have to work on measuring, reading ingredients, and following the steps in order. You could also do an art project, where you work on these same skills, but craft a piece of artwork together using numbers or fractions, depending on their level of learning.

#### - Get Up and Move:

Movement can be a great way to learn! It helps students to stay engaged and often gets them away from activities that keep their brain disengaged, like mindless TV watching or video game playing. It also helps support language skills, such as following directions, and physical development, like fine and gross motor skills. Head out to your backyard, go on a walk, or find a fun in- or outdoor playground to climb on.

Spring Break is definitely a time for your students to unwind and recharge after working so hard for so long. With a few of these tips, your students are bound to have an enjoyable Spring Break while continuing to learn and grow.

Good luck!

We Partnered With The Community To Hold One Of Our Most Successful Spring Open House Events On Record...

Thank you for making yesterday evening's Spring open house event a huge success.

202 wonderful families checked in and visited with an amazing group of teachers!

We appreciate you!

# We Celebrated An Amazing PES Class Of The Week...

Please put your hands together as we celebrate an amazing prekindergarten class!

This super group of students has just received our campus Class of the Week honors!

Please keep up the outstanding work!

# We Recognized A Steller PES Student Of The Week...

Please join me in congratulating a super PES Student of the Week!

Katie Brown is a 3rd-grade superstar that showcased each of the following this week to claim the well-deserved honor.









- \* Kindness
- \* Hard Work
- \* Positivity
- \* Classroom Compliance, and
- \* Leadership

We are extremely proud of her!

# We Continued To Place Safety First...

As students and teachers prepare to disembark at 3:30 PM on Friday, I want to assure you that we remain committed to providing a safe and healthy school environment.

GermBlast will once again treat our campus over the holiday break as part of the continued safety protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and other viral illnesses.

With the cold and flu season upon us, let's work together throughout the rest of the 2nd semester to remain vigilant in our efforts to stay healthy and well.

GermBlast will treat each PISD campus on Sunday, March 20th. Now is a good time to remind our students, teachers, and parents that if a child is feeling ill and/or having symptoms of any transmissible illness, please remain at home.

PES will continue focusing on the health and safety of its staff and students by observing proper cleaning and sanitation protocols. Together we can do this.

Together we are PES!

If you have any illness-related questions - or if you feel you may have COVID symptoms - please do not hesitate to reach out to our amazing team of nurses or administrators.

We are all here to help.

We Promoted Several Amazing Partnerships And Engagement Opportunities...













#### We Prepared For Our Upcoming PE Skating Unit...

As Willy Wonka famously stated, "If the good Lord intended us to walk, he never would've invented roller skates."

The benefits of roller skating for kids are not all physical. Skating is also a great way to socialize, and by teaching your child to skate, you're giving them the gift of a lifelong hobby. Skating is low-impact and allows you to go at your own pace, which is why some skaters continue to skate into their 80s!

I offer this now because our PE Team will launch a two-week skating unit beginning on Monday, March 21st.

Here are some important details pertaining to this amazing student opportunity.

- Participation permission slip forms and funds are due on or before Friday, March 11th.
- The opportunity is for students in kindergarten through 5th-grade.
- All participating students will utilize traditional quad skates.
- PTO volunteers will assist Mrs. Lesko, Coach Osborn, and Coach Dale.
- Additional parent/community member volunteer opportunities will be promoted at the PES Thursday Open House event. We would love your assistance if you have the time available in your schedule.
- Parent and PTO volunteers will assist students with their skates, protective equipment, and skating efforts.

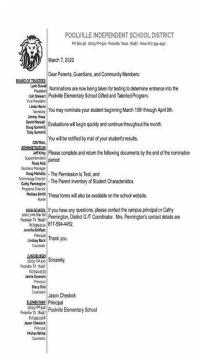
Thanks for your time.

Thanks for your flexibility.

Thanks for making skating happen for our students.

We Promoted Our 2nd GT Nomination and Testing Window For The Year...





PISD offers a gifted and talented program that is designed to meet the needs of those students who demonstrate a need for a differentiated curriculum.

According to Texas Education Code, the definition of a gifted student is as follows:

In this subchapter, "gifted and talented students" means a child or youth who performs at or shows the potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment and who:

- (1) exhibits high-performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area;
- (2) possesses an unusual capacity for leadership; or
- (3) excels in a specific academic field.

Any person (teacher, administrator, or guardian) can nominate a student. Nominations will be accepted beginning March 10th at the PES Open House. The nomination window and process will continue thereafter for 30 calendar days.

Participating in the screening process does not mean that your child will be assigned to the gifted and talented program, but it does mean that you feel your child has shown the exceptional qualities described above.

If you are interested in having your child nominated for the screening and identification process for the gifted and talented program, please come to the school to pick up the forms required beginning March 10th. If you would like a form emailed after the 10th, please send a request to: jcheslock@poolville.net or cpennington@poolville.net.

Nomination forms or questions may be addressed to Mrs. Cathy Pennington or Jason Cheslock.

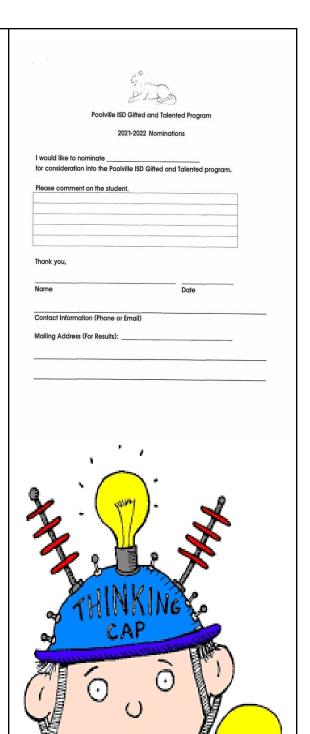
#### We Recognized Educational Diagnosticians Week...

Please join me in thanking our diagnostician!

It's Educational Diagnostician Appreciation Week in Texas!

We are extremely grateful for Mrs. Duckett's efforts and support.

We Focused On Learning Better Together This Week...









Thank you Poolville.

Together we can achieve so much MORE!

- Jason Cheslock

Please check us out on Facebook for even more details!