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'The ROAR'

Every Monarch, Every Day



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A Letter From The Editor

Dear Monarch Friends and Families:

This week's edition of the ROAR has conjured up an important memory of my dad. Growing up, my father was a quiet man. He listened far more than he talked. However, when he spoke...you LISTENED.

I can remember coming to him with a problem in my early teen years. After listening, he shared the story of "The potatoes, eggs, and coffee beans". If my memory serves me correctly, it went something like this.

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot.

He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter moaned and impatiently waited -- wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. "Daughter, what do you see?"

"Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she hastily replied.

"Look closer," he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does this mean?" she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity—the boiling water.

However, each one reacted differently.

The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak.

The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

"Which are you," he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us.

COVID has hit our education environment. What matters now is what happened as a result within us!

Let's make the 2020-2021 school year our best ever!

At Poolville Elementary School, we are PROUD to work hard for you as well as with you! We are all **"Mighty Monarchs"**! ***We are all.....one herd.....one pride.....one group.....one TEAM....and one FAMILY!***

Together we can change the WORLD for our CHILDREN.

At Poolville, **you and your children MATTER!**

You are our FAMILY!

Sincerely,

Jason Cheslock



Patriot Pride Phrase Program!

As we all finish celebrating our nation's independence, I find myself reflecting on the distinctive values that contribute to our unique national character. I also find myself wondering what would our young Monarchs say the stars and stripes truly stand for?

Would they default to the Pledge of Allegiance, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, a free election system, or something else entirely?

If we look at one line from the Pledge, there are many important meanings to it:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

This line represents what being an American means because it demonstrates being equal, respectful to one another, and unifying for justice and liberty. The U.S stands for the United States. However, U.S. also means 'us'.....those before 'us' and those after 'us'. The word 'united' then tells us that we are supposed to stand together to be better, no matter what religion or race you are. It just matters that we come together as one amazing nation.

To help build patriotism, school culture, academic vocabulary, and student character, we will go on the offensive in 2020-2021 and launch a weekly "Patriot Pride Phrase" initiative.

This initiative will highlight three "US-Centric" terms every week that will better position our young Monarchs as students, citizens, and LEADERS!

It's time we put the 'US' back into the United States of America!

Let's help our young Monarchs gain an appreciation for this amazing nation and the history they will inherit and lead into the future.

Remember, there is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America!

Get Involved!

Whether kids are just starting kindergarten or entering their last year of elementary school, there are many good reasons for parents to volunteer at school. It's a great way for parents to show they're interested in their kids' education.

Many grade-schoolers like to see their parents at school or at school events. Follow your child's cues to find out how much interaction works for both of you. If your child seems uncomfortable with your presence at the school or with your involvement in an extracurricular activity, consider taking a more behind-the-scenes approach. Make it clear that you aren't there to spy — you're just trying to help out the school community.

Parents can get involved by:

- Being a classroom helper or homeroom parent
- Organizing and/or working at fundraising activities and other special events, like bake sales, car washes, and book fairs
- Chaperoning field trips
- Planning class parties
- Attending school board meetings



- Joining the school's PTO group
- Volunteering as a library or lunchroom assistant
- Reading a story to the class
- Giving a talk for career day

Check the school or teacher website to find volunteer opportunities that fit your schedule. Even just giving a few hours during the school year can make a strong impression on your child.

Teaching Study Skills ~

Studying for a test can be scary for young kids, and many educators assume parents will help their kids during the grade-school years. Introducing your child to study skills now will pay off with good learning habits throughout life.

In elementary school, kids usually take end-of-unit tests in math, spelling, science, and social studies. Be sure to know when a test is scheduled so you can help your child study ahead of time rather than just the night before. You also might need to remind your child to bring home the right study materials, such as notes, study guides, or books.

Teach your child how to break down overall tasks into smaller, manageable chunks so preparing for a test isn't overwhelming. You also can introduce your child to tricks like mnemonic devices to help with recalling information. Remember that taking a break after a 45-minute study period is an important way to help kids process and remember information.

Your child will probably be introduced to standardized testing in elementary school. While students can't really study for standardized tests, some teachers provide practice tests to help ease students' worries.

In general, if studying and testing becomes a source of stress for your child, discuss the situation with the teacher, the school counselor, or me (the Principal).

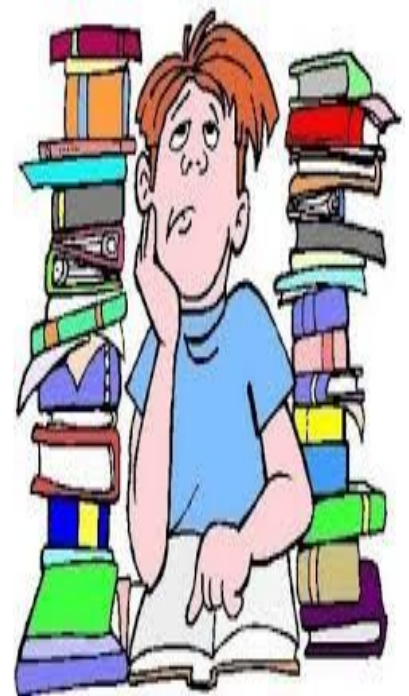
Supporting Homework Expectations ~

Homework in grade school reinforces and extends classroom learning and helps kids practice important study skills. It also helps them develop a sense of responsibility and a work ethic that will benefit them beyond the classroom.

In addition to making sure your child knows that you see homework as a priority, you can help by creating an effective study environment. Any well-lit, comfortable, and quiet workspace with the necessary supplies will do. Avoiding distractions (like a TV in the background) and setting up a start and end time can also help.

A good rule of thumb for an effective homework and/or study period is roughly 10 minutes per elementary grade level. Fourth-graders, for example, should expect to have about 40 minutes of homework or studying each school night. If you find that it's often taking significantly longer than this guideline, talk with your child's teacher.

While your child does homework, be available to interpret assignment instructions, offer guidance, answer questions, and review the completed work. But resist the urge to provide the correct answers or complete the assignments yourself. Learning from mistakes is part of the process and you don't want to take this away from your child.



Let's Make A Deal!

My favorite business professor once told us, "When it comes to goods and services....there is 'High Quality'...'Great Service'...and 'Cheap'! As a consumer we want all three. However, in the 'Real World' you can only pick two."

Man....was he WRONG!

He didn't know about the Poolville Pre-K Program! If you don't meet one of the qualifying conditions for free all day Pre-K, don't worry. Poolville also supports an extremely reasonable tuition for the exact same service! That's right. For less than \$1.12 per educational hour your young Monarch will receive an amazing education from a certified teaching professional!

Please hurry. Complete and return the form below.

Spots are filling fast!

Are You Interested In Volunteering During The 2020-2021 School Year?

We have several amazing volunteer opportunities at the elementary school. If you have a moment and the desire, we would love to partner with you during the 2020-2021 school year.

Details can be found below.

1. The Golden Girls Reading Program = Several amazing women in the community partner with Poolville Elementary School to foster greater literacy skills in our 3rd-grade students each week. This program transpires once a week during the standard school day.

2. R.E.A.D. to Kids Program (Reconnecting Education And Dads) = This bi-weekly initiative helps dads support a reading program for our 2nd-grade students. The program predominantly transpires before the school day begins (7:30 am to 8:15 am).

3. Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) SMART Snacks Program = This powerful PTO program fuels a student's mind and body while raising funds that go directly back to the students. Students learn about and consume healthy snacks to ensure they remain actively engaged mentally and physically throughout the school day. This program transpires once a week during the standard school day.

4. The Friendly First Responders Program = This country is a great country because it was built on the idea that we must help our fellow citizens when they cannot help themselves. Every first responder is a vital component of this country. We should always take the time to thank those that help us, and to be grateful for all those that sacrifice their time to help another in their time of need. This program provides inspiration, mentorship, guidance, and character to our young Monarchs. This program will transpire once a month during the standard school day. If you are a first responder - and would like to volunteer a small amount of your time - we would be honored to recognize and learn from you.

5. Mighty Monarch Boot Camp = Please join us in honoring the brave men and women that faithfully serve our country. This program will transpire once a week after the standard school day. Our faculty members and volunteer Drill Instructors will lead our interested Mighty Monarchs through a series of mental and physical challenges that enhance problem-solving, teamwork, physical fitness, and mental prowess.



We are forever grateful for your time. Please contact Mr. Cheslock at jcheslock@poolville.net if any of these programs interest you.

Are you having difficulties getting your child to go to bed?

Please join us on the Poolville Elementary School Facebook each evening at 8:30 pm. Mr. and Mrs. Cheslock help our Mighty Monarchs explore the benefits of nightly reading. Some of the benefits include, but are not limited to:

- They enrich a child's language development on multiple levels.
- They grow a child's imagination and appreciation for stories.
- They give children an outlet for empathy.
- They build a child's vocabulary so they can be well-spoken.
- They encourage engagement and conversation, and
- They offer a chance to be silly with our little ones

We can't wait to see you there at 8:30 pm every evening.

Are You Interested In Pre-Kindergarten Registration?

Full Day Pre-K Roundup Announcement -- We will host a digital Pre-K registration process for the next five weeks (April 23rd through July 10th). If you are interested, please download, complete, and return the attachment to the right to jcheslock@poolville.net. This form will allow us to create a reservation for your future Monarch and to make appropriate plans to super-serve their education! Dates and times for residency verification and online form completion will follow later in July.



Application for Pre-Kindergarten Classes

Child's Name: _____ SS #: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ The child must be at least 4 years old by September 1, 2020 unless he or she cannot speak and comprehend the English language.

Name of Parent: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Does the child speak and comprehend the English language? Yes ☐ No ☐ Circle one

Child's food stamp or AFDC case number, if applicable: _____
(If food stamp or AFDC case number is provided, skip to signature portion of application.)

☐ Please check the box below if he/she is the child of an active duty member of the armed forces or child of a member of armed forces who was killed or injured while serving.

Names of all household members	Gross Monthly earnings (before deductions)	Monthly	Monthly	Any other monthly income
		welfare payments, child support, alimony	payments from pensions, retirement, social security	
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that information on the application may be verified by school officials and that deliberate misrepresentation may be subject to prosecution under applicable state laws.

I understand that I will need to have a completed Free/Reduced Lunch Program application submitted to the PUSD Elementary Campus between the dates of August 1-August 18, 2020.

Signature of parent or legal guardian _____ Date _____

Please continue to visit us on Facebook. At Poolville Elementary School, ***YOU and YOUR CHILD MATTER!***