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## Principal's Message~Words of Williams

*When you  
Enter our school of  
Learning and discovering,  
Consider yourself,  
One of  
Many,  
Excited to believe, achieve, and soar...TOGETHER!*



SSWilliams'11

*Welcome to another year of learning and discovering at Poplar Tree Elementary! If you are new to the Poplar Tree community, we extend a warm 'Panther Welcome' to you and yours. Fairfax County Public School's motto, 'Learning Together, REACHING our Potential', supports our vision and mission to tap the learning potential of each student by name and by need. Our core values and beliefs: to impart outstanding instructional best practices, to create a safe, nurturing, and enriching school environment, and to create lifelong learners and productive citizens who will actively support our mission to believe, achieve, and soar...TOGETHER!*

*We look forward to a wonderful school year and welcome your involvement and partnership.*

*Sharon S. Williams*  
**Principal**

*Hallie M. Dillon*  
**Assistant Principal**



## Calendar of Events!

|              |                                                      |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| September 11 | Grandparents Day!!!                                  |
| September 12 | B2SN, Grades K-3, 6:30pm, Cafeteria                  |
| September 14 | B2SN, Grades 4-6, 6:30pm, Cafeteria                  |
| September 23 | Autumn Begins!!                                      |
| September 26 | PTA General Membership Meeting, 7:00pm, Cafeteria    |
| October 7    | Interims go home!                                    |
| October 10   | Columbus Day Holiday—NO SCHOOL!                      |
| October 11   | PTA Meeting, 7:00pm, LA Room                         |
| October 19   | Cultural Arts Program, Grades K-2, 2:00pm, Cafeteria |
| October 26   | Fall Pictures ☺                                      |

# Counselors' CAREGRAM

by Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Hirsch



Welcome to a new school year at Poplar Tree. We're pleased to be back once again as Poplar Tree's school counselors. Mrs. Hoffman is working with grades Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> this year. Mrs. Hirsch is working with grades 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Hirsch will be working this year on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. We also welcome this fall Mrs. Stamper, a George Mason University graduate student who is completing her counselor practicum under the supervision of Mrs. Hoffman.

During these first weeks of school we are visiting all the classrooms to meet new and returning students. In the event that you have opted your child/children out of guidance and counseling services last year, we want you to know that your request is still in effect for this year. Those who have opted out of the program will be receiving a verification letter. Should you wish to change your request, you may do this in writing at any time.

This is the time of year for **transitions**, both for children and for parents. This is also your opportunity to teach your child how positive change can be.

Here are a few basic tips to help you and your child to start this new school year:

Make sure the morning home routine is in place, allow enough time so no one is hurried.

Make the "good-byes" quick, but encouraging. Allow your child to walk to class on their own and start their daily routine independently in their classroom.

Whether they bring lunch or buy, lunch is a time for them to be independent. An occasional visit from a parent for a special occasion can be exciting, but should not be a routine.

At home, have a specific place for homework and backpacks to go every day. The routine and habit of the same place everyday will help in keeping track of these.

Establish a homework time that works for your family and use it nightly. Even if there is not a lot of homework one night, the time can be used for reading.

When problems arise, reinforce your *child's* ability to solve the problem. Help your child to brainstorm positive solutions. If you are positive, your child will remain positive.

**Something new** this year for all parents and students will be our Poplar Tree School Counseling 24/7 website. Look for this when you log into 24/7 Learning. We will be posting information there for both students and parents.

We are looking forward to having a wonderful year with your children!

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# Panther P.E. Playbook

SCHOOL NOTES




Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a fun summer. Our PE Team is ready for the new season. Coach Rob Thompson entering his 19<sup>th</sup> year out of Virginia Tech. Coach Greg Stuart starting his second year from James Madison University. And introducing Diane Morris our new Adapted PE teacher. We are all happy to be at Poplar Tree! This month in the gym we will work on our fitness. We encourage every student to do their personal best. Grades 3 thru 6 will participate in the Virginia Wellness and Presidential Fitness Testing.

Grades K thru 2 will be working on their locomotor skills. These include walking, jogging, hopping, skipping, galloping and sliding.

All grades will work on their personal fitness in our fitness warm ups and games.

Please mark down which days your child has PE and put it on the fridge so they can be prepared with the proper shoes. We cannot allow students to participate if they wear Crocs, sandals, flip flops, cleats, boots, etc.

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Mr. Thompson, Mr. Stuart, Mrs. Morris

# Library News

Mrs. Uncles & Mrs. Wilkinson



Welcome to another school year! We have been working hard to make the library a more “user friendly” place. Thanks to the generosity of the PTA, we have three new double-sided bookshelves in the library. We were able to move books around and create a more open feeling in the library. We are looking for a few more volunteers this year. We lost eight long time volunteers at the end of last year because of graduation, moves, etc. Please let Bonita Rogers, library volunteer coordinator, or myself know if you are interested.

There are two book fairs scheduled for this school year. Our first book fair will be October 31-November 4. Our second book fair is scheduled for April 23-27. If you are interested in helping out at either of our book fairs this year, please contact me in the library, (703-633-7411). We love our volunteers.

Author Susan Crummel Stevens and her sister, author/illustrator Janet Stevens will visit our school on Thursday, October 20. If you are interested in purchasing any of their books, which they will autograph for you that day, please look in your child’s Friday folder on September 14 for the form to fill out and return to the library. You may also purchase their books on Amazon.com and send the book in with your child the day of the visit for an autograph.

More information about the library program for this school year will be available in your child’s classroom on Back To School Night. If you ever have any questions or concerns about the library program, please do not hesitate to contact me, Cynthia Uncles, in the library office.



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This is my twenty fifth year working in Fairfax county public schools. When I first started teaching in the county I had three schools. Students did not have art but once every three weeks. I have been all the way down at Gunston Elementary to Washington Mill near Mount Vernon. I have been a member of Poplar Tree's Staff since the school opened. Yes! I do live in the neighborhood. My three children attended Poplar Tree, Rocky Run and Chantilly High. My Last child is a sophomore at Chantilly. I have two sons; one is in college and one in graduate school. My wife works at her own practice in Vienna. I am really excited to be working with Mrs. McHugh, our new art teacher this school year.



## School Health Room News

If you are interested in **volunteering in the school health room** either to assist the school health aide in caring for our students or to assist with administrative duties, please attend one of the following required trainings provided by the Health Department. The training is offered at the Herndon-Reston District Office, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA, Multi-Purpose Room on the first floor on the following dates: Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:30pm, Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30pm or Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:30pm. Please consider this wonderful volunteer opportunity and attend one of the scheduled 2 hour trainings at the Fairfax County Health Department! For further information, please contact Mrs. Luong in the school health room.



## "Note-able News!"



*"Music is the universal language of mankind." – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

What are those wonderful sounds coming from Poplar Tree's music rooms right now? It's our general music classes making beautiful music to start the year off right!

General Music classes will be singing, dancing, creating music, playing percussion instruments, and of course, learning the recorder in grades three through six. All 4th, 5th and 6th graders should already have their recorders back at school. Third grade students will receive a brand new recorder during the first quarter. All classes will be working on the same "Song of the Month" in addition to the music curriculum specific to each grade level. September's song is "The Star Spangled Banner." Students will also learn the school song, "Rockin' Panthers."

The 6th grade will soon be preparing for their first performance opportunity! They will be singing at the Chantilly Pyramid Concert on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 pm in the Chantilly High School Gymnasium.

Fifth Grade Chorus meets once a week beginning on September 21 during their teacher's planning time. They will perform a concert on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria.

We are looking forward to a great year!

*By: Mr. Ring, Mrs. Noble, and Ms. Pramstaller,  
Poplar Tree General Music and Chorus Teachers*

## TECH TALK

*By: Scott Thimons, School Based Technology Specialist (SBTS)*

We are all off to a great start here at Poplar Tree. I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new Poplar Tree families. My name is Scott Thimons and I wanted to tell you a little about my role here at Poplar Tree Elementary School. As the School Based Technology Specialist (SBTS) I wear many hats. One aspect of my job is to work with our technology support staff to make sure our equipment is up and running, including computers, copiers, projectors, smartboards, student response systems, network and servers. The much larger and more important part of my job here is to make sure the teachers know how to use technology to enhance student instruction at all grade levels. This is accomplished through weekly or bi-weekly (depending on the grade level) curriculum integrated technology lessons. These lessons are for the students to get practice using the technology in application to what they are learning in their core subject areas. For example if a second grade class is learning about insects, they might have a lesson using a digital media program that lets them diagram and label the body parts of an insect. Teachers will learn how to turn around and use the same technology tool to enhance lessons in other subject areas and apply what they have learned.

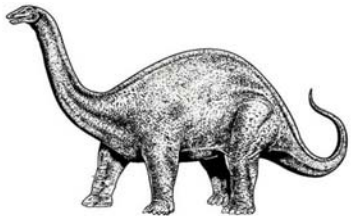
If you have any questions about technology at Poplar Tree please feel free to send me an email at [sthimons@fcps.edu](mailto:sthimons@fcps.edu). I am looking forward to a great year.

# LITERACY LINKS

by: Mrs. Majkowski, Reading Specialist

Welcome back Panthers! I was thrilled to see that so many students participated in the Summer Reading Challenge, "Reading is a Hit!" Students were recognized and celebrated their efforts Friday morning.

This year, each month, I will highlight a new topic in literacy development for children. I will offer tips and strategies for you to assist your child at home in hopes of strengthening your child's reading and writing progress. First up...VOCABULARY!



having great vocabulary didn't save the  
**THESAURUS**  
from extinction / eradication / extirpation

A "WORD" to the Wise!

Reading a lot does wonders for the brain: it boosts vocabulary. Research emphasizes that vocabulary development is a vital part of all content learning. The link between vocabulary knowledge and comprehension is undeniable.

Here are 5 great tips to help build your child's vocabulary:

- 1. Read, Read, Read!** Most vocabulary words are learned from context. The more words you're exposed to, the better vocabulary you will have.
- 2. Practice, practice, practice.** Learning a word won't help very much if you promptly forget it. Research shows that it takes from 10 to 20 repetitions to really make a word part of your vocabulary. As soon as you learn a new word, start using it.
- 3. Make up as many associations and connections as possible.** Say the word aloud to activate your auditory memory. Relate the word to words you already know. Use mnemonics (memory tricks).
- 4. Get in the habit of looking up words you don't know.** If you have a dictionary program on your computer, keep it open and handy.
- 5. Play with words.** Play Scrabble, Boggle, and do crossword puzzles.

For more vocabulary tips: [http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/vocabulary\\_tips.htm](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/vocabulary_tips.htm)

# 9-5-2-1-0 Zip Code to Your Health

To encourage student wellness, FCPS Elementary Schools are promoting 9-5-2-1-0 Zip Code to Your Health the week of October 17 – 21, 2011. Students will learn about healthy eating and exercise through this daily message. This program is a partnership with the Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition. Teachers are invited to highlight the daily message in the classroom.



## BREAKFAST – A GREAT START TO BEING SMART

October is Breakfast Month in Fairfax County Public Schools. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It “breaks” the “fast” by replacing the energy reserves used overnight.

School aged children especially teens are the biggest breakfast skippers. Research shows students who eat breakfast:

- Learn better*
- Are more alert and attentive*
- Are more likely to participate in activities*
- Eating breakfast may also reduce the risk of childhood obesity*

If you have a breakfast skipper in your home, plan and offer quick nutritious choices such as juice, whole grain cereal and toast, breakfast bar, or bagels and milk or yogurt. Parents don’t forget your own breakfast. You are a role model for your children.

# PTA President's Message



Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I am happy to be returning as the PTA President and look forward to a wonderful year at Poplar Tree.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at Open House. I had the pleasure of speaking to and meeting many new families and greeting returning families. I hope you had the chance to stop by the PTA tables in the lobby. If you did not, your Open House packet contains a membership form and spirit wear order form. Fill those out and send them back to school or come visit our tables at Back to School night.

Even though the school year has just started, many volunteers have already been busy getting everything ready for the start of school. Thank you to...

- Charlotte Matthews for the fabulous breakfast to welcome the staff back to school.
- Valley Crest Landscaping for the landscaping on the school grounds and Kim Bridenbaugh, Gary King, and Kristen Shiveley for coming up with the plan. The school grounds look beautiful!
- Shena Jocuns and her troop of student volunteers for making sure that the school supply packs were in every classroom in time for Open House.
- Chelese McClain for planning the Open House and New Families Reception and Christine Risi and Carolyn York for welcoming new families.
- Susan Friedman and Kathy Erstling for coordinating the Membership and Spirit wear tables.
- Katherine Dunning, Sue Greenlee, Joyce Schmalz, Kathy Erstling and a fabulous group of student volunteers for stuffing and delivering all the Open House packets.
- Everyone who helped at Open House.

We have an exceptional group of volunteers in the PTA. We cannot do it without you too. Please join the PTA this year and together we can continue to support our staff, students, and families.

The PTA General Membership Meeting will be **Monday, September 26 at 7pm in the school cafeteria.** **This is a change of date from my original Open House letter.** We will vote on our budget and talk about the upcoming year. All members are invited to come and help get the year off to a great start.

We have an exceptional PTA at Poplar Tree and I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events.

*Arian Hadley*

Arian Hadley  
PTA President  
hadley@mindspring.com  
703-817-0296



## GLOBAL Language Learning at Poplar Tree ES

The Poplar Tree PTA, in conjunction with Fairfax County Public Schools Adult and Community Education will offer a GLOBAL (Global Language Opportunity Benefitting All Learners) Spanish language program. The classes are held immediately after school for one hour for 25 weeks beginning October 4th.

### Why choose this program?

- Instruction reinforces grade level Standards of Learning (SOL) objectives while teaching Spanish.
- Curriculum is aligned with the Foreign Language in the Elementary School (FLES) program that is taught during the school day.
- Teachers are employed by Fairfax County Public Schools and are trained specifically for the GLOBAL program and FCPS Best Practices in Teaching Learning.
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### Program Structure

- 25 sessions @ 1 hour each- \$249
- Course Information
- GL08125 (K-3rd) Tues 3:30 pm-Start date: October 4th
- GL08425 (4-6th) Thurs 3:30 pm-Start date: October 6th
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**Registration is online at [www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/global.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/global.htm)**

Questions about GLOBAL please contact Joy Raftelis, GLOBAL Program Specialist at [joyia.raftelis@fcps.edu](mailto:joyia.raftelis@fcps.edu) 703.658.1291 or Heather Croxton, Poplar Tree PTA Liaison at [heather@croxton.com](mailto:heather@croxton.com) 703-968-3646

## ENGINEERING FUNDAMENTALS WITH LEGO CLASSES

(Grades 2-6)

### AT POPLAR TREE ELEMENTARY

Mondays from September 19 - December 19  
(No class on Oct. 10 and Nov. 7)

Class Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Class Location: Resource 2 (1st floor)

Class is currently full.

Hopefully we will offer another class this spring. Questions?

Please contact Chelese McClain 703.802.3044 or [cpmclain715@yahoo.com](mailto:cpmclain715@yahoo.com)



# HELP WANTED

## Publishing Center Volunteers

Would you like to:

- Provide a valuable service to the Poplar Tree teachers?
- Free up teachers to spend more time on planning and instruction?
- Work on a variety of projects for a variety of teachers?

If so, then the Publishing Center is for you! It's easy! It's fun! It's a great way to contribute to a valuable teacher resource! We do copying, laminating, book binding, poster-making, special projects & more!

Please fill out the form below and return to the school office or in your child's backpack. Volunteers will start at the beginning of October. Training is provided. Contact me at 703-378-7904 or CharRMFan@verizon.net with questions and to schedule a time for training. Thanks!

Charlotte Matthews  
PTA Publishing Center Coordinator

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your preferred shift, selecting as many options as possible, ranked in order of preference (1, 2, 3, etc.)

\_\_\_\_ Monday 9:30am – 11:00am

\_\_\_\_ Thursday 9:30am – 11:00am

\_\_\_\_ Tuesday 9:30am – 11:00am

\_\_\_\_ Thursday 1:00pm – 2:30pm

\_\_\_\_ Tuesday 1:00pm – 2:30pm

\_\_\_\_ Friday 9:30am – 11:00am

\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 9:30am – 11:00am

\_\_\_\_ Friday 1:00pm – 2:30pm

\_\_\_\_ Wednesday 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Please check one:

I can volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly \_\_\_\_\_ Every 2 weeks

# Mini-Grant Request Form

## Poplar Tree PTA Education Committee

Activity/Item Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Needed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Funding Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ ALL \_\_\_\_\_ Partial

Cost Amount Requested (including shipping/handling): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Is funding available through other sources? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Description and justification (please attach brochures or other pertinent information):

Short term effect:

Long term effect:

How many students will have ultimate use and/or benefit from this?

+++++DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE+++++

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommended by Mrs. Williams  
Principal's comments:

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved for the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check no. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved or Deferred

Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chelese McClain  
PTA 2nd Vice President  
Education Committee Chair  
703-802.3044  
Cpmclain715@yahoo.com

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





## GO SHOPPING at the Grocery Store or Target & EARN MONEY FOR “Poplar Tree”

Some schools in our area earn over \$10,000 a year from these programs. Simply by linking your grocery store cards and Target Redcard/Visa to Poplar Tree Elementary School you can support our school.

### You must Re-LINK your rewards cards every year for Giant, Safeway, Bloom, Harris Teeter, and Target.

To sign up or re-register for any store you can

- 1) fill out a form at your local store, or
- 2) fill out the attached form (on back) and return it to school in your child’s backpack, or
- 3) best yet, register online:

| Store Program                                                                       |                          | Website Registration                                                                                                                | Phone Registration | Poplar Tree ID |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
|  | A + Bonus Bucks          | <a href="http://www.giantfood.com/aplus">www.giantfood.com/aplus</a><br>Click on “Designate Schools” on the left side of the screen | 1-877-275-2758     | 2455           |
|  | Escrip                   | <a href="http://www.escrip.com">www.escrip.com</a><br>Click on “Yes Renew” or “1-Sign up” to register for the first time.           | 1-888-saf-eway     | 6553940        |
|  | Together in Education    | <a href="http://www.harristeeter.com">www.harristeeter.com</a><br>Click on “together in education” on lower right side of screen    | 1-800-432-6111     | TIE8499        |
|  | Bloom for your School    | <a href="http://www.bloomforyourschool.com">www.bloomforyourschool.com</a><br>Click on “Guest Registration”                         | 1-866-55-Bloom     | 1774           |
|  | Take Charge of Education | <a href="http://www.target.com/redcard">www.target.com/redcard</a>                                                                  | 1-800-316-6142     | 103773         |

Thank you for helping Poplar Tree earn money for our school. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Powers at [papowers1019@gmail.com](mailto:papowers1019@gmail.com)

# Poplar Tree Elementary School PTA Membership/Directory/ Volunteer Form

Please help support your child's school. (Annual membership is only \$10 per person!)

|                                                                  |                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PLEASE USE THIS DATA FOR THE DIRECTORY. <input type="checkbox"/> | OPT OUT! PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH THIS DATA. <input type="checkbox"/> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|

Please print clearly. If neither box is checked above, the data will be used for the directory.  
Poplar Tree Staff members, please check here.

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME 1: | PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME 2:: |
| PHONE NUMBER:           | PHONE NUMBER:            |
| EMAIL ADDRESS:          | EMAIL ADDRESS:           |

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10/Per Member = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CASH  CHECK

Please write "0" above if you are only filling out form for Directory PAID ONLINE

CHILD #1 (OLDEST)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD #2

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD #3

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please list additional children on the back of this form.)

### I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities:

Room Parent  Name of Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

| Special Events and Activities:                 | √ | Other Volunteer Activities:                                    | √ | General School Help:              | √ |
|------------------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Vision/Hearing Screening (Fall)                | √ | Membership: Back to School Night 2011 (K-3) - Sept. 12 6:30 PM | √ | Translate Documents into Spanish  | √ |
| Silent Auction (Dec.)                          | √ | Membership: Back to School Night 2011 (4-6) - Sept. 14 6:30 PM | √ | Translate Documents Other         | √ |
| Talent Show (Jan.)                             | √ | Beautification                                                 | √ | Spirit Wear                       | √ |
| Reflections Reception (Feb.)                   | √ | Library                                                        | √ | Please call me to help as needed. | √ |
| Heritage Night (Feb.)                          | √ | Publishing Center                                              | √ |                                   |   |
| Carnival (March)                               | √ | Tutoring/Reading Volunteer                                     | √ |                                   |   |
| Picture Days                                   | √ | Yearbook                                                       | √ |                                   | √ |
| Family Bingo Nights                            | √ | Teacher/Staff Appreciation                                     | √ |                                   | √ |
| Book Fair                                      | √ | Clinic (Training Provided)                                     | √ |                                   | √ |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Game (Spring) | √ | ESL Program (No foreign lang. needed)                          | √ |                                   | √ |

Committee use only:

Recorded by membership  Committee Heads Notified  Recorded for Directory

Poplar Tree PTA presents...

# ADVENTURE TUESDAYS

Grades 2nd thru 6th



6 TUESDAYS 3:30-5:15  
SEPTEMBER 20, 27,  
OCTOBER 4, 11, 18 & 25

### What is ADVENTURE TUESDAYS

Adventure Tuesdays is an awesome kids club where boys and girls will be introduced to creative games and all the latest hobbies. Kids will develop their critical thinking skills, fine motor skills & develop complex strategies in colorful & creative games. Kids will learn how to collect and care for collectible cards and toys. We will even discuss the values of such items. This club is for the creative kid who loves to play games and make new friends.

## Crazy Bones Championship

Prizes Every Week!

Squig Racing!

Legos



Pokemon League

HALLOWEEN PARTY

SuperSmash/xBox 360/Wii

### Sign Up for Adventure Tuesdays

Where: Language Arts Room (enter school, go right, 1st door on left)

Time: Afterschool to 5:15 PM

Dates: SEPTEMBER 20, 27 OCTOBER 4, 11, 18 & 25

Cost: \$60 (make checks payable to Poplar Tree PTA)



Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# Poplar Tree PTA presents...

# Fakespeare's Theatre

**Grades 3rd thru 6th**  
**Afterschool to 5:15 pm**



**6 WEDNESDAYS in a row.**  
**Afterschool to 5:20**

## *What is Fakespeare's Theatre?*

Fakespeare's Theatre is a fun-focussed Introduction to Drama. It is a No Pressure Approach to Children's Theatre. We will learn the basics of Stage Acting all the while having a fun time. It is perfect for beginners or even budding stars. It's a great place to practice public speaking and build confidence.

We will have 6 classes and then have a Performance for the Families on the last day!

All plays are Fakespeare Originals which means they are all about laughter. No mooshy stuff. Just comedies! There is no pressure to memorize all your lines. You can read the scripts on stage at the final performance if you want to. The focus is to be on a team; working together for the big show for friends and family. Fakespeare will also feature fun games and prizes as the kids will enjoy a safe, fun atmosphere where they can make new friends. Space is Limited to 20 students.

# September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19 & 26

## *Sign Up for Fakespeare's Theatre*

Where: Language Arts Room

Time: Afterschool to 5:20 pm.

Dates: 6 Wednesdays in a row. with final performance in the LunchRoom  
on last day 5 pm to 6 pm

Cost: \$75 (make checks payable to Poplar Tree PTA)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Hear Ye!  
Hear Ye! Join  
the fun!

