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~THE POUPARD PRESS~

Dear Poupard Families,

I hope that you and your families are able to spend some fun time together over our spring break. It is a great time to relax and refresh. I am going to San Diego to visit my son and daughter-in-law to wait for the arrival of their first child, Paige Elizabeth. I will now be Mimi to Piper and Paige.

Parent/teacher conferences are April 13th in the evening (we have a full day of school) and April 14th all day (we have no school). These conferences will be student involved so please bring your child with you. You will also be given a picture of your child and the teacher for attending. If you do not have a time, please call school and we will help you schedule a conference.

5th grade parents-On Tuesday, April 12th, we will start the M-Step Test (former MEAP). It is so important that your child is here. The dates of testing are: April 12,13,15,19, 20,21

3rd grade parents-On Tuesday April 26th, we will start the M-Step Test (former MEAP). It is so important that your child is here. The dates of testing are: April 26, 27, 28, May 3, and 4. Please make sure your child gets enough sleep the nights before the test and eats a good breakfast.

We are looking forward to the Tin Can Auction on Friday, April 22nd. Make sure you attend and see what you win!

On Thursday, April 28th we are having a Leader in Me Family Night. We will be sending home more information, watch for it in your child's backpack.

I am sure we will see spring fever hit soon with our students. Please remind your child that we continue to keep learning up to the last day of school.

I will see all of you soon.

*Sincerely,
Penny Stocks*

~April Dates to Remember~

April 4: School resumes	April 20: Dragon Den Meeting 11:05
April 5: Julia Huck here in Gym	April 21: 5th Grade M-step Concert @ Parcels
April 12: 5th Grade M-Step ELA Day 1	April 22: Tin Can Auction
April 13: 5th Grade M-Step ELA Day 2	April 26: 3rd Grade M-Step ELA Day 1
April 14: NO SCHOOL/CONFERENCES	April 27: 3rd Grade M-Step ELA Day 2
April 15: 5th Grade M-Step ELA Day 3	April 28: 3rd Grade ELA Make Up Spring Family Night (Tentative)
April 19: Town Hall 10:20 Kindergarten to Canton Real Life Farm	April 29: 3rd Grade ELA Make Up

Service and Safety News



March Safety of the Month

Alexis H.

March Service of the Month

~ Alayna E.

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Charles A. Poupard Elementary School
20655 Lennon St.
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Parents and Families of Charles A. Poupard Elementary School,

PTO representatives have noted their interest toward involvement in an ongoing Subscription Fundraiser with the Grosse Pointe News. For every \$39.50 annual subscription purchased, using the distributed form specified to Charles A. Poupard Elementary, the school will receive \$9.50!

Each annual subscription includes both home delivery and online newspaper access. For parents and family members who already have a subscription to the Grosse Pointe News, these forms may also be used to renew their subscription for another year, still donating \$9.50 back to the school. Forms are to be filled and sent to the Grosse Pointe News address, using either credit card information or an attached check; this process will be easy to follow on the Poupard-specified form.

The Grosse Pointe News is thrilled to offer this special program to the families and community of Charles A. Poupard Elementary. On behalf of the Grosse Pointe News, I hope that you are interested in taking part in this Subscription Fundraiser, and I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Green Team News

Once again Poupard earned **Evergreen** status with Michigan Green Schools!

Congratulations, students and staff!

Green Team students will be selling water bottles (\$4.00 each) as our fund raiser in April. We are raising money to buy a large recycle bin for our school yard and for our raised garden bed. Bottles are 300 ml Lunchbox-size, the bottles are BPA Free. Dishwasher safe (yay!) no plastic taste or odor. Available in red, blue and purple, pop-up drinking piece, perfect for using at school!



Please join us in celebrating **Earth Day on April 22**. "Earth Day Every Day," is our motto. Here are two links with activities for you and your family to enjoy! Thank you for helping us save our planet.

<http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/e-family-news/2012-earth-day-activities-for-families>

<http://fun.familyeducation.com/earth-sciences/childrens-science-activities/32872.html>

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Register online at familycenterweb.org or call 313.432.3832

Kindergarten Essentials: Ensuring a Successful Transition for Your Child

April 13, 7pm in Miller Hall at Christ Church of Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE** Ask the Experts Talk with Angelina Spiteri, center director for the Reading & Language Arts Center (RLAC) in Grosse Pointe.

This dynamic Ask The Experts Talk is designed to provide parents and professionals with strategies to facilitate the skills preschoolers need to be successful in kindergarten. Talk begins at 7pm. Register in advance for complimentary dinner at 6pm and childcare provided.



Angelina Spiteri

Drugs & Alcohol: Prevention - What Parents and Professionals Need to Know

April 14, 7pm, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE**

This special Ask The Experts evening allows attendees to choose 2 programs from the 4 offered: How to Raise Drug-Free Kids; A Surveillance Report: Emerging Trends of Abused Substances in Our Community; How to Start 'The Conversation' with a Youth or Loved One; and Prevention Techniques: How to Build a Family Toolbox. Each 45-minute talk is offered at 7pm and again at 8pm. Plus, "Ask the Pharmacists Resource Tables" all evening long. Details of programs and presenters are available at familycenterweb.org. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with resource tables.



Scott Mast

Medical Moments: Kids Break Things... and when it's their bones you can't treat them like adults

April 20, 7pm in Miller Hall at Christ Church of Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE** Ask the Experts Talk with Eric T. Jones, MD, PhD, board certified pediatric orthopedic expert from Children's Hospital of Michigan DMC and clinical associate professor, Wayne State University.

Children need a different approach than adults for fixing broken bones. An injury to a child's bone could negatively affect their growth plate. When is it time to see a pediatric expert? Talk begins at 7pm. Register in advance for complimentary dinner at 6pm and childcare provided.



Lisa Kaplan

Medical Moments: Vaccine Facts Vs. Fiction

April 27, 7pm in Miller Hall at Christ Church of Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE** Ask the Experts Talk with a Children's Hospital of Michigan DMC pediatric infectious disease specialist.

We've all heard the arguments against vaccines, but what are the facts? A pediatric infectious disease expert from the Children's Hospital of Michigan DMC will provide important and detailed information to parents and caregivers. Talk begins at 7pm. Register in advance for complimentary dinner at 6pm and childcare provided.



Eric T. Jones

Medical Moments: Allergy, Asthma and Immunology - OH MY!

May 4, 7pm in Miller Hall at Christ Church of Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE** Ask the Experts Talk with a Children's Hospital of Michigan DMC pediatric allergist/immunologist specialist.

Parents, does your child seem to be suffering from current respiratory illness? Do you have a family history of asthma, allergies and eczema? Come learn why you might need to be more concerned about your child's cough, wheezing and rash. Talk begins at 7pm. Register in advance for complimentary dinner at 6pm and childcare provided.



Register today @ familycenterweb.org or call 313.432.3832

Our mission is to serve our community through programs and resources vital to today's families.

The Family Center 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods

The Family Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that is 100% supported by community contributions. Its Ask the Experts programs and presentations address the entire spectrum of family life.

This flier has been approved for distribution within the Grosse Pointe Public School District and Harper Woods School District.

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THANK YOU!!!



Mrs. Mitchell volunteering at Ford Field

THANK YOU to all the parents, staff, community members and friends of Poupard who volunteered their time to work a concession stand at Ford Field.

The following parents and staff helped to raise a total of \$1,375 for the school.

Thanks to:

Ms. Stocks

Ms. Woznicki

Ms. Jabara

Shantelle Bryant

Cassie and Ryan Hunter

Tiffany Mitchell

Also a special thanks to: Ronald Johnson – trainer at Detroit Thrive, Helen Nkwocha - soccer coach from Eastside FC , Rod Smith

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Camp Invention Filling Fast!

Have you had the chance to register your child for Camp Invention yet? If not, I just wanted to let you know that we are filling up quickly - faster than any previous year! Mainly because alumni campers and parents know how great our program is, and are registering their kids quickly. Don't let your kids miss out! Register now while there are still openings. What makes Camp Invention so popular in our district? For starters, our curriculum focuses on S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and math). This exciting summer day experience immerses children in imaginative play that reinforces and supplements school-year learning through inquiry-based activities.

Each day of the program week, children rotate through five integrated modules that require creative thinking to solve real-world challenges. Working together, children learn vital 21st century life skills such as problem-solving and teamwork through hands-on learning... disguised as fun!

Parents know that when their children are at Camp Invention, they are engaged, learning, having fun, and under the direct supervision of five of our district's best teachers!

Hurry and save!

Do you have a big family? Register 3 or more kids and **save \$50** off each child's registration!

If you have the time to volunteer while your children are at camp, you can save even more! If you are interested, contact me ASAP. I'm limited to 4 volunteer discounts!

If your family is struggling financially, I may be able to help. I have a limited scholarship fund available, but it is going quickly. If you believe you are qualified for a financial scholarship, please contact me for an application form.

Camp Invention
Brownell Middle School
June 27th – July 1st, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
For children who will be entering grades 1 – 6
For more info, contact: Molly Collins
Molly.Collins@gpschools.org

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BUILDING READERS®

How Families Can Help Children Become Better Readers

Poupard Elementary School

Reading is critical for success on tests

The chances are good that your child will take a number of tests this spring, from end-of-unit exams to standardized tests. To succeed, he'll have to be able to read and understand the test directions and questions. As you help your child prepare, remind him to:

- **Read and reread the directions** carefully. He should also listen to the teacher's instructions. Encourage your child to ask if anything is unclear.
- **Look through the entire test** before beginning. Not only will this give your child an idea of what he will be doing on the exam, it will also help him plan his time appropriately.
- **Review the test** when he's done. Encourage your child to use any extra time to review his work. He should reread the test questions and his answers to make sure he answered everything to the best of his abilities.



Source: C. Cortellessa, M.Ed., "Test-Taking Tips," TeensHealth, niswc.com/reading_tests.

"In a good book the best is between the lines."

—Swedish Proverb

Differentiate between types of nouns

Nouns are an essential part of the grammar of a sentence. They are words that name people, places, things or ideas. Remind your child that *common nouns* name them in general (such as *boy*), and *proper nouns* give them specific names and are capitalized (such as *Patrick*). To practice:

- **List several nouns** and have your child say whether they're common or proper nouns. For example, you might name *dog* (common), *hat* (common), *Mississippi* (proper), *plant* (common) and *Dr. Seuss* (proper).
- **Look at a magazine** with your child. Challenge her to find several examples of common nouns and proper nouns.
- **Read a story aloud** and have your child listen for nouns. She can raise her hand when she hears a common noun, and stand when she hears a proper noun.

Source: L. Sunley, "Fun With Grammar: 75 Quick Activities & Games That Help Kids Learn About Nouns, Verbs, Adjectives, Adverbs & More," Scholastic, niswc.com/grammar_nouns.

Performances enliven poetry

April is National Poetry Month! So it's the perfect opportunity to add poetry to your child's life. Visit the library with your child and check out several books of poetry—both silly and serious. Then challenge everyone in your family to memorize and recite a poem. With your child, plan a special performance, and be as creative as you'd like. You might set a poem to music, act it out or say it quickly. No matter how you perform, the key is to enjoy yourselves!



Source: K. Nesbitt, "How to Host an Open Mic Poetry Party for Kids," Poetry4Kids.com, niswc.com/poetryperformances.

Feed—and read about—the birds!

A fun spring activity is to set up a simple bird feeder with your child. As you observe the birds that come, read about them in a guidebook. Help your child learn to identify the different birds and where they come from.



Provide opportunities for your child to write

Reading and writing go hand-in-hand, so look for ways to encourage your child to write. To provide chances for your child to practice writing:

- **Leave notes** for each other.
- **Give your child** a calendar on which to record special events and activities.
- **Spend time together writing** in journals.
- **Encourage your child** to write letters and cards to friends and relatives.



Context clues can help your child understand new vocabulary while reading

If your child comes across an unfamiliar word while reading, help her use context clues to figure its meaning. *Context clues* help a reader infer the meaning of a word from the other information given in a sentence.

For example, in the sentence, "Jonathan wanted to buy a new pair of shoes, but the price deterred him," your child can figure out that the shoes were too expensive. Context clues within the sentence (the qualifier *but* and the word *price*) indicate that the sentence is about the cost of the shoes, which will help your child figure out that *deterred* means "caused him to decide" not to get the shoes.



Source: "Context Clues," Power Up What Works, niswc.com/contextclues.

New experiences are inspiration for reading

When you expose your child to a wide range of new experiences and ideas, you help your child build her vocabulary and develop new interests. These new interests can inspire your child to learn and read more. To expand your child's interests:

- **Take your child to intriguing places**, such as museums or parks. Have thought-provoking discussions with her about the things that you see.
- **Read books and magazines** together on topics you encounter during your experiences. Include fiction and nonfiction texts.
- **Encourage your child to use the Internet** and library to research topics she enjoys.



Q: My child's teacher says we should work on "sight words" at home. What does this mean?

A: Sight words are written words that readers see often, such as *and*, *me*, *why* and *because*. Becoming familiar with them is important because it makes reading much easier. Ask your child's teacher for a list of sight words. Then help your child make flash cards to practice reading them.

Do you have a question about reading? Email readingadvisor@parent-institute.com.

Using examples strengthens your child's book reports

Your child has a lot to say when he's writing a book report! As he's writing, make sure he supports his opinions with examples. "My favorite character was the main character, Leo. He is kind and does nice things for others. He makes sandwiches for homeless people and walks dogs at the animal shelter."



For lower elementary readers:

- ***A Mango in the Hand: A Story Told through Proverbs*** by Antonio Sacre (Abrams Books for Young Readers). As Francisco prepares for a special feast, his family members teach him useful lessons through traditional proverbs.
- ***I (Don't) Like Snakes*** by Nicola Davies (Candlewick Press). A little girl hates her family's pet snakes. That is, until she learns some cool facts about the slithery creatures.



For upper elementary readers:

- ***The Unforgettable Season: The Story of Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams and the Record-Setting Summer of '41*** by Phil Bildner (G.P. Putnam's Sons). In 1941, two baseball players achieved amazing feats that no player has matched since.
- ***Other Goose: Re-Nursed!! and Re-Rhymed!! Children's Classics*** by J. Otto Seibold (Chronicle Books). This silly book takes on nursery rhymes like "Mary Had a Little Band."

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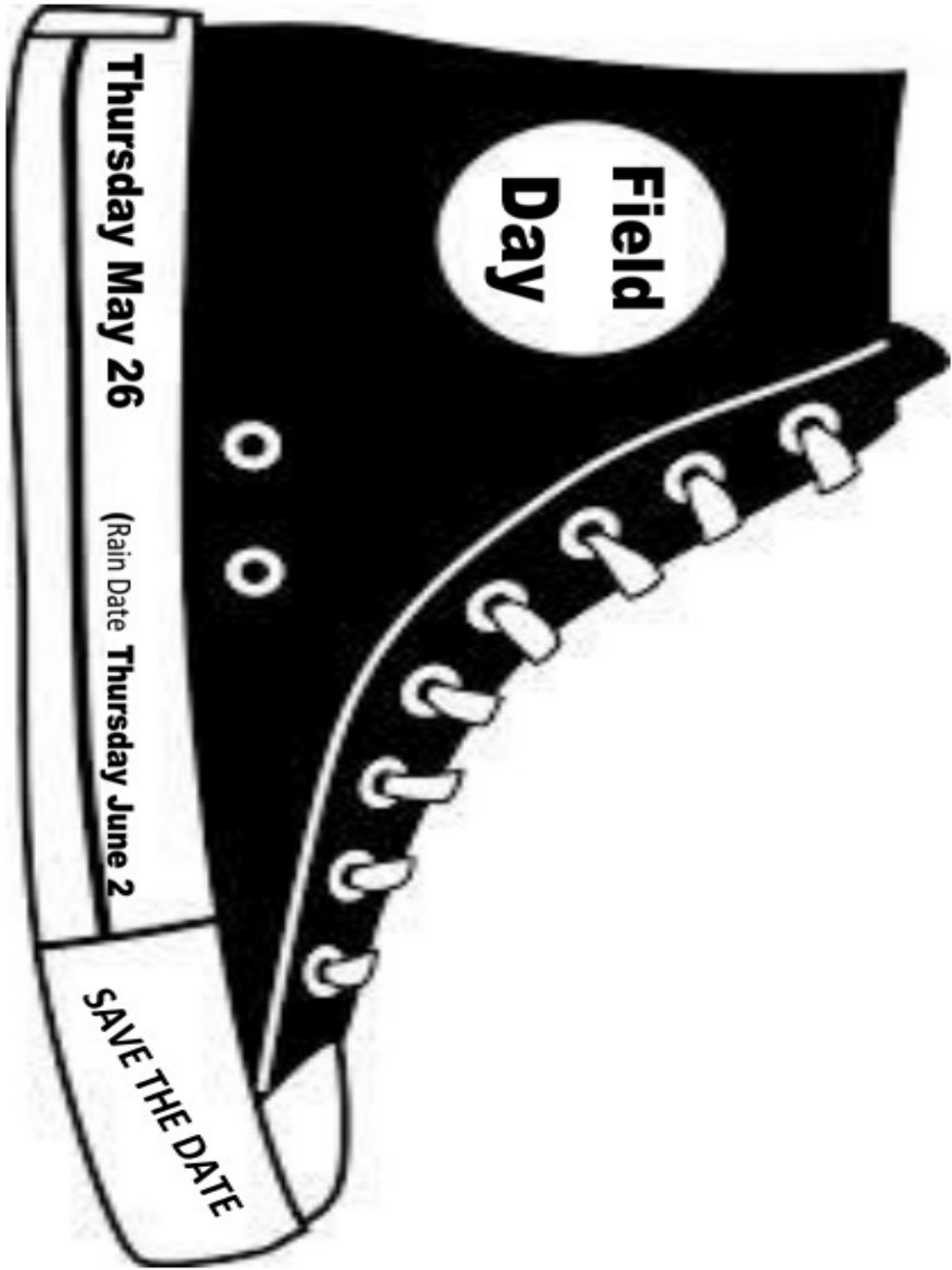
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**Field
Day**

Thursday May 26

(Rain Date **Thursday June 2**)

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April 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1.
4. D-Day Back to School	5. A-Day Julia Huck here in GYM	6. B-Day Synergize Day- wear your grade	7. C-Day	8. D-Day Instructional Rounds
11. A-Day	12. B-Day 5 th Grade M-Step ELA Day 1	13. C-Day 5 th Grade M-Step ELA Day 2 PM Conference	14. D-Day No School-Conferences	15. A-Day 5 th Grade M-Step ELA Day 3
18. B-Day	19. C-Day Town Hall 10:20 Kindergarten to Canton Real Life Farm 8:45-3:00	20. D-Day Den Meeting 11:05	21. A-Day 5 th Grade M-Step Social Studies Concert @ Parcels-7:00	22. B-Day Tin Can Auction 6-9
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