



**PHONE CALLS**—We are getting a lot of calls from parents saying that our number showed up on their caller ID and asking who called. The secretary does not have a way to monitor who has made calls in the building, and it interrupts student learning for us to call the classrooms to determine who may have made a call. If there is an emergency, we will call all of the emergency contacts until we get an answer.

**HELP US EARN \$**—Please send your Hy-Vee receipts, Tyson Project A+, and Boxtops for Education to school. We can earn cash for books and student activities!

**Hy-Vee Cash for Kids  
Boxtops for Education  
Tyson Project A+**



**Poyner Parent Committee**

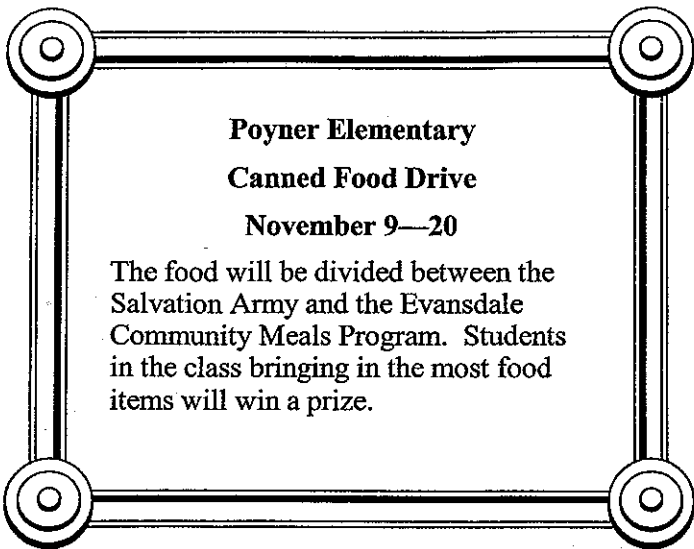
**School Store Opened October 20  
8:40 to 8:50 a.m.**

- Tuesdays - 2nd & 3rd grade
- Thursdays - 4th & 5th grade
- Fridays - Kindergarten & 1st
- Students are able to purchase supplies priced \$0.10 - \$3.00

**CHUCK E. CHEESE NIGHT**

**November 10  
3 to 9 p.m.**

Be sure to tell them you are with Poyner Elementary!



**Poyner Elementary  
Canned Food Drive  
November 9—20**

The food will be divided between the Salvation Army and the Evansdale Community Meals Program. Students in the class bringing in the most food items will win a prize.

**FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE** - With the cold and flu season here, we would like to remind you of a few guidelines:

1. No child with a fever should be sent to school and should be fever free for 24 hours before returning. Students also need to be home for 24 hours after the last time they vomit.
2. A parent needs to bring in any medication to be taken during the day and **MUST** sign a permission form for the nurse's office to administer it.
3. A child with a "heavy" cold or hacking cough belongs home in bed even though there is no fever.
4. Remember to urge good handwashing. This is our best defense against disease.

Thank you for your help in our effort to decrease the spread of communicable diseases.

Any medication that your child is required to take during school hours must be brought to school by a parent or guardian. When dropping off the medicine, a parent needs to sign a parental permission form that allows school personnel to administer the medication. Refills may be brought in by the student. Any over-the-counter meds that come to school have to be in an unopened container. Under NO circumstances are students allowed to carry unused medicine home. It must be brought home by a parent.

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**PICTURE RETAKES**—If your child was absent on "Picture Day" or you are new and want your child's picture taken, please call the school office by November 18. We will send a form to you. Your child will need to have the envelope with the money in it to have their picture taken. If you want your child's picture retaken, please send the pictures back the day of retakes. Retakes will be November 18.

**BOOK FAIR**—All parents and students are invited to the Book Fair during fall conferences. The fair will be open Thursday, November 5 from 1:00 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday, November 6 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. All profits will go to the Media Center.

**PARENT SURVEY**—This year one of our school improvement goals is to build an environment of mutual respect. A parent survey will be sent home the week of parent/teacher conferences. Please return the survey during conferences. When filling out the survey, it would be helpful if you make any comments that you think will help us to improve in this area.

## 2009 - Character Counts Poster Winners

### Kindergarten

Kacie Tennett	Maysen Bruess
Kiara Cripe	Rilynn Bigler
Caleb Spooner	Jazzmin Wyant

#### Special Recognition:

Mya Hart, Jersey Barfels, Anthony Feist, Brock Kiewiet, Cadin Hermann, Ashton Marvets, Kennedy Albrect, Samantha Finn, Kaydanse Reuter, Shyne Jensen

### 1st Grade

Alivia Schultz	Emilee Steimel
Dallis Metsale	Kierra Nie
Willow Ross,	Ariana Vogel

### 2nd Grade

Jenna O'Donnell,	Jasmine Nichol-Moore
Morgan Wentworth	Jessie McKenna
Brooklyn Kiewiet,	Kenidi Adams
Caden Bush	

### 3rd Grade

Rylee Olson,	Haleigh Morgan
Doris Dilparic	Emma Larrew
Jason Hamilton	Jessica Hyke
Timothy Hall	Nathan Tipton

### 4th Grade

Kenny Einfelt	Paige Deitrick
Shyanne McNally	Lexi Wroe
Talia Dunn	Logan Boike
Adam Boose	

### Fifth Grade

Austin Miller	Destiny Hanson
Jacob Foss	Ethan Bentz
Alissa Claassen	Elizabeth Schmidt
Madison Riley	Kaylee Hanks
Jackie Henry	Rebecca Back

### The Six Pillars of Character

This year our students will be learning about the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. In November, we will be focusing on the character of Citizenship, because we felt it would be appropriate before the upcoming elections in November.

#### Behaviors that show CITIZENSHIP:

- \*Play by the rules.
- \*Obey laws and respect authority.
- \*Do your share of the work.
- \*Vote and pay your taxes.
- \*Be charitable and help by volunteering your time.
- \*Return what you borrow.
- \*Protect the environment and conserve natural resources.

#### What can you do at home?

1. Practice citizenship in action: be informed. Model how to "stay up" on current events by reading the paper or watching TV news, attend local meetings of importance, and talk about issues as a family.
2. Have a family plan to regularly protect and conserve resources: for example, recycle, plant trees, don't litter.
3. Set family goals: have each member of the family complete the following sentence and post it where it will serve as a reminder: I will be a good citizen by \_\_\_\_\_.

#### What can you as parents do?

- \*Pay attention to subtle messages you send to your children in your everyday choices-can you expect them to follow your rules if they see you breaking rules and laws?
- \*Model the behavior you want to see in your children and acknowledge their good behavior when you see it.
- \*During election time, show your child the different resources you use to be informed-take your child with you when you vote.

Dear Parents:

We are hearing reports of H1N1 flu in our community. While staff and parents can get very concerned by this information, we want to assure all of families that we are doing what is needed and keeping them informed as to what they should do.

Students and staff who are ill should go home and stay home until they have no fever for 24 hours without fever reducing drugs.....whether they have H1N1 or seasonal flu. As always, prevention recommendations are: Cover your cough and clean your hands.

We are not being advised by the Health Dept to notify parents or do anything different with our operations when there is a suspected case or cases of H1N1. That form of flu is in our community.

- Be assured that our custodial staff are already following appropriate cleaning procedures in our buildings.
- If there are complications with a case of the flu, contact your health care provider.
- If you are pregnant or care for an infant or you or a family member has underlying health conditions that may complicate the flu, contact your health care provider. The H1N1 vaccine has started arriving in our community health offices, but the first to receive it are health care and emergency workers.
- Teachers and other staff should watch for students who appear ill and send them to the Health Office.
- In the Health Office, those with flu-like symptoms will be asked to wear a mask until they leave the building. This will provide some protection for others. However, the paper masks are not effective for healthy people to wear as a barrier to contracting the flu virus from others.
- Parents should not bring sick students, who are not attending school that day, in to the school Health Office for diagnosis. Keep sick children home until they are fever free for 24 hours without a fever reducing medication.
- We are working with the Health Dept to plan vaccine distribution to students at school at some point in the future if large quantities become available. We will keep you posted.
- The Health Dept is not asking us to step up surveillance (contacting parents to determine if symptoms are flu-like) at this time, but they are keeping us informed when absenteeism exceeds 10%.
- School is not likely to be closed unless there is so much absenteeism that we cannot operate effectively.
- Anyone with specific concerns should contact their health care provider.

It's important to remain calm and not overreact, but to carry out the recommended common sense precautions.

We continue to work closely with the Black Hawk County Health Department to make sure we are doing all we can to keep our students and staff healthy. We'll continue to keep you informed through our web site, with links to the Iowa Department of Public Health and the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and regular communications.

Again, we remind everyone to follow the basic recommendations—the 3Cs—Cover your cough; Clean your hands; Contain germs (stay home if ill).