

January 16, 2018

Dear Parents of Primary Students,

We are once again very excited to be hosting a POPS (Parents of Primary Students) session at James Kennedy Elementary. Our last session was a huge success with the families who attended. We had over 50 families attend and lots of positive feedback!

For those of you who are not familiar with POPS, it is a free parent involvement program where you come to the school with your children in the evening from 5:30-7:30 and have fun learning about a certain topic with your child. On February 20th, we'll be hosting a session on Reading. The shape of this session will be as follows:

5:30 Adult Only Discussion in Gym

- primary children go to library
- toddlers/preschoolers go to the music room to be supervised by leadership students and staff members

6:00 Adults and primary children together

- learning together at various literacy centers in classrooms
- toddlers/preschoolers will be supervised doing some play activities with child minders.

6:45 Adult Only Debrief of the session

- primary children to the library
- toddlers/preschoolers will still be with leadership students in the music room

7:00 All together in the gym

- draw for door prizes
- ice cream sundaes

Children will leave with some reading tools and supplies along with anything they've made during the session. Parents will leave with a handout on tips to support you at home in reading with your children, as well as great apps and websites that have been recommended by teachers at our school.

Please fill out the information on the following page and return it to the school by **Monday, January 22nd** if you are interested in attending the Reading session on February 20th.

Confirmation of Attendance for February 20th POPS Session

In order for our staff to prepare for this evening, we need to know how many families will be attending. Please fill out the information below, and return it to your child's teacher by **Monday, January 22nd**. We look forward to working and learning with you and your children!

We, the _____ family will be attending the POPS Reading session on February 20th.

There will be _____ adults, _____ primary children, and _____ toddlers/preschoolers attending from our family. (Childcare will be provided for toddlers).

Due to the large number of people possibly attending, we are encouraging you to find an alternate place for intermediate students on this evening. We appreciate your understanding!

We are a nut aware school. Please indicate if you are able to contribute any of the following items:

Ice cream _____

Sauce _____

Candy Toppings _____

Cookie Toppings _____

IMPORTANT:

The door prize component of the evening is always very fun for the children. We have gathered a few door prizes, but could sure use any donations!! It doesn't have to be related to Reading. It could be a toy, puzzle, kite or anything that you think a child would like. If you are able to donate anything for a door prize or know of someone who runs a business and can donate something, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible! We appreciate in advance your support of this great evening!!!

Sincerely,

JKE Primary Staff