



# Pine Grove Elementary School

# HERITAGE

*All Children... Reach... Achieve... Celebrate*

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## HOME OF THE PANDA

### CALENDAR

#### April

- 23 BCPS Volunteer Appreciation Tea
- 24 PK and KG to BMA
- 30 BCPS Job Fair

#### May

- 1 Spellathon (4-5 p.m.)
- 5-9 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5 Panda Power Reading party (3-3:30 p.m.)
- 6 Grade 2 Breadmake assembly (9:30 a.m.)  
PTA Board meeting (7 p.m.)
- 9 PTA teacher appreciation luncheon
- 12 PK/KG conference day  
Awards of Excellence dinner at Martin's West
- 15 Grade 5 to Ridgely Middle
- 16 Grade 5 to Pine Grove Middle  
Grade 3 to Fort McHenry  
School dance (6:30-9 p.m.)
- 19 Instrumental music dress rehearsal (3 p.m.)  
Instrumental music concert (7 p.m.)
- 23 Volunteer Tea (9:30-11 a.m.)  
Weber Brothers (2:15 p.m.)
- 26 **Schools closed for Memorial Day**
- 27 Art Show/Social (7-9 p.m.)
- 28-29 Author Bobbie Hinman at PGES

### From the Principal's Desk

I would like to invite every Pine Grove Elementary School parent to attend our Art Show/Social on Tuesday, May 27, from 7-9 p.m. We are really impressed with the projects our students have completed this year, and we are looking forward to this opportunity to showcase our students' outstanding work.

We have scheduled several special events for parents and students in May. Our spring instrumental music concert will be held on Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Our Volunteer Tea will be held on Friday, May 23, at 9:30 a.m. in our cafeteria. And, the Weber Brothers Band will perform in the afternoon. The spring vocal music concert will be held on Monday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at Loch Raven High School. I hope you are able to attend many of the special events scheduled for May and June.

### Spring Concert

All Pine Grove Elementary students in grades 3-5 and the Madrigals will be singing stars in our exciting upcoming spring concert! Please mark your calendars for this concert on Monday, June 2, at Loch Raven High School. All third, fourth, and fifth grade students need to arrive at 6:30 p.m., dressed in concert attire. The concert will begin at 7 p.m.



### **Pine Grove Student News**

For Earth Day on April 22, the **fourth grade** challenged the school to “Go Green!” Teachers and students alike were seen in every shade of green you could think of. Ask your **fourth grader** what they have done or plan to do to carry on the Earth Day message throughout the year!

The **boys and girls in Mrs. Shanahan’s class** are currently learning about the Chesapeake Bay and how people affect it. Look for their “Save the Bay” posters around the school.

### **Mrs. Ploskon’s Class News**



A few weeks ago, the class read an article called “Carousel Designed by Kids” by Kathy Kranking from *Ranger Rick Magazine*. The class decided to design and build their own carousels. They used a great deal of imagination and creativity, along with problem solving along the way, to create their own version of “Carousel Designed by Kids.”

The **boys and girls in K-1** are showing how much they have learned this school year. They are taking end-of-the-year tests that highlight all the skills they have been working on throughout the year. The most fun we have had test-taking was trying to join the Over Forty Club. If a student knows more than 40 sight

vocabulary words from the Open Court Reading Program, he/she chooses a prize from the Over Forty Club prize basket. These students have joined the club so far: Ashlynn C., Torri H., Jeffrey D., Tatum J., Re’Vyn S., Adam M., Matthew S., Preston B.a, Jack T., Anna E., Kaleem H., Allison A., Brent N., and Ronald C..

### **Walk of Fame**

Congratulations to the newest STARS on the Walk of Fame. They are: Matthew D., Priscilla M., Toni C., Alex S., Connor B., Andrew R., Rhea K., Carl W., Sabrina B., Quinn G., Mykenzie L., Cory R., Alison B., Kara G., Kyle W., Aryssa R., Preston B., Claire R., Josh T., Jonavon M., and Kayla B.. These children have been spotted walking safely in the building and entering and leaving the school in a safe manner.

The latest trophy winners are the students in Mrs. Berkey, Mrs. Shanahan, Mrs. McDonough, and Mrs. Heckscher’s classes. We are very proud of the great job our students do every day.

### **Math Facts Wall of Fame**

The students in first through fifth grades have been working hard to learn their math facts. Each grade has a goal for the students to reach by the first day of each month. The following students are on the Math Facts Wall of Fame for May:

Grade 2—Sydney M.

Grade 3—Brianna D.

Grade 4—Ambrosia C., Alyssa D., Julianna G., Alex H., Megan H., Eleni P., Nick R., Morgan S., Evan S.

### **Young Authors**

Congratulations to the boys and girls who submitted stories and poems to the annual Young Authors’ Writing Contest, sponsored by the Reading Councils across the state of Maryland.

These students and their families were honored at our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Authors' Tea, celebrated on April 15 in our school cafeteria. We were pleased to have a published author from our community, Ms. Kathy Cottle, serve as our judge and guest speaker. Ms. Cottle's collection of poetry, *My Father's Speech*, was released in the fall.

Pine Grove Elementary was especially proud this year to have three of our authors honored at the Baltimore County level—Morgan S., Emily T., and Alexis C.-F.. These authors will be recognized at a special reception in May.

These students participated in the Young Authors' Writing Contest for the 2007-2008 school year:

Grade 2—\*Sarah B., Catherine D., Arvin G., \*\*Caleb L., Kati P., \*Elle S., Nicolette S., Troy T.

Grade 3—\*Lea T.

Grade 4—Alyssa D., Aaliyah D., Holly F., Megan H., \*\*Katie L., \*Baily K., Erin M., Minji P., Asia P., Laurel P., \*\*Mikaela R., Erika S., \*\*Morgan S., Elaina T., Jack T.

Grade 5—Ruth B.I., \*\*Bobby B., \*Heather C., \*\*Alexis C.-F., Hannah G., \*Emily T.

\* First Place winners

\*\*Honorable Mention winners

### **Summer School**

Letters to parents of students entering grades 4, 5, and 6 were mailed out on April 13, if recommended to attend summer school. Registration deadline is May 2, 2008. Contact Dr. Reimer for more information.

### **Awards for Excellence**

Mrs. Brest, Mr. Messinger, and Mrs. Semesky have been nominated for the

Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce Awards for Excellence. They will be honored and recognized at a dinner at Martin's West on May 12. We congratulate them for being nominated for this prestigious award.

### **School Spirit Week**

Since we had Spirit Week in the fall, we will not be having it April 28-May 2, as previously listed in the PTA Newsletter.

### **Volunteers**

Pine Grove Elementary would like to thank the volunteers for their continuous support! Please note the date for the Volunteer Tea is now May 23. Invitations will be going home shortly.

### **Cartridge Recycling**

The recycling program is underway!! Thank you to everyone who has donated their used cartridges and cell phones. There is a box on the table in the lobby for smaller cartridges and a larger box under the table for the bigger cartridges. Please continue to send in your used cartridges and cell phones to raise money for our school and keep our planet green!

Any questions may be directed to Mrs. Greco at 410-887-5267.

### **Lost and Found**

Please have your child check our lost and found, which is located in the hallway right outside the cafeteria. We have many coats, sweaters, hats, etc., that will be donated at the end of the school year if not claimed.

### **Office Depot**

Every time parents, students, and school supporters give our 5% Back to Schools ID number when buying qualifying school supplies at Office Depot, Pine Grove Elementary receives credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for free supplies. Our ID number is 70046120.

### **Target**

Remember, your purchases at Target can help donate money to our school! When you shop at Target, ask how you can donate money to Pine Grove Elementary.

### **Pine Grove Tiny Tots**

Pine Grove Tiny Tots is a cooperative play program for 3 and 4 year olds. They are now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 school year. For more information, contact Vanessa Clark at 410-663-3175 or JoAnn Raynor at 410-661-3262. The website is [www.prcparkvillerec.org](http://www.prcparkvillerec.org).

### **Open Door Registration for Fall**

Open Door before and after school program provides students with breakfast before school, after school snacks and, in both sessions, offers choices, puzzles, games, toys, crafts, outdoor play, and a quiet homework area. Hours are 7 a.m. until school begins and after school until 6 p.m. Call 410-825-6300 for more information.

### **Dog Safety Program**

The Baltimore County Department of Health and the Snyder Foundation for Animals are sponsoring "Focus on Fido" dog safety programs for school-age children and their parents at local public libraries. Sessions featuring Spirit, a trained canine assistant, will assist children

in learning how to stay safe around dogs. All sessions begin at 7 p.m. and are scheduled for the following dates:

April 23	Towson
April 24	Rosedale
April 28	Woodlawn
April 29	White Marsh
May 1	Hereford
May 6	Perry Hall
May 7	Loch Raven
May 8	Randallstown
May 20	Reisterstown

For more information, contact the Baltimore County Animal Shelter at 410-887-5961 or local library branch.