



Pine Grove Elementary School

HERITAGE

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

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HOME OF THE PANDA

CALENDAR

December

24-31 Schools closed for winter break

January

1 Schools closed for winter break

2 Schools reopen for students

8 PTA Board meeting (7 p.m.)

10 Ident-A-Kid

14 Instrumental music concert dress rehearsal (3 p.m.)

Instrumental music concert at PGES (7 p.m.)

21 Schools closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

23 Whittle Night (6-8:30 p.m.)

25 Second marking period ends

28 Schools closed for students—professional day

broadens daily due to my wonderful staff, students, and their parents.

As the winter break approaches, I wish all of our families a safe and joyous holiday season. Take a break, enjoy family and friends, and relax. We will see you all on January 2, 2008 (unless, of course, I am snowed in somewhere near Lake Ontario).

Happy holidays, Rick



Pine Grove Student News

The students in prekindergarten are learning about the responsibilities of community helpers. They are also listening for rhyming words, reading sight words, and learning about sounds and letters. In math, the students are exploring geometric solids!

The boys and girls in K-1 have been busy elves this month! They have been “reading to perform tasks” as they made stockings, presents, and cards for the holiday. The students have been working hard on answering comprehension questions during their shared reading time together. They have been comparing and contrasting objects and recording their responses on a Venn Diagram as they explore Astounding Attributes in the

From the Principal's Desk

It's hard to believe it's almost 2008. Just writing that is a bit scary. My congratulations are extended to all of our wonderful students in grades PK-5 for their superb performance in the winter vocal concerts. Thanks to the PTA and all of our families for attending.

I've been at Pine Grove Elementary for 2-1/2 years, and I still haven't lost the smile that I had when I arrived. The smile

Primary Talent Curriculum. **K-1** wishes you a joyful holiday season!

The **students in Mrs. Shanahan's class** have been learning how to be good writers. They have learned to “narrow the focus,” create an interesting beginning, use “shows not tells,” and create interesting endings. They are very creative and are doing a great job with using these skills!

Mr. Pugh's class has been learning about making inferences, writing to persuade, and finding range, median, and mode in math by listening to his new CD entitled, *Rock Music for Education*. The CD features 20 fun and educational rock songs for children of all ages. For information about how to get a CD, please visit www.rockmusicforeducation.com or www.misterpugh.com. All proceeds go to funding for the production of *American Literate Volume 3* due out next year.

Safe and Orderly Schools

The students at Pine Grove Elementary continue to do a great job with orderly movement through the school. The following students have been spotted doing a great job: Holly F., Dennis M., Lindsay T., Ben L., Danny D., Madison H., Toni D., Rishi M., Katie L., Kayla H., Max B., Brandon C., Zaria H., and SangMan Y.. Thank you, children, for doing such a great job.

The following classes were honored for having the best safety record in a 2-week period: Mrs. Shanahan, Mrs. Heckscher, Mrs. Ploskon, and Mrs. Burgess.

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 November:

Grade 1—Chelece C., Michael M., Jenna R., Jenna R., Henry S., Dylan S., Dina T., Madison T.

Grade 2—Mateo N., Troy T., Michelle Z.

Grade 3—Lily A., Colin B., Tyler C., Kyle E., Peter H., Andy J., Jacob S.

Grade 4—Kbin K.

Grade 5—Bobby B., Katie C., Emilie F., Kerri K., Justin S.

Vision and Hearing

Vision and hearing screening was conducted in October this year so that the children's problems could be identified and corrected early. If your child has not had a follow-up appointment yet, please do so as soon as possible. The Health Department requires the school to report on all children who failed the screening. If I have not received a doctor-completed form on your child, I will call you when we return from winter break. If you completed the follow-up appointment but lost your form, please give me a call. Thank you.

PTA Fall Fitness Fundraiser

Thanks to the efforts of the Pine Grove Elementary community—students, family, friends, faculty, and staff—the PTA was able to raise \$12,000 for additional educational opportunities for all of our students. A HUGE congratulation goes out to all who rallied to get pledges and make this event a success. The top money “makers” for each grade level were:

- PK (Greaver): Luke M. (\$65)
- KG (Simpkins): Ashlynn C. (\$205)
- Grade 1 (Stagge): Noah W. (\$340)
- Grade 2 (Johnson): Mason M. (\$180)
- Grade 3 (Shanahan): Ashley R. (\$208)
- Grade 4 (Pugh): Celgen M. (\$195)

- Grade 5 (Berkey): Katie C. (\$200)
These students will have the opportunity to throw a pie at Mr. Weber at a school-wide assembly after the winter break. Way to go!!

Ms. Simpkins was the top faculty member fund raiser with over \$200. Thank you!

Mrs. Shanahan's third grade class brought in \$1,595 as a combined effort of 13 students and will receive a pizza party also after the winter break. Outstanding!

The students who completed the most laps and will receive a pizza party and extra time in the gymnasium with six friends are:

- Kindergarten (all with 12 laps): Sydney S. (Burgess), Anna E. (Simpkins), Brent N. (Simpkins), Juliette S. (Heckscher), and Julianna M. (Heckscher)
- Grade 1 (18 laps): Allison .(Lake)
- Grade 2 (21 laps): Mason M.(Johnson)
- Grade 3 (36 laps): Buxter G.(Barker)
- Grade 4 (39 laps): Holly F.(Atabek-Gabriel)
- Grade 5 (18 laps): Noah J. (Berkey)

A heartfelt thank you again goes out to all who helped make this fundraiser for Pine Grove Elementary students a tremendous accomplishment!

Parent News

If any families would like to showcase their heritage for a month, please see Vicki Uzarowski or Lauren Greaver.

When you shop at Target, ask how you can donate money to PGES!

Pine Grove Elementary would like to thank our volunteers for their help and support in the classroom every day, as well as the fall dance, the fall fitness walkathon, Kids Go Shopping, and the winter concerts. Thanks for all you do!

The third grade students would like to thank all the parents, teachers, and students who supported the reindeer candy cane sales. This helped the students to apply all that they learned in their Econ and Me unit.

Cartridge Recycling

Cartridge recycling is back!! Together we can help the planet and raise funds for our school. Tell your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to save their printer cartridges, video games, used cell phones, digital cameras, laptops, DVD movies, ipods, pda's/palm pilots. All you have to do is bring them to school and put them in the box in the lobby. It's that easy. I'll pack them up and ship them out. A flyer has been distributed with information you may want to keep for future reference. Any questions may be directed to Mrs. Greco at 410-887-5267.