



# Pine Grove Elementary School

# HERITAGE

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

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**February 22, 2007**

## HOME OF THE PANDA CALENDAR

### February

**22-28** Vision/hearing screening

**23** MSDE recognizes PGES for MSA performance

### March

**1** MSDE Principals' Academy

**2** Young Authors' Tea (2:30 p.m.)

**5** Market Day pickup (4-6 p.m.)

**6** PTA Board meeting (7 p.m.)

**12** MSA—Grade 5 reading

**13** MSA—Grade 5 reading  
Grade 1 to Camp Puh'tok

**14** MSA—Grade 4 math; grade 3 reading

**15** MSA—Grade 4 math; grade 3 reading

**16** MSA—Grade 5 math  
Class and individual picture day

**19** MSA—Grade 5 math

**20** MSA—Grade 3 math; grade 4 reading

**21** MSA—Grade 3 math; grade 4 reading

Pre-K to the BMA

**22-27** MSA make-up days

**23** K-1 and K-2 to BMA

**28** "Character Counts" assembly  
(9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7 p.m.)

### From The Principal's Desk

On February 23, Baltimore County Public Schools and the Maryland State Department of Education will recognize Pine Grove Elementary School for our students' outstanding performance on the 2006 Maryland School Assessment (MSA). We are proud of our students and their accomplishments. These scores are tributes to the strong instructional programs delivered by our excellent teachers, our students' outstanding efforts, and our supportive parents. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our outstanding achievement on the 2006 MSA tests.

Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will take the 2007 MSA reading and math assessments from March 12-27, 2007. Each group of students will be involved in testing for four mornings during that time period. Our students have worked conscientiously throughout the school year, and I am confident that our students will perform at an outstanding level on the 2007 MSA tests.

### Bus Riding Procedures

Students **will not** be permitted to go home with another student on a different bus or be allowed to leave with a person not listed on their emergency card

unless they bring a note from their parents (or we get a phone call from a parent/guardian).

### Pine Grove Student News



Even though we've had some snow days, the **students in K-1** certainly are not hibernating. They are discussing the special days in February (Groundhog's Day, Lincoln's birthday, Valentine's Day, and Presidents' Day). Each event provided the children with fun projects and special learning activities. The highlight of the month was celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of kindergarten. Check out the **kindergarten** hallway to see the special projects the students made to commemorate this wonderful day.

**BIG NEWS: K-1** is on-line. Check out our website for up-to-the-minute news about our classroom!

**Mrs. Glascock's class** would like to welcome our new student teacher, Ms. Wdowiak. We are very excited to work with her this spring!

**Mr. Pugh's class** would like to welcome Loyola intern Jillian Farmer to their class. Miss Farmer will be working with **Mr. Pugh's class** until May. Learn more about Miss Farmer and **Mr. Pugh's class** at [www.misterpugh.com](http://www.misterpugh.com).

### Kindergarten Registration

Please mark your calendars for our kindergarten registration, which will be held on Wednesday, April 18, and pre-kindergarten registration, which will be held on Thursday, April 19. If your child will be attending first grade at Pine Grove Elementary but did not attend Pine Grove Elementary for kindergarten, you will also

need to register your child at this time. Call the school office at 410-887-5267 to arrange a registration time.

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2007. Prekindergarten students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2007. We will have a limited number of openings for prekindergarten students next year. The openings will be reserved for students who meet the automatic eligibility requirements for prekindergarten. An eligible prekindergarten child is defined as a child who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- ✓ is eligible for free or reduced meal program
- ✓ is eligible for ESL services as a result of screening by the Office of World Languages
- ✓ has been referred by an IEP Team with an IEP that specifies a service delivery model of regular prekindergarten education

We will screen additional children for prekindergarten eligibility after students who meet the automatic criteria have been registered.

### Math Facts Wall of Fame

The following students have been added to the Math Facts Wall of Fame for February:

Grade 5—Andrew T., Amanda H., Brianna P., Shannon S., Emily L., Shirley B., Allison H., and Andrew P.

Grade 3—Victoria K.

Grade 2—Emmerich B. and Mykenzie Lu.

Grade 1—Patrick B., Sarah B., and Troy T.

### Safe and Orderly Action Team

We would like to say congratulations and thank you to the following students who have been

recognized for their good safety practices in school:

Michael R., Tori R., A.J. H., Hasina B., Kylee L., Nasir A., Diamond C., Tyler C., Daniel K., Bethany M., Christine K., Shymia I., Kevin Y., Casey B., Heather C., Josh P., Morgan Y., Morganne M., Jermaine M., Gregory E., Justin H., Brianna D., Joseph W., and Souvik P.. These children will have their star put on the Walk of Fame!

Congratulations also go to the following classes who have won the Safety Trophy for having the best safety record in school for a 2-week period: Ms. Greaver, Mrs. Heckscher, Mrs. McDonough, and Mrs. Johnson.

### **Special Days Book Club**

Looking for a unique way to honor your child on a special day? For \$15, you may select a book for our library that will have a personalized bookplate placed in the front. What a great way to honor your child and add to our library at the same time! Mrs. Ambridge, our librarian, has lots of books for you to choose from. Send a note with your child and a check payable to Pine Grove Elementary School whenever a special day is near.

### **Lost and Found**

Please check our lost and found area (located in front of the cafeteria) for

any items your child may have lost. We have many coats, hats, gloves, etc. Putting your child's name in these items will make it easier to return them to the right student.

### **Citizens' Advisory Committee for Gifted and Talented (GT) Education Meeting**

The Citizens' Advisory Committee for GT Education meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 14, at 7 p.m., at the ESS Building at Greenwood (6901 N. Charles Street, Towson 21204). The topic is "The GT Program from the Principals' Perspective." This is an opportunity for parents to meet with principals and discuss the GT program in our schools and to speak directly with administrators and share questions. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact Tracey Myers-Preston at [theprestongroup@comcast.net](mailto:theprestongroup@comcast.net) or call 410-494-8777.

### **Northeast Advisory Council Meeting**

The next Northeast Advisory Council meeting will be held on March 21, 2007, at Kingsville Elementary School at 7 p.m.