



# Pine Grove Elementary School

# HERITAGE

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

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## HOME OF THE PANDA CALENDAR

### January

**26** Schools closed for students

### February

**3** Skateland (4:30-6:30 p.m.)

**5** Mr. Weber at court re vandalized tree

**6** PGMS orientation at PGES for grade 5 students (9:30 a.m.)  
PTA Board meeting (7 p.m.)

**8** Bus evacuation (a.m.)

**12-16** School Spirit Week

**19** Schools closed for Presidents' Day

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

**21** SIT meeting (2:30 p.m.)

**22-28** Vision/hearing screening

staff and the effort of our students, PGES should, once again, perform above the satisfactory ranges.

### School Policy

Due to increased acts of non-parental/non-custodial adults entering schools across the country, our **doors do not open until 9 a.m. for students and/or parents**. If the weather is inclement, students and parents will be allowed in the lobby area, but they **will not have access to the rest of the building until the 9 a.m. bell**. We are requesting that both students and parents enter the school via the main door and not use the doors by the custodial office or intervention room. All doors will be secured at 8:30 a.m. Students required to be here prior to the start of school (Madrigals, tutoring, etc.) should wait in the lobby to be picked up by the sponsoring teacher.

At dismissal in the afternoon, **parents, except for early dismissals, will not be admitted to the building until the bell rings at 3:45 p.m.** In the event of inclement weather, parents will be admitted into the main lobby, but **they will not be able to go to their son's/daughter's class until the 3:45 p.m. bell has rung.**

### From The Principal's Desk

We are less than 2 months away from the administration of the MSA. As we gear up for the assessments, daily attendance and homework completion are of even greater importance. Please mark your calendars from March 12-27, 2007. That is the MSA testing window. A good night's sleep and a good breakfast often help student performance. Through the hard work and dedication of our wonderful

This policy came as a result of the suggestion and encouragement of the Safe and Orderly Schools Action Team, a part of the School Improvement Team. The safety of our students is paramount in all of our thinking. Please call the school office with any questions or concerns.

All students should use the crosswalk by Miss Cindy when coming to school. **Students are not permitted to cut across the grass or the teachers' or bus parking lots!!**

### Pine Grove Student News



**Mrs. Greaver's prekindergarten students** are *moving* through the year as we learn about transportation through a variety of poems and stories.

**The boys and girls in K-1** certainly came back from the winter holiday break eager to learn! They are learning many new letter sounds and are using those sounds to spell and write words and sentences. The students are discovering concepts about winter as they explore their Shared Reading texts each week. They practiced reading-to-perform-a-task skills as they followed a recipe card to prepare and eat a Hibernating Bear Paw for snack! **K-1** wishes everyone a happy, healthy new year!

**The boys and girls in third grade** are “gearing up” for this year’s Safe Racer unit. Students will work in teams to design vehicles which will travel the farthest and will keep Eggbert (an uncooked egg) safe while traveling in the vehicle.

**The boys and girls in Mrs. Shanahan's class** are working on being better writers. They have been

focusing on organizing their ideas in the stories they are currently writing. They are learning ways to keep their reader “hooked.”

### 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. Call the school office at 410-887-5267 to arrange a registration time.

### Math Facts Wall of Fame

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

Grade 3—Alexandra H.

Grade 2—Tom M. and Arvin C.

Grade 1—Lindsay B., Lindsay L., Kati P., Jacob ., and Mason M.

### Safe and Orderly Action Team

The Safe and Orderly Action Team would like to congratulate all the students who have been recognized for practicing good safety in school. Students have designed safety posters with important messages that are displayed each week in the lobby. Safety trophies have been awarded to the classes with the best safety record in a 2-week period. These terrific students are in the following classes: Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Stagge, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Ploskon, Mrs. Frist, Mrs. Barker, and Mrs. Glascock. The WALK OF FAME banner down by the gym boasts the names of many more safety conscious students. They are recognized for walking carefully in the halls, especially at dismissal time. These students are: Zach S., Alysha H., Erin M., Kryssa M., Mary B., Faith G., Brandon C., Jeannette M., Fredy G., Mina L., Justin S.,

Tim K., Emily S., Gregory B., Keelie H., Jake S., Ola A., Autumn E., Erika S., Yelee K., John M., Daniel A., Brandon F., Calvin H., Zaria H., Alex M., and Cody L.

### **Vision/Hearing Screening**

Vision and hearing screening will take place in our school the end of February. All students in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 3 and 5 will be screened. In addition, all students new to the Baltimore County Public Schools system will be tested. If you have concerns about your child's vision or hearing and your child is not scheduled to be screened this year, please call the nurse at 410-887-5449. Arrangements will be made to have your child tested.

### **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.

### **Northeast Advisory Council Meeting**

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