



Pine Grove Elementary School

HERITAGE

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

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HOME OF THE PANDA

CALENDAR

January

- 28 Schools closed for students—
professional day**
- 30** Ronald McDonald assembly for
Tots-grade 3 (9:30 a.m.)
SIT meeting (4:15 p.m.)
French classes start for
Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Ploskon's
Classes

February

- 2** Skateland (4:30-6:30 p.m.)
- 4** Bus evacuation drill
- 5** PTA Board meeting (7 p.m.)
- 8** STAR Lab arrives at PGES
- 11** Opera assembly for grades 3-5
(10 a.m.)
Report cards go home
- 12 Schools closed for Election Day**
- 18 Schools closed for Presidents'
Day**
- 21** STAR Lab leaves

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 April 1-15, 2008.

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

REVISED SCHOOL POLICY

Due to recent events at PGES, other schools in BCPS, and the nation at large, we are tightening security. **Beginning Monday, February 4, 2008, parents will be required to drop off and/or pick up their children outside of the front door of the school. Parents will not be admitted into the building at arrival or dismissal times. Parents who need to access the building will have to gain admittance by buzzing the main office. Once admitted, they will be required to sign in at the office and secure a visitor's pass or a volunteer badge.** We are requesting that both students and parents enter and exit the school via the main door only. 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. Remember, the safety of all of our constituents (students, staff, and parents) is of paramount importance to PGES and

BCPS. The new “Kiss and Go” initiative is unfortunate, but necessary.

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!!**

Volunteers

Pine Grove Elementary School would like to thank our volunteers for all of their work and support in the classrooms. **Effective February 4, all volunteers will be required to fill out and wear a Volunteer Badge, which will identify you by name and the area you will be working. The badges will be located at the volunteer desk, just outside of the main office.**



Pine Grove Student News

The prekindergarten students are sorting and sequencing as they learn about community helpers and transportation. The students would like to thank Miss Atabek for all of her hard work in the classroom. We will miss you!

The boys and girls in K-1 came back from the winter break eager to learn! They are learning many new letter sounds and are using those sounds to spell and write words in sentences. The students are discovering signs of winter as they explore their shared reading texts each week. They are having fun exploring concepts of measurement during their math workshop time. **K-1** wishes everyone a happy, healthy new year!

First grade is making earth shaping news with their play dough land forms and water physical features projects.

These fantastic features can be seen outside rooms 8 and 13 during the next week.

The boys and girls in

Mrs. Shanahan’s class have been working through the design process in science class. They have researched, designed safe racers, tested the racers, and are working on their modifications. When all the third grade classes have finished making their vehicles, then the classes will compete to see which will represent Pine Grove Elementary at the STEM Fair in the spring.

Reading Action Team News

Parent Autographs Needed! Are you signing your child’s Panda Reading calendar? It only takes a few minutes to initial your child’s calendar each and AND it’s required homework. Remember: *The more you read, the more you know; and the more you know, the smarter you grow!*

News from the Health Suite

If your child has borrowed clothing from the nurse, please return it to the health suite. Our supplies are gone at this time. Another suggestion is to let your child keep an extra set of clothes in the locker in case it is needed.

Safe and Orderly Schools

Take a look at our banner hanging just outside of the gym. It is filled with the names of safe children! The newest stars on the Walk of Fame are: Sasha P., Rojin R., Jacob S., Summer-Leigh W., Connor O., Noah J., Kristine K., Allison A., Tyler L., Nicholas B., Wesley W., Isabelle D., Scott K., Asia P., and Chris B.. These children are helping to make our hallways and sidewalks at Pine Grove Elementary safe!

Mrs. Berkey and Mrs. Glascock’s classes both won the safety trophy for the best safety record in a 2-week period.

Congratulations to the children in both classes.

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 January:

Grade 1—Chelece' C., Helyan E., George H., Julia L., Alexandria M., Ryan M., Camila S., Dylan S., Andrew W., Joiya W.

Grade 2—Alex B., Jamil B., Mindy C., Angel F., Tom M., Elizabeth S., Josh T., SangMin Y.

Grade 4—Danielle A., Justin B., Amari I., KBin K., August L., Daniel M., Erin M., Yixuan P., Anthony R., Dustin R., Brett S.

Grade 5—Paige A., Ruth B., Bobby B., Heather C., Katie C., A.J. H., Ronald H., Rosie K., Na'im K., Yelee K., Keri K., Riley M., Sophia M., Justin S., Akyra S., Matt S.

Whittle Night

Thank you to all of our students, parents, family, and friends who attended our annual Whittle photo night. Our students did an excellent job with their movement routines and continued to follow the safety rules of the equipment. **Please send in your child's photos as soon as possible to put on our Whittle photo wall.** Congratulations on a job well done!!

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.

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.

Weather Information Telephone Line

A weather information telephone hotline is available 24 hours a day to find out if school arrival or dismissal times are being affected by inclement weather. The number is 410-887-5555.

You may also register on a Snow Closing Website to receive email about snow closings, late openings, and early dismissals as soon as BCPS makes a decision. To register:

- Go to www.schools-out.com
- Under *School Closing Information*, click *Maryland*
- Under *Public K12 Schools*, click *Baltimore County*
- Click *I WANT E-Mail* at the bottom of the page
- Click *Submit*

St. John's Open House

You are invited to St. John's Lutheran School's Open House, January 22-25, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Visitors can tour the facilities and observe classes. Applications will be accepted for the 2008-2009 school year beginning

January 22. St. John's Lutheran School is located at 13300 Manor Road in Glen Arm, at the intersection of Manor and Dulaney Valley Roads. Classes are offered for 2, 3, and 4 year olds, as well as kindergarten. St. John's is approved by the Maryland State Department of Education. For information and applications, please call Director Jan Watson at 410-592-8019.