



Pine Grove Elementary School

HERITAGE

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

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HOME OF THE PANDA

CALENDAR

March

21-30 Schools closed for spring break

31 Schools reopen

April

1-15 MSA testing in grades 3, 4, 5
(Be here!)

8 PTA Board meeting (7 p.m.)

11-16 MSA make-ups

16-17 PK, KG registration

18 Third marking period ends—

Schools dismiss 3 hours early

21 PGES climate surveys go home

22 Joe Romano assembly (9:30 a.m.)

23-May 8 MSA Science on-line in grade 5
(TBA)

In the meantime, I hope that all of the members of the Pine Grove Elementary School community have a wonderful spring break. I hope you can take a break from your busy schedules and spend lots of time with your family and friends.

Kindergarten and Prekindergarten Registration

Please mark your calendars for our kindergarten and prekindergarten registration, which will be held on Wednesday, April 16, and Thursday, April 17. 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, 2008. Prekindergarten students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2008. 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:

From the Principal's Desk

Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will take the 2008 MSA reading and math assessments from April 1-15, 2008. 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 2008 MSA tests.

- ✓ 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.



Pine Grove Student News

Prekindergarten students are ready for spring as we learn about using our five senses to enjoy the world around us! We have started learning about different kinds of art to prepare for our trip to the Baltimore Museum of Art in April.

The **boys and girls in K-1** have begun a wonderful unit of study— Exploring Language and Literacy Through the Arts. They are learning about paintings, prints, drawings, photographs, textiles, and decorative arts. The students will experience an in-depth exploration of six works of art from the Baltimore Museum of Art. The culminating activity of their unit is a trip to the museum on April 10.

The **third grade students** have been preparing for the upcoming MSA test. They have been reviewing reading strategies, math content, and test-taking tips. They are ready for this test!!

The **students in Mrs. Shanahan’s class** have continued to work on the 6+1 writing traits. They have recently written stories with lots of vivid verbs and specific

nouns. They worked on “shows not tells,” as well. The students also worked on staying focused on a specific topic by writing postcards about a United States symbol. They learned about these symbols in social studies. Their writing continues to impress!

Original Poems from Ms. Lake’s Class

Cold Snowflakes

Cold snowflakes
A clear white wonderland
The days go by
And I sigh
But the cold snowflakes
Don’t go.
It keeps on snowing
All day.
It’s a snow cold wonderland.

By Julia Lowman

When the ground is cold
And the rivers are ice
And the fish are frozen
And snowflakes are falling
With the ice.
It is so pretty.

By Gregory Eick

Walk of Fame

New stars on the Walk of Fame go to: Lynnea P., Ricardo C., Calvin H., Candice H., Greg B., Richard S., Gia S., Sean Mc., Zion Ok., Molly E., Kyle E., Erin M., Noah Jo., Morgan O., Alex B., Madison M., Nick R., Lauren W., Helen L., Grace B., Brandon R., Ambrosia C., Allan P., Ronald H., Luke M., Julianna L., and Meg S.. Thank you to all these children for practicing good safety habits at Pine Grove Elementary.

Trophies were awarded to the following classes for having great safety records: Ms. Lake, Mrs. Andrzejewski,

Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Hayes, and Mrs. Crowl's classes. Congratulations to all!

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 March:

Grade 1—Danny A., Tyler L., Sasha P., Jake S., Ryan V.

Grade 2—Dante C., Candice H., Morgan Y.

Volunteers

Pine Grove Elementary would like to thank the volunteers for all of their hard work in the classrooms!

McDonald's Night

Pine Grove Elementary will be hosting a "McDonald's Night" on Monday, April 21, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Joppa Road location. The class that has the best student attendance will get a McDonald's party in the classroom!

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.

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.

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*

Math Homework Helpers

Need help with your math homework? Want to win a prize? Then,

watch Math Homework Helpers on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. on The Education Channel—Comcast Cable 73. Be sure to call in at 410-494-1459, get help

with your math homework, and spin the prize wheel for a fantastic prize!

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.