

NOVEMBER Newsletter



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From Mr. Smith

"We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have."

Frederick Keonig

As we enter November, many are making arrangements to travel, planning and shopping for the Thanksgiving meal, and anticipating some time away from work and school. The words quoted above remind us how important it is also to set aside time during the busy days ahead to appreciate the many things we are blessed with. We sometimes get caught up in wanting "more" in life hop-

ing that will bring us happiness, overlooking those things already available to us - a roof over our heads, the love of a child, a sense of family, and a country that provides freedom and opportunity.

The same is true for Pine Crest. Are there things I want for our school? Sure, there are - more technology, newer textbooks and additional staff to name a few. But as I think about what

we do have - children excited to learn, a dedicated staff and supportive families, I realize what a great school community we have. Without these, those items on my wish list would be a waste of time and money. Good things are happening every day for our students through the efforts of many - we are truly blessed.

I am thankful for our students, families and staff at Pine Crest and wish you all a happy Thanksgiving holiday!



A roof over our heads,
the love of a child,
a sense of family.....
What are you thankful for?

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PC Musical Notes

Mrs. Bontjes is excited to be teaching music at Pine Crest and has enjoyed meeting and working with the students and staff here. She has been reassigned to include Pine Crest music in her schedule.

The first weeks of music were spent getting to know music room rules and procedures. Along the way we sang, danced, played instruments, marched and had lots of fun. Our main focus was on keeping a steady beat for all and learning the difference between a steady beat and the rhythm for 2nd and 3rd grades.

November will be a busy month as we prepare for our Christmas Programs. This year's Christmas Programs will be presented on Dec. 6th for Kindergarten and 1st Grade students and on Dec. 7th for 2nd and 3rd Grade students. An afternoon dress rehearsal for the grades performing that evening will begin at 1:00 p.m. on both the 6th and 7th and is open to the public.

A Pine Crest Music website is in the works. As soon as it is ready, a link will be added next to Mrs. Bontjes' name on the Pine Crest webpage.



KINDERGARTEN KUDOS

FIRST GRADE GREETINGS

Can you believe we are one fourth of the way through the school year already? It doesn't seem possible that we are well into the second nine weeks!

Read to your child and listen to them read too!

for November. This is a fun and exciting trip and you will receive more information very soon concerning details.

Sharing books and a love of reading with your child is always important. We encourage you to read to your child and listen to them read too. Our expectations are increasing and mastery of academic skills are of utmost importance.

As a reminder, please check your child's communication folder daily for homework, notes, news and updates.

Our first lesson with the University of Illinois Extension Office was in October and everyone learned valuable and healthy information concerning hand washing. Remind your child to sing the ABC's after he/she lathers up in order to get a thorough and complete hand cleaning.

Our first field trip to The Festival of Trees is planned

It has been another busy month at Pine Crest. We had the opportunity of having the ladies from the U of I Extension Office come and share with us the importance of hand washing. The students loved the "pretend " gems and magic light that showed them how well they did on washing them away.

It was nice having our grandparents come and visit with us in our classroom and we would like them to know they are always welcomed.

We enjoyed our first field trip to Hardy's Reindeer

Farm where we went on a hayride around the reindeer ranch, picked out a pumpkin, and had a great time at the park. It was educational and fun!



Thank you to all that came to our Parent/Teacher conferences.

It's always wonderful when we can talk to you about your child and assure you we are here to help your child get the best education they deserve.

As a reminder, we are still saving Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels, so send them in please!



SECOND GRADE TIMES

We are already into the second nine weeks of school! This year is just flying by! Thank you to all of the parents who participated in Parent Teacher Conferences. As teachers, we thoroughly appreciate parents who actively participate in their child's education. Your support makes a huge educational difference.



This has been a bustling fall. We've had several assemblies, another fall celebration, classroom parties, and

other fun pursuits. We also have an upcoming Family Reading Night for families of 2nd and 3rd graders on November 2nd from 6:00 – 7:00. Our next 2 quarter Tuesday is November 16th—this will be a "backwards day". The students have really enjoyed these special Tuesdays, and our school has raised some extra money to supplement even more special activities. Thank you again for your support of our school and your child's education.

We thoroughly appreciate parents who actively participate in their child's education.

THIRD GRADE THOUGHTS

It's hard to believe it's already November here at Pine Crest! Thank you to all that were able to attend conferences, we enjoyed being able to meet with all of you.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Mary the Science Lady for coming in and helping us learn about simple machines. All the classes had a great time! We have started

the U of I Extension Nutrition class that comes once a month to

our classrooms. Last month, we learned how important it is to wash our hands to keep sickness away. This is especially important with flu season sneaking up on us!

Our next Homework Hero party will be on November 5th. Please remind your student how important it is to get their homework done each night and returned on time the next day! Lastly, our next STI test will be on November 10th. Have a safe and great Thanksgiving holiday!

WE LOVE OUR SOCIAL WORKERS!

Center for Children's Services

Does your Child.....

- * Skip school?
- * Make threats when he/she gets mad?
- * Have a close friend or family member in jail for a violet crime?

If so, you should contact:

The Center for Children's Services
"Reaching Out to Help" Program

This is a program to help with the prevention of aggression and violence for youth ages 5 to 17 and their families. Program services include: resource linkage, case management services, youth/tween/teen summits, various after school activities (within area schools and in the community), assisting youth and their families with coping skills for anger management, peer and family issues, and developing positive ways to discuss the issues that may arise.

Please Contact:

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PBIS "COOL TOOL"

CITIZENSHIP



Citizenship is having the desire to help out in your community and also caring about others who live and work around you.

Be a good citizen by following the rules and participating in group activities and decisions. Also, volunteer your time in your neighborhood, your community and your school.



PBIS "COOL TOOL"

THANKFULNESS

Thankfulness is a warm feeling of gratitude. We are thankful for many things; our family, our friends and our teachers as well as kind things others have done for us.



When I am thankful for what others have done for me or have given to me, I let them know by saying, "Thank you".



GRADING CHANGE

Beginning with the 2nd Nine Weeks grading period, the subjects of Art, Music, Physical Education and Hand Writing will be given grades of "Satisfactory" (S) or "Unsatisfactory" (U). Please look for these changes and discuss them with your children.

BOX TOPS

Guess how much money we have raised so far from collecting Box Tops?
Go ahead.....
Guess!

\$1,040.30

In the words of Mrs. Glascott's class....
WHOO HAAAWW!

Early Childhood

Wow! We are having fun in EC! So many new and interesting activities are coming up in November. We will be learning about our Five Senses, Our Families and why we celebrate Thanksgiving.



Thank you so much for sharing your child with us. We

really appreciate the trust you have placed in us.



Just a few dates to remember:

- * November 16 — VASE Audiology will be here for re-checks
- * November 16—"Two Quarter Tuesday" featuring Backwards Day!
- * November 25 & 26 No School!

Mrs. Burgin's Bunch

Thank you to Mrs. Beyers and Mrs. Martin for inviting us to Hog Wallow Farm! The field trip was fun! Our class really enjoyed the hayride, slides and learning about pumpkins.

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 DI Monical's Fundraiser	2 Second & Third Grade Family Read- ing Night 6-7 PM	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends Turn Clocks BACK 1 Hour	8	9	10	11 No School Veteran's Day	12	13
14 	15	16 2 Quarter Tuesday "Backwards Day" Kindergarten to Festival Trees Glascott & Swick PTO at RF	17 Kindergarten to Festival of Trees Dighton & White Progress Reports	18	19	20
21	22 Second Grade Maple Syrup Demonstration at PC Community Christmas Parade	23	24 Early Dismissal 1:40	25 Happy Thanksgiving! 	26 No School	27
28	29	30				

PTO HIGHLIGHTS

The PTO began a noodle fundraiser on Friday, October 22 at the high school football game. Students brought order forms home on Monday, October 25 to begin to sell and the sale will end November 8.

We will be hosting a Holiday Shoppe this year for the students to purchase affordable gifts for friends and family. The Holiday Shoppe will be during school hours starting November 29 through December 10. We are in need of volunteers so if you or anyone you may know

would be willing to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact any of the PTO members if you know anyone who would be available.

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Always at 7 PM

November 16th @ Ridge Farm
December TBA
January 18th @ Ridge Farm
February 15th @ Pine Crest
March 15th @ Ridge Farm
April 19th @ Pine Crest
May 17th @ Ridge Farm



Pine Crest Lunch Menu November 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Cheese Quesadilla Lettuce Salad / Ranch Diced Peaches Milk	2 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Green Beans Diced Pears Milk	3 Sausage Gravy over Biscuits Sausage Links Banana Halves Applesauce Milk	4 Turkey Wrap Lettuce / Cheese Baked Beans Glazed Fruit Bread and Butter Milk	5 Corn Dog m/c Cottage Cheese Corn Pineapple Tidbits Milk
8 Cheesy Breadstick Green Beans Diced Peaches Gogurt Milk	9 Nachos Supreme Corn Banana Halves Milk	10 Breaded Chicken Nug- gets BBQ Sauce Baked Beans Glazed Fruit Bread and Butter Milk	11 Veteran's Day No School Thank a Veteran Today!	12 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Carrot Sticks Applesauce Milk
15 Cheeseburger Twins Curly Fries Applesauce Milk	16 Spirals and Cheese Breaded Fish Nuggets Peas Diced Pears Milk	17 Bologna & Cheese Sand- wich m/c/m Corn Diced Peaches Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk	18 Turkey and Noodles Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Pumpkin Cake Milk	19 Hot Dog on Bun m/c Baked Beans Pineapple Slice Banana Pudding Cup Milk
22 Ham Wrap m/c Tater Tots Fruit cocktail Ice Cream Sandwich Milk	23 BBQ'd Ribette Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Iced Graham Cracker Milk	24 Soft Pretzel / Cheese Sauce Carrots Sticks Apple Halves Gogurt Milk	25 Thanksgiving Day 	26 Thanksgiving Break
29 Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Carrot Sticks / ranch dip Applesauce Iced Graham Cracker Milk	30 Sloppy Joe on Bun Dill pickles Smiley Face Potatoes Pineapple Tidbits Milk	Dec 1 School Improvement No Lunch Served Early Dismissal 11:15	2 Hamburger on Bun m/c Curly Fries Pineapple Slice Peanut Butter Cookie Milk	3 Pizzaburger Corn Diced Peaches Milk

Please send lunch money separate from breakfast money.

Milk is not provided for cold lunch, even if you are approved for free meal benefits.

Extra milk with a sack lunch costs \$.30 per carton. Milk is not provided unless paid in advance.

*approval for free or reduced-price meal benefits applies to
both breakfast and lunch*

Questions or Comments?

Contact Carol Niccum at 662-6981 or

Patty Lyons at pal@grf.k12.il.us



Pine Crest Breakfast Menu November 2010



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 CoCo Roos Cereal Cheddar Goldfish Apple Juice Milk	2 Blueberry Pancake on Stick Rice Krispie Treat Tangerine Juice Milk	3 Froot Loops Cereal Strawberry Pop-Tart Apple Juice Milk	4 Brown Sugar Cinn. Pop-Tart Banana Tangerine Juice Milk	5 Lucky Charms Cereal Animal Crackers Grape Juice Milk
8 Apple Jacks Cereal Elf Graham Crackers Apple Juice Milk	9 S'mores Pop-Tart Banana White Grape Juice Milk	10 Fruit Cheerios Cereal Animal Crackers Fruit Punch Juice Milk	11 Veteran's Day No School Thank a Veteran Today!	12 Cinn.Toast Crunch Cereal Animal Crackers Grape Juice Milk
15 Frosted Flakes Cereal Blueberry Pop-Tart Apple Juice Milk	16 Rainbow Yogurt Animal Crackers Tangerine Juice Milk	17 Froot Loops Cereal Strawberry Pop-Tart Apple Juice Milk	18 String Cheese Cheddar Goldfish Crackers White Grape Juice Milk	19 CoCo Roos Cereal Cheddar Goldfish Crackers Apple Juice Milk
22 Lucky Charms Cereal Animal Crackers Grape Juice Milk	23 Funnel Cake Banana Apple Juice Milk	24 Fruit Cheerios Cereal Animal Crackers Fruit Punch Juice Milk	25 Thanksgiving Day 	26 Thanksgiving Break
29 CoCo Roos Cereal Cheddar Goldfish Crackers Apple Juice Milk	30 Cinnamon Texas Toast Animal Crackers Tangerine Juice Milk	Dec 1 Froot Loops Cereal Strawberry Pop-Tart Apple Juice Milk	2 Rainbow Yogurt Banana White Grape Juice Milk	3 Apple Jacks Cereal Elf Graham Cracker Apple Juice Milk

Please send breakfast money for the week on Monday, separate from lunch money.

Breakfast is served from 7:15 a.m.—7:50 a.m.

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