

Pine Crest Newsletter October 2010

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From Mr. Smith

October will be a busy month as we have a variety of activities occurring which include a Fire Safety Week program, K-1 Family Reading Night, school-wide assembly, and our monthly "mini celebration" for PBIS. Our first report card of the year will going home on Wednesday, October 20th.

You should have received a progress report last week which gives you an indication of how well your student is doing in school. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher and plan to attend our Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 21st and 22nd. Parent/Teacher

What is a MIMIO?

And what does a MIMIO have to do with BoxTops?

Turn to page 5 to find out!

Conferences will also mark the beginning of our annual Scholastic Book Fair that will have a variety of books for children of all ages available to purchase for use at home or donate to your child's classroom. Please take a few minutes before or after your conference and stop by the library for some early Christmas shopping!

A big THANK YOU for those who participated in

our recent candle fundraiser! Because of your efforts we were able to raise some additional funds to be used to provide more resources and activities for our students! We've been focusing on increasing our technology resources and hope to be making some more additions to our classrooms very soon!

We've seen the temperatures start to drop recently and it reminds us that soon winter will be here. I encourage you to take advantage of the remaining warm weather weekends and enjoy some special outdoor activities with your family.

Parents

Have you scheduled your Parent/Teacher Conference YET?????

Communication between Home and School is VITAL! Your child's teacher has prepared information to share with you.

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www.grf.k12.il.us
www.boxtops4education.com
www.labelsforeducation.com
www.mycokerewards.com/home.do



Did you lose your Lunch Menu or Calendar?

Go to the website!

www.grf.k12.il.us

**PBIS Behavior
Remember to....
Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be a Pine Crest Pal!**

Kindergarten Kudos

Miss Dighton Mrs. Glascott Mrs. Swick Mrs. White

Kindergarten is working on letters and their sounds, numbers, number writing, and a few sight words. Any extra practice you can work on at home will be helpful. We are also beginning to put sounds together to make words.

Right now we are limited as to how many we can sound out, but, this is a very important skill. You can help us at home by saying words to them during

bath time or while driving to Danville and asking what sounds they hear at the beginning or end of the words.

This will help to make them aware of the sounds that, when put together, make words. Counting to 25 will be graded this 9 weeks so practicing that at home would be great.



Not sure if you know the **CORRECT** letter sounds?

You are not alone!

Go to youtube.com and search for

Barbara Milne's Alphabet Sounds or

The Letter Sounds Song

First Grade Greetings

Mrs. Goodwin Mrs. Daulton
Mrs. Kistler Mrs. Kotcher

We are finally getting settled in to a routine. Your child has a story, spelling words and vocabulary practice to do daily at home. Please, please, please make sure they are practicing these daily. The more they see and read the words the more it will help them become fluent readers in the end.

Also, please make sure you check your child's folder daily. They usually have phonics and math homework every day. The

only days they will not have homework will be the days they have a test in either phonics or math and Fridays. It is very important that we work together to make your child feel successful at school.

We will be sending something home in the near future about a field trip for the first grade so keep an eye out for it. As the weather changes, please dress your child appropriately.

Signs of Second Grade

Mrs. Ehrich Mrs. George
Mrs. Higgins Mrs. Thornton

School is well underway! It's hard to believe that the first progress reports have already been sent home.

Report cards and parent-teacher conferences are just around the corner. Additionally, the students have already participated in their first celebration—a fun fall scavenger hunt.

With our bustling schedule, the second

grade team really appreciates parents taking the time to check and sign student homework. Thanks for teaming with us in your child's education.



Third Grade Notes

Miss Bowman Miss Davis Mrs. Higgins Mrs. Klink

One month of Third Grade under our belts and we're off to a good start! We want to thank you for visiting our Open House; we hope you enjoyed seeing what your student has accomplished so far. We are pleased to have had one successful Homework Hero Party and are looking forward to many more rewards for super students. The Homework Hero Club is an incentive for students to complete and return homework on a daily basis. We are excited to announce that we will be having a special guest visiting our classrooms: Miss Mary from Science and Math Adventure will be talking to all students in the third grade about simple machines on October 13th and 14th. Look for more details coming soon.



Something new in third grade for parents and students is our STI Assessment. This is an assessment in a testing format that looks similar to the ISAT and helps us collect data and monitor overall progress. These are very important, so please make sure that students are at school on time on testing days. The next assessment will be November 7th. Please remember to check your students' folders each night for notes and homework. Also, your student should have their assignment notebook signed each evening. All third grade classrooms have a website; feel free to visit for homework assignments, spelling lists, photos and more.

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Early Childhood

Mrs. Beyers & Mrs. Martin

We are learning about the beauties of fall. Please remember to be present at the door when the bus comes. This is for your child's safety.

Special Dates

Grandparents Day	9-28-10
Walking to Fire Station	10-7-05
Pheobe's Birthday	10-5-05
No School Fall Institute	10-8-10
No School Columbus Day	10-11-05
No afternoon class	10-21-05
No School P-T Conference	10-22-05



We LOVE Our Social Workers!

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Troyer

Our 2nd and 3rd grade self awareness/self expression groups have begun. We are working for 8 sessions on identification and expression of feelings. Future groups will teach social skills, communication, anger management, and coping skills. Kindergarten and First grade students will also soon be involved in groups. Parents are always welcome to call Mrs. Wilson or stop in to see her at Pine Crest.





PBIS News



"Two Quarter Tuesday!" is back! Tuesday, October 5 will have face painting for those students who bring 2 Quarters. Any parent who would like to volunteer, please call Pine Crest and ask for Thelma Grave.

The annual Pine Crest Spooktacular will also be on Friday, October 29. All students who have 80% Green Behavior will be able to participate in activities such as games, crafts, etc. After the Celebration, all students will then attend the parties in their rooms.

Please talk to your child about our Thumbs Up motto—These are great rules to follow at home as well as at school! Don't know what our Thumbs Up motto is? Check out the front page.

News from the Reading Room

We are up and running in the Reading Room! Students are coming in to work on sounds, fluency, and sight words. They also listen to books at the listening center and check out books to read. As you can tell, we are all about reading!

Here are 12 great tips for reading with your kids:

- 1) make reading part of every day,
- 2) read very short stories to very young children,
- 3) show your child the book or magazine cover,
- 4) talk about the pictures,
- 5) let them turn pages, point to objects or characters on the page,
- 6) point to the words,
- 7) skip a word to see if they can figure out what you were going to say,
- 8) make the story come alive by varying your voice,
- 9) ask your child questions,
- 10) let your child ask questions,
- 11) encourage your child to tell you the story later, and
- 12) have fun! Choose books that are fun for your child and you, and enjoy the time you are spending together.



COMPUTER LAB

Be sure to visit Mrs. Rutter's Computer Lab web site to find the latest webpage activities that we have been working on in the lab. There are also many other fun things to do there!

<http://pinecrestcomputerlab.shutterfly.com/>



What is a MIMIO?

The mimio turns any classroom whiteboard into an interactive whiteboard. It has the same abilities as a SmartBoard, in that the teacher can create full-class, interactive lessons with documents, maps, and the Internet.

With each box top collected we are \$0.10 closer to purchasing another mimio

The mimio is connected to the teacher's desktop and projected to the whiteboard. The classroom whiteboard then

becomes "the computer monitor." The writing tool, which is similar to a marker, becomes "the mouse."

The great part is that students get to come to the board and manipulate text or data. Everything the students or their teacher write and draw is immediately captured onto the teacher's computer in color and real-time.

With each box top collected we are \$0.10 closer to purchasing another mimio for one of our classrooms here at Pine Crest. To purchase a mimio it would take approximately 8,000 box tops!

Activity 1 

My World and Internet Safety



In our family:

- We lock doors.
- We wear helmets.
- We buckle up.
- We visit the doctor.
- We don't talk to strangers.
- We keep telling each other about what we see and do on the Internet.

Every time we go on the Internet the world can come into our homes, so we need to be careful.

Parents: The most fundamental part of Internet safety is to establish regular, open communication with children about what they see and do on the Internet.
Go through the check list above, and explain: We already do many things to keep our family safe. We're going to talk about what we do to keep our family safe on the Internet.

Ask some questions:

- What are your favorite things to do on the Internet?
- What things might be scary about the Internet?
- Why is Internet safety important for our family?

Explain that you plan to have many conversations together about this important part of our lives.

Next up: Activity 2—"Meet Faux Paw the Techno Cat"

DARE Activities Sponsored By: **YAHOO!** 

PTO HIGHLIGHTS

The PTO would like to thank everyone for the YUMMY goodies that were donated to our bake sale. It was a HUGE, TASTY Success!

- President- Heather Williford
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- Secretary- Jodi Spray
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PTO MEETING DATES

Always at 7 PM

- October 19th @ Pine Crest
- 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

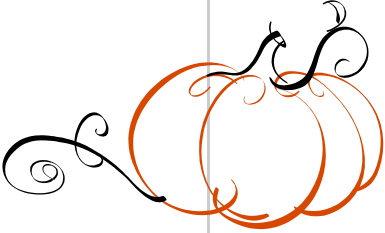
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 All in the Jeans Day	2 "National Custodial Day"
3	4	5 2 Quarter Tuesday! "Face Painting"	6	7 EC to Fire Station	8 No School Teacher Institute	9
10	11 No School "Columbus Day"	12	13	14 FFA Fire Safety	15 End of 1st Nine Weeks	16
National School Lunch Workers Week						
17	18	19 PTO 7:00 At Pine Crest	20 Report Cards	21 Early Dismissal 11:15 P/T Conf. 12-8pm	22 P/T Conf. 8am-11:30	23
				BOOK FAIR		
24	25	26 K-1 Reading Night 6-7 pm	27	28 "African Dance & Drum Troupe"	29 Fall Celebration Party 1:30	30
BOOK FAIR ALL WEEK!						
31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	1	2 2ND & 3RD FAMILY READING NIGHT				

Lunch Menu

Pine Crest School

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Cheesy Breadstick Sauce Corn Pineapple Slices Gogurt Milk P
4 Pepperoni Pizza Lettuce Salad / Ranch Fruit Cocktail Graham Cracker Milk G	5 Breaded Chicken Nuggets BBQ Sauce Corn Sliced Pineapple Chocolate Chip Cookie Bread & Butter Milk P	6 Turkey Wrap Lettuce / Cheese Baked Beans Diced Peaches Milk G	7 Grilled Cheese Sand- wich Tomato Soup Carrot Sticks Applesauce Milk P	8 No School Teacher Institute
11 No School Columbus Day	12 Breaded Corn Dog Mustard/ Ketchup Corn Glazed Fruit Bread & Butter G	13 Chicken Fajitas Soft shell / Cheese Green Beans Orange Wedges Milk P	14 Sloppy Joe on Bun Dill Pickles Smiley Face Potatoes Diced Peaches Milk G	15 Soft Pretzels Cheese Carrot Sticks Apple Halves Gogurt P
18 French Toast Sticks Syrup Bacon Slices Applesauce Banana Halves Milk G	19 Chili Mac Carrot Sticks Hot Spiced Apples Corn Bread Milk P	20 Ham Wrap with Cheese Corn Chips Green Beans Pear Halves Milk G	21 11:15 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00—8:00 pm P	22 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 am—12:00pm G
25 Hot Dog on Bun Mustard / Ketchup Tator Tots String Cheese Applecrisp Milk G	26 Taco Wedges Lettuce Salad / French Pear Halves Iced Brownie Bread & Butter Milk P	27 Pork Roast & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Milk G	28 Spirals & Cheese Peas Peanut Butter Sandwich Diced Peaches Milk P	29 Pancakes Sausage Links Applesauce Blueberry Muffin Milk G



Parents: Please send lunch money in an envelope as described in the Pine Crest Handbook. Thank you!

Questions or Comments? Contact Carol Niccum @ 662-6981 or Patty Lyons @ pal.grf.k12.il.us



Breakfast Menu

Pine Crest School

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	28 Frosted Flakes Cereal Blueberry Pop-Tart Apple Juice Milk	29 Trix Strawberry Yogurt Animal Crackers Tangerine Juice Milk	30 Goldfish Crackers String Cheese Fruit Punch Juice Milk	1 Apple Jacks Cereal Elf Graham Crackers Apple Juice Milk
4 Chocolate Chip Pop-Tarts White Grape Juice Milk	5 Funnel Cake Apple Juice Milk	6 Lucky Charms Cereal Animal Crackers Fruit Punch Juice Milk	7 Cinnamon Pizza Fruit Punch Juice Milk	8 Teacher's Institute No School
11 No School Columbus Day	12 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Rainbow Yogurt White Grape Juice Milk	13 Strawberry Frosted Pop-Tarts Tangerine Juice Milk	14 Funnel Cake Apple Juice Milk	15 Goldfish Crackers String Cheese Fruit Punch Milk
18 Froot Loops Cereal Strawberry Pop-Tarts Apple Juice Milk	19 Cinnamon Bun Stix Tangerine Juice Milk	20 Frosted Flakes Cereal Blueberry Pop-Tart Apple Juice Milk	21 11:15 Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00—8:00 pm	22 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 am—12:00 noon
25 Goldfish Crackers String Cheese Fruit Punch Juice Milk	26 Funnel Cake Apple Juice Milk	27 Trix Strawberry Yogurt Animal Crackers Tangerine Juice Milk	28 Strawberry Frosted Pop-Tarts Tangerine Juice Milk	29 Chocolate Chip Pop-Tarts White Grape Juice Milk

If your child has been approved for free lunch benefits, they are also approved for free breakfast benefits.

PARENTS: Please send your breakfast money as described in the handbook.
Thank you!

BREAKFAST PRICES ARE \$1.25 PER DAY (\$0.30 FOR APPROVED REDUCED-PRICE MEALS)

