

PINE CREST Newsletter

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Points to Ponder...

- Did you get a new cell phone or printer for Christmas? Send your old one to school to be recycled!
- PTO needs involvement from YOU! Come to a meeting to see how you can help.
- Hat, Gloves, Coat.....? Be sure your child is prepared for school each morning.
- There are a lot of great books to read to and with your child this month. Find books about snow, snowflakes, winter places and activities or Martin Luther King Jr.!

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from Mr. Smith

We recently had our first "snow day" of the school year and it came earlier



I hope everyone enjoys their break

than expected. If you did not receive notice via the Alert Now phone system, please notify the office as soon as possible so we can check our information and make sure you get future calls. This is also a good time to think about arrange-

ments you may need to make for your student's pickup and/or supervision should we have to dismiss early because of inclement weather. Unexpected early dismissals can be quite hectic in getting students home safely and any advance planning you can do will help the process greatly.

As we begin the second semester, we will be reviewing our PBIS expectations with the students. PBIS has been a great help in maintaining a positive and safe environment for our students. Please continue to encourage your student to "Go for Green!" every day.

I would like to thank our students and Mrs. Bontjes for a wonderful Christmas

program this year. Their hard work made for a very enjoyable evening.

Thanks also to our PTO for providing the Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe to give students the opportunity to buy gifts for their families. PTO has worked very hard this year on a number of activities for the benefit of our students. Please consider joining them for the next meeting on January 18th, 7:00 p.m. at Ridge Farm Elementary.

School resumes on Monday, January 3, 2011. I hope everyone enjoys their break and comes back full of energy, ready for more adventures in learning.

WINTER WEATHER is HERE!

Please remember to send your child to school with a warm coat, pair of gloves/mittens, a hat, and a scarf. The students do go outside as the weather permits. We want to make sure everyone is dressed warmly.



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Kindergarten Kudos



Your special attention is worth more to your child than anything else you could give them.

As we are looking forward to ringing in the New Year “2011”, our school routine will continue to be filled with fun learning experiences. Our 100 days of school will be fast approaching and the students can’t wait to participate in activities associated with this BIG number.

We are so proud of our students and their many accomplishments. Many students are now reading because we can identify the initial sounds and ending sounds of words, can code our vowels (which are a part of every

word we say, read, or write), and recognize our new sight words. Please keep practicing the reading books we send home and the vocabulary word lists. The best thing you can do for your child is to give them your time. Your special attention is worth more to your child than anything else you could give them.

Check your child’s folder daily. Please take out the papers and read all notes. Any money sent to school should be in an envelope labeled with the name of your child on it.

First Grade Greetings

Wow! Where has the time gone? We have been making a lot of progress in first grade! During Christmas break, please keep your child reading. It is also a wise idea to keep them writing, too. Make reading and writing a fun activity for your child at home. It is very important that

your child doesn't lose what they already know.

Check and make sure your child doesn't need more supplies at school: pencils, crayons, markers, erasers and Kleenex are always needed.

Please check your child's backpack daily for homework and notes

from school. Make sure your child's homework comes back to school daily. Help your child is practice the weekly story, vocabulary words and spelling words daily. This is very important in first grade! We do a lot of reading practice.

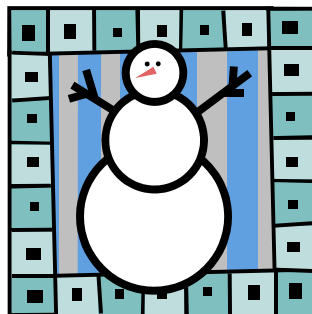


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Second Grade Times

Second grade will be sponsoring two themed gift baskets for an upcoming PTO fundraiser. Second grade students need to bring wrapped candy or new toys for these baskets.

Have a nice break. Don't forget to read!



Third Grade Thoughts

We would like to say great job 2nd and 3rd graders on your Christmas program performance! You did an outstanding job and we are very proud of you!

In January we will be supporting our PTO by putting together two 3rd grade baskets to be raffled off as a PTO fundraiser. Our job is to choose a theme for

each basket and then we will be collecting donations to fill them. You will be receiving more information on this shortly.

We will be having an STI assessment on January 13th. Please help your child be prepared for this test by being here on time and having a nutritious breakfast!

Music Notes

Thank you everyone who helped make the Christmas Programs a success! Congratulations students on a fine performance. You did a great job singing and playing. Thank you to the teachers and staff for all of your help with the program.

January will see the music class back to learning basic music elements through listening, singing, moving and playing instruments.

Mrs. Bontjes is looking forward to working with the classes in a more relaxed setting and getting to know the students and parents better as the year progresses. Parents are encouraged to discuss music class activities with their children and to share their favorite music during family time.

Check out the Pine Crest Music website at: www.pinecrestmusic.shutterfly.com.



Help Us By Donating Your Used Cell Phones and Empty Laser and Inkjet Printer Cartridges!

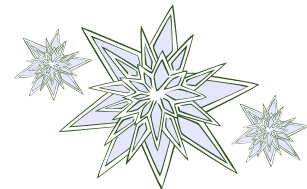
A Message from Our Coordinator

Our school can turn your used cartridges and cell phones into much needed equipment or cash. Thank you for your help!

Drop Off Locations

For empty cartridges and used cell phones.
Pine Crest Elementary School

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Reading Room News

Students who visit our room have been working hard on reading fluency and rhyming words. They have been practicing holiday poems to read to other classes, and the 3rd graders have written a Christmas alphabet book which they have shared with the Kindergarten classes.

Please visit our Reading Room website: www.pinecrestreadingroom.shutterfly.com. We will occasionally have contests and giveaways for the children.

Another wonderful website to visit is www.barnesandnoble.com/storytime. This website has authors reading their books online for children to listen to; this month is Chris Van Allsburg reading his award-winning book, The Polar Express.

It is the holiday season; the season for giving. Remember that books always make good gifts, for children and adults! We wish your family the most wonderful of holidays, filled with warm memories and good reading.

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 School Resumes	4	5 Report Cards	6	7	8
9	10	11 2 Quarter Tuesday! "Favorite Sports Team"	12	13 3rd Grade STI	14	15
16	17 No School Martin Luther King Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Pine Crest Elementary School January 2011 Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3</p> <p>Corn Dog m/c Baked Beans Diced Peaches Animal Crackers Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Nachos Supreme Corn Banana Halves Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Ham Wrap w/ Cheese Corn Chips Carrots Sticks / ranch dip Orange Wedges Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Peas Diced Pears Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Soft Pretzel / Cheese Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Gogurt Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Beef Ravioli Lettuce Salad / Ranch Pineapple Slice Corn Bread Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Biscuits & Sausage Gravy Sausage Links Banana Halves Applesauce Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Hot Dog on Bun m/c Tater Tots Cheese Stick Lime Jello/ Diced Pears Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Green Beans Diced Peaches Chocolate Cookie Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sand- wich Peas Applesauce Scooby Doo Fruit Snacks Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P</p>
<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Cheese Breadstick Dipping sauce Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Gogurt/ Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Brded Chicken Nuggets BBQ sauce Baked Beans Hot Spiced Apples Bread and Butter / Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Tacos (soft or hard shell) Lettuce / Cheese Corn Diced Peaches Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sand- wich Tomato Soup Carrot Sticks Orange Wedges Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Cheese Quesadilla Corn Banana Halves Rice Krispie Treat Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Spaghetti/ Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad / French Diced Peaches Mini Breadstick Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Glazed Carrots Applesauce Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pop-Up Pizza Sandwich Peas Glazed Fruit Chocolate Cake / Icing Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Cheeseburger Sliders String Cheese Baked Beans Diced Pears Milk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G</p>
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Breakfast Prices are \$1.25 per day
(\$.30 for approved reduced-price lunch)

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

**Parents: Please send breakfast payments
in advance. There is no charging for
breakfast. Thank you.**






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3 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Animal Crackers Tangerine Juice Milk	4 Fruity Cheerios Cereal Orange Wedges Apple Juice Milk	5 Frosted Mini-Wheats Teddy Grahams White Grape Juice Milk	6 String Cheese Cheddar Goldfish Fruit Punch Juice Milk	7 Assorted Pop-Tarts Banana Apple Juice Milk
10 Froot Loops Cereal Strawberry Pop-Tart Apple Juice Milk	11 Cinnamon Texas Toast String Cheese Fruit Punch Juice Milk	12 Chocolate Mini-Wheats Goldfish Crackers Apple Juice Milk	13 Rainbow Yogurt Scooby Doo Crackers White Grape Juice Milk	14 Assorted Pop-Tarts Orange Wedges Tangerine Juice Milk
17 	18 Coca Puff Cereal Bar String Cheese White Grape Juice Milk	19 Apple Jacks Cereal Elf Graham Cracker Apple Juice Milk	20 Breakfast Pizza Tangerine Juice Milk	21 Assorted Pop-Tarts Banana Fruit Punch Juice Milk
24 Trix Cereal Teddy Grahams White Grape Juice Milk	25 Watermelon Yogurt Bug Bites Grahams Apple Juice Milk	26 Lucky Charms Cereal Cheddar Goldfish Fruit Punch Juice Milk	27 Cinnamon Waffles String Cheese Apple Juice Milk	28 Assorted Pop-Tarts Orange Wedges Tangerine Juice Milk
31 Frosted Flakes Cereal Blueberry Pop-Tart Apple Juice Milk	Feb 1 Funnel Cake Animal Crackers White Grape Juice Milk	3 String Cheese Cheez-It Crackers Tangerine Juice Milk	4 Rainbow Yogurt Goldfish Crackers Fruit Punch Juice Milk	5 Assorted Pop-Tarts Banana Apple Juice Milk

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You may fill out an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits at any time during the school year.

