Dates to Remember

Wednesday, January 8
Maryland School Report Card Information Meeting, 6:00 p.m., PGE library followed by PTA Meeting
PTA Meeting in the Library, 6:20 p.m.

Thursday, January 9
Team BCPS Day, Wear BLUE!

Monday, January 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Schools and Offices Closed

Friday, January 24
End of Second Marking Period, Schools Close 3 Hours Early, PGE Dismisses at 12:45 p.m.

Tuesday, January 28
PTA Restaurant Night at Wayback Burger in the Satyr Hill Shopping Center

Wednesday, January 29
Grade 3 Trip to Baltimore Museum of Industry, 9:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Friday, January 31
PTA Panda Jam for Grades Kindergarten – 2, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

School Calendar Adjustment

All Baltimore County public schools and offices will be closed on Tuesday, February 4, for the special 7th congressional district election to fill the remainder of the term in the United States House of Representatives created by the death of Elijah Cummings, the incumbent representative. This closure will shift the last day of classes for students from Friday, June 19 to Monday, June 22.

In addition, pending Maryland State Board of Education approval, Baltimore County public schools and offices will be open on Presidents’ Day, Monday, February 17, to make up for the school system’s emergency closure of schools on December 16, 2019. This change is in accordance with the 2019-2020 school calendar and the planned use of emergency closure make-up days.
Welcome back! This month we will focus on developing character traits necessary to be a successful student and citizen. Kindergarten and first grade students will learn about whole body listening skills. Second grade will practice personal space skills and how to avoid being a space invader. Third grade students will read a book in order to develop courage to be an inspiration to others. Fourth grade will talk about how to avoid gossip and rumors, and fifth grade will discuss what it takes to build a positive reputation.

Hearing and Vision Screenings
Hearing and vision is scheduled for January 14 - 24 with rescreens February 10 - 11. All students in grades prekindergarten, one, and four will be screened. Also, all students new to the county and any kindergarten students not screened last year will be screened. Pass/Fail letters will be sent home with students via their school take home folders at the end of the rescreening period.

Nurse’s Notes
Happy and healthy New Year to the Pine Grove community! Like adults, children like to set goals and make resolutions. The following examples of healthy New Year’s resolutions for children 5 to 12 years old are from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

- I will drink reduced-fat milk and water every day, and drink soda and fruit drinks only at special times.
- I will put on sunscreen before I go outdoors on bright, sunny days. I will try to stay in the shade whenever possible and wear a hat and sunglasses, especially when I’m playing sports.
- I will try to find a sport (like basketball or soccer) or an activity (like playing tag, jumping rope, dancing or riding my bike) that I like and do it at least three times a week!
- I will always wear a helmet when riding a bike.
- I will wear my seat belt every time I get in a car. I’ll sit in the back seat and use a booster seat until I am tall enough to use a lap/shoulder seat belt.
- I will be friendly to kids who may have a hard time making friends by asking them to join activities such as sports or games.
- I will never encourage or even watch bullying and will join with others in telling bullies to stop.
- I will never give out private information such as my name, home address, school name, or telephone number on the internet. Also, I’ll never send a picture of myself to someone I chat with on the computer without asking my parent if it is okay.
- I will try to talk with my parent or a trusted adult when I have a problem or feel stressed.
- I promise to follow our household rules for videogames and internet use.

Let’s start off 2020 with healthy resolutions!

Baltimore County’s Young Authors’ Contest
Pine Grove Elementary had several honorable mentions in the Baltimore County Young Authors’ Contest sponsored by the Baltimore County Reading Council. Congratulations to the following students who will be recognized at the Baltimore County Reading Council reception and the Pine Grove Young Authors’ Tea.

- Christmas by Hannah S.
- The Hibernating Chipmunk by Owen N.
- The Roller Coaster by Riley D.
- Autumn by Irene C.

1st grade Mrs. Mahoney
1st grade Ms. Lambert
3rd grade Mrs. Fried
4th grade Mrs. Fenton