Pine Grove Elementary School Newsletter

November 2019
Dates to Remember

Monday, November 4
Kindergarten Family Night, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
PTA Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Open Door is providing child care for any kindergarten families that would like to stay for the PTA meeting after Kindergarten Family Night.

Thursday, November 7 – October Reading Challenge Bookmarks Due
Kindergarten Field Trip to Maryland Zoo, 9:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Grade 1 Family Night, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 8 – End of First Marking Period, Schools Close 3 Hours Early, 12:45 p.m. Dismissal

Monday, November 11 – Friday, November 15 – Fall Food Drive

Monday, November 18 – Thursday, November 21 – American Education Week Visits

Monday, November 18 – Picture Day Makeups   Thursday, November 21 – Report Cards Distributed

Friday, November 22 – Elementary Schools Closed – Parent/Teacher Conference Day

Monday, November 25 – PreK Conference Day – No School for PreK Students

Tuesday, November 26 – Grade 4 Field Trip to Camp Puh’Tok, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 28 – Friday, November 29 – Thanksgiving Holiday – Schools and Offices Closed
American Education Week
The students, teachers, and staff of Pine Grove Elementary School invite you to visit during American Education Week. The times below are designated for each grade with lessons that will highlight your child’s instructional program. If these times are inconvenient, you may join us at any time during the week. Due to limited space in the cafeteria, we ask that parents/guardians do not join their students for lunch. Please note, we are not scheduling a separate Grandparents Day this year. Grandparents may join families for Grade Level Family Nights.

Come see why PGE is a great place to learn!

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Counselor’s Corner
In November, students will learn conflict resolution strategies in the School Counseling Core Curriculum. Conflicts can happen daily, and it is important that you help your child learn how to problem solve to enhance academic success. Here are some tips:

5 Steps to Help Kids Resolve Conflicts

1. Calm down – Use the STAR method (Smile, Take A deep breath, and Relax), breathe or count.
2. State and understand the problem. For example, “I felt left out and hurt because you wouldn’t let me play the game, so I threw the pencil.”
3. Apologize Well – A good apology will show Responsibility, Remorse and a Remedy.
4. Promote solution finding and problem solving.
5. Follow up.

For Fifth Grade Only: Magnet Programs
All fifth graders received a Magnet Program Brochure in September. The purpose of Magnet programs is to enhance students’ educational experiences and academic performance by providing unique learning environments, innovative instructional programs, and specialized programs of study and/or experiences that extend and enrich the existing BCPS curricula, promote student diversity, and align with evolving community and industry/business needs.

Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are available at https://dci.bcps.org/department/innovative_learning/educational_options/magnet_programs
Applications must be submitted directly to the Magnet Office online by Friday, November 15, 2019 at 1 p.m. or postmarked by November 15, 2019.
Tina Kubala, School Counselor, NCC
Nurse’s Notes

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Talk to your health care provider about risk factors in your family, take precautions, and support the people you know with Diabetes!

Cold and flu season is upon the Baltimore area. Please encourage your student to wash their hands frequently, especially after using the restroom, coughing or sneezing and before and after eating. Studies show that good hand hygiene can reduce the risk of infections. If your child does become ill, Baltimore County Public Schools policy is for a student to remain home with a temperature 100*F or above. Students may return to school 24 hours after temperature returns to normal without fever reducers (acetaminophen, ibuprofen).

A reminder that it is against school system policy for students to bring medicines to school, including cough drops. The nurse’s office has discretionary medicine including cough drops, and acetaminophen that can be administered if deemed necessary, as long as the discretionary medicine form has been filled out.

Thank you
Kelly Franker R.N.

Parent Workshops by the Office of Special Education

Interested participants must register by calling the Special Education Resource Center at 410-887-5443 or sending an e-mail to Special Education Resource Center.

Able Accounts: A Savings Tool to Promote Independence and Financial Stability for Your Child’s Future
Presented by Kelly Nelson, Outreach and Communications Manager for Maryland ABLE. Maryland ABLE is a way to help people with qualifying disabilities and their families save for everyday needs, save and invest in a tax-free account, and prepare for the future without losing state or local benefits such as SSI and Medicaid Waiver services. Join us to learn about eligibility criteria, enrollment, account management, tax benefits and how to use an ABLE account to pay for qualified disability expenses that support the child’s health, independence, and quality of life. The workshop will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2019, from 10 to 11 a.m., at White Oak School Main Training Lab.

Overcoming Depression: Functional Coping Skills for Teens and Tweens
Presented by Dr. Tana Hope from The Child and Family Therapy Clinic of the Department of Behavioral Psychology at Kennedy Krieger Institute. Presenters will share causes of depression, how to identify signs of depression versus naturally occurring teen moodiness, prevention strategies, and tips on how to assist children through depression.

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The Stacey Crowl PGE Green School Club

Our Green School Club is up and running. We have 18 members from grades 2 – 5. Our first meeting was a great success, ending with a Clean Green 15 Challenge. The challenge asks for just 15 minutes of a group’s time to pick up trash.

Now, we challenge you! It’s easy and quick. Gather family members, neighborhood friends, sports teams, or Scout troops to grab some trash bags and gloves then head outside to pick up litter for just 15 minutes. Choose any messy area that needs attention such as a park, vacant lot, backyard, or local stream.

After you complete the challenge, please log your efforts to help PGE earn an Environmental Grant. Visit https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/environment/cleangreen/cleangreen15.html to complete the simple form. Please be certain to note Pine Grove Elementary School in the “local school” box.

PTA Sponsored Events

Thank you to our PGE PTA for sponsoring the following school events to support our students and community. We are grateful for you!

Monday, November 4
PGE Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A, Joppa Rd location, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the PGE Library – Please join us!

Wednesday, November 6 – Planning Meeting for the Fun Run, email Karin vwm0ses@hotmail.com for details

Thursday, November 7 – October Reading Challenge Bookmarks Due

Friday, November 8 and Saturday, November 9 – Student Support Network Food Drive - Please click the link for additional information on this opportunity in our community -https://www.studentsupportnetwork.org/events/

Monday, November 11 – Friday, November 15 - PGE Fall Food Drive – Flyers Coming Home Soon

Friday, November 15 – Fall Fun Run to celebrate the fall Fundraiser – Volunteers Needed! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0549ABAA2EA57-panda
Spirit Night
Monday, November 4, 2019 • 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Come support Pine Grove Elementary PTA for a Spirit Night! 20% of sales PLUS $1 for every cookie purchased will be donated back to the school!
PINE GROVE MIDDLE

WHEN
Wednesday, November 20
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WHERE
9200 Old Harford Road
Parkville, MD 21234

WHY
AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
INCOMING 5TH GRADE PARENT

https://pinegrovems.bcps.org/

AT THE DOOR
Please be prepared to provide your ID in order to sign-in to PGMS.

FOR
Incoming 5th grade parents only.
Please find care for young children

BENEFITS
You will be able to see PGMS during a school day.
Experience classes while in session
Who: Students in grades 1-5

What: Write a poem or short story!

- Entries must be original work.
- All entries must use no smaller than 12-point font in Times New Roman.
- Short story entry must range between 100-400 words (gr. 1-2) and 300-800 words (gr. 3-5).
- Poem entry will consist of a single poem, any style, and must range between 25-150 words (all grade levels).
- Entries must not include graphics.
- Each entry must include a completed cover sheet signed by the student author’s parent.

Entries are due to Mrs. Cockey by Monday, November 18, 2019

If you have any questions, please email -- pcockey@bcps.org