

PIEDMONT FOCUS

MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



FOCUS: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2021 FALL SEMESTER

WILD DOG AT WORK

STUDENTS EXCEL IN FCCLA MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT



In early November, several students had the opportunity to travel with Ms. Plunkett and the FCCLA student organization to compete against other students in a variety of skill and knowledge contests. Piedmont Middle School students took home 1st place in Creed Speaking & Interpretation, Repurpose & Redesign, and Career Investigation. Second place honors were achieved in Cake Decorating & New Member Facts. All first-place winners have advanced to Regionals where they will have additional opportunities to showcase their skills! Middle School of Piedmont is proud of the hard work and dedication of these students as well as the opportunity that FCCLA offers our student members in expanding their leadership and developing skills for life.



STONE RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Stone Ridge added a "Garden Club" this year at the request of a 4th-grade student at our school. So far, the garden club has met three times with Mrs. Sanders to plan projects and events to keep our school looking beautiful inside and out. The Building Administration provided funds to purchase plants and equipment recently to start their first project for the year. 4th-grade students can participate if they want to join this group meeting once a month.

PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

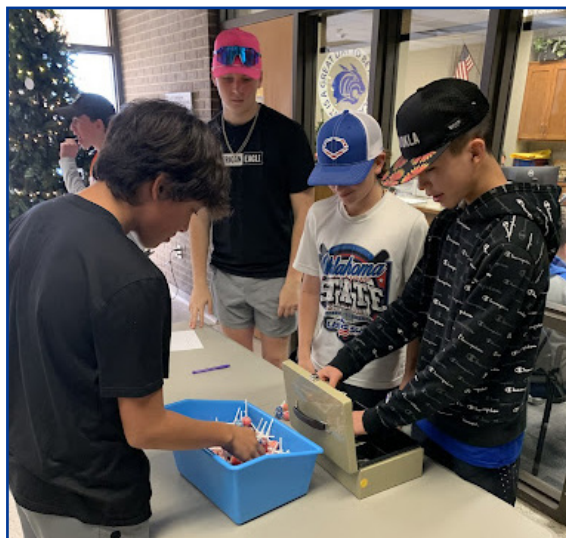
This year at PHS, Mrs. Rigdon and her student council and leadership classes initiated this philanthropy event, Win-Win Week. Students and faculty increased awareness for the F.A.I.T.H Kids organization through week-long fundraising events and dress-up days. We are excited to give back to the community through Win-Win Week each year.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

The students at MSP decided early in the semester that they wanted to get our Student Council back in operation. Our students are eager to bring their favorite activities and events back to MSP. After exciting campaigns and an election, we now have committee meetings and community initiatives in full swing. The committees are busy planning our spirit days and promotions, Christmas projects, vending machines, dance, and concessions. The Christmas project committee planned a charity fundraiser selling lollipops and tree ornaments to donate Christmas boxes to Positive Tomorrows.



KINDNESS COUNTS! PIEDMONT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

"I want to brag on all of my students because throughout the day, we have multiple adults in our room at the same time, and we have students that come in and out of our classroom," said Mrs. Gold, Piedmont ECC Teacher. "We have become a tight-knit family group that adjusts to the needs of others. My students share kindness and acceptance, and it is genuine!"



Mrs. Woodson's Kindergarten class is learning to "Stay close to people who feel like sunshine and to be sunshine and help someone who may be having a cloudy day."



Mrs. Baxter shared the highlight for her classroom is that her students are learning to accept each other and their differences.

PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

This year at Piedmont Elementary, our school-wide theme is kindness. Our goal has been to give as much back to others as we can. In October, we had a "Socktober" drive where we collected over 3,000 pairs of brand new socks to donate to other students in need. This month our focus has been a "Drawers Drive" in which students are currently donating brand new packages of underwear. Students have not only been a little shocked that others at their age might be in need of these everyday necessities but have also been very generous in giving. We plan to continue throughout the school year to find ways to give back to our community. Our next act of kindness will be in February during our food drive.

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STONE RIDGE ELEMENTARY

This school year, we provided a new modified PE class for our students who participate in Special Olympics. Every morning, 10-15 kids join our paraprofessionals in the gym for a session we call "Mornings with Mitchell." Coach Mitchell, our PE teacher, facilitates fun activities and games to help students practice skills to succeed during Special Olympics.



PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

Wildcat Pride is something to be proud of and we wanted to make sure that students had access to our Wildcat gear. This year we implemented a Spirit Store for students to purchase small items. Students shop at our Spirit Store on Terrific Thursdays and can purchase anything from Wildcat logo stickers for their water bottles or notebooks, Wildcat bracelets, pencils, keychains, megaphones, and even Wildcat face tattoos. To make sure that students knew about our Friday night home football games we sold Wildcat face tattoos on those game days and assisted students in applying. We noticed a huge increase in school spirit and student morale. Everyone looks forward to Terrific Thursdays.

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NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY

One of our goals this year was to make sure that we kept up our school morale after the 2020-2021 school year. We have a group of staff and students that enjoy dressing up, having fun, and celebrating success. Therefore, this year, we have increased the amount of dress-up days and school spirit events. These simple ideas have filled our school with a sense of pride and joy!



PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE

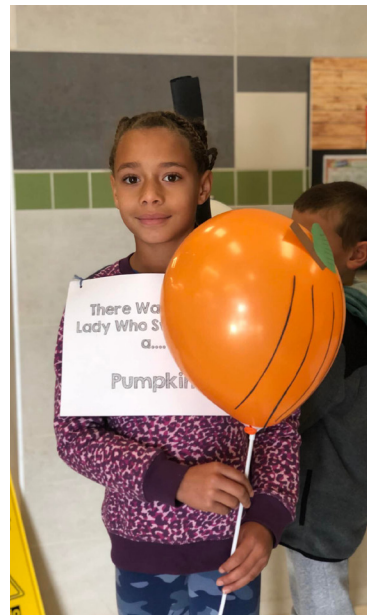
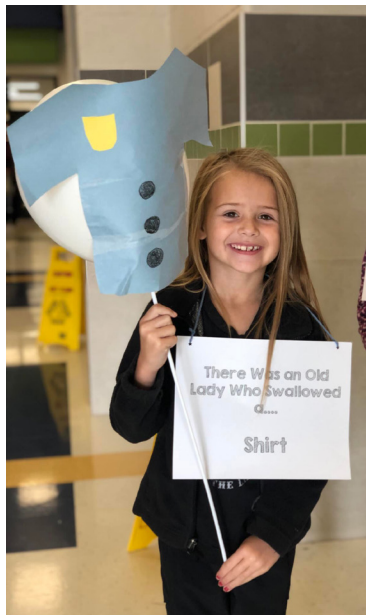
"Wildcat Pride" takes on a new meaning at Piedmont Intermediate. Our 6th-grade Wildcat Pride students, chosen through a rigorous application process, represent the qualities we strive to see throughout the school: honesty, integrity, kindness, scholarship, pride, and now, servant leadership. They have stepped up into a new role of planning our long-range school vision, developing student-led inclusion activities, and facilitating the PTO Concessions Carts each Friday. We are very proud of our Wildcat Pride!

WILDCATS AT WORK

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Students at the Middle School have enjoyed the new Physical Education class offering called "Active Lifestyles." In this class, students have been introduced to ultimate frisbee, golf, disc golf, fishing, and other active outdoor activities. This outdoor classroom has been highly engaging, and our students are taking advantage of the opportunity to get outside and learn new skills and games that they can continue throughout their lives.



PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

Piedmont Elementary second-grade students hosted their own Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade for our entire school. First, students read *Balloons Over Broadway* and learned about the history and the hard work it takes behind the scenes to produce such a large parade. After reading the book, students worked in small groups to construct their own balloon character(s) just like the ones we see on TV. Some students created turkeys, others created sports players, and some groups of students created balloon projects with different storybook characters. Students then participated in a parade through our school with a senior drummer from our Pride of Piedmont Band and ended the parade with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Parents stood in the parking lot and cheered on our students as they made their way in front of the building for the final part of the parade. This event was a highlight for students, teachers, and parents.



PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE

Clubs and activities that students will always remember about school are finally up and going at Piedmont Intermediate! Art club, Theater Arts, Computer Science, Book Club, Craft Club, and Honor Choir have been enthusiastically embraced by the 5th & 6th-grade students. We were delighted to have our first in-person concert of the year and could not have been more pleased with the performances of all our students under the direction of Mr. Marc Lau. Mr. Lau's tireless efforts to bring music into the community and to share his love of singing with all students shines through in all he does.



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WILDGEATS AT WORK

FOCUS: DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENTAL INITIATIVES

PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

We launched a new page on the Piedmont High School website to provide additional communication and resources to our families from the PHS Academic Counselors.

In addition to the new academic counseling site, we have been regularly working with the team at Piedmont High School to communicate with students regarding important upcoming deadlines through the SwiftK12 system, our text notification system. Having the ability to text important information directly to students has been a huge improvement for the administrative team at PHS.



DISTRICT HEALTH & WELLNESS INITIATIVES

Our PPS/Total Wellness Clinic continues to serve our school community families. The clinic will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday each week during winter break.



INSTRUCTION & STUDENT SERVICES

Math Task Force remediation plan:

After the completion of seven meetings with our task force, which is composed of math teachers (5th-12th grade) from across the district, principals, and our district-level directors, we have developed a plan that will aid in helping better prepare our students for the struggle that can accompany math courses for some learners.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

- Maddy Winfield was named to All-State Cheer team
- Leyla Rallo was named to the All-State Volleyball team
- Ryleigh Rushing made the OkMEA All-State Mixed Chorus and will perform on January 22nd in Tulsa
- William Cordell earned first chair of the All-State Symphonic Ensemble
- Katelyn Rushing, Bostyn Short, and Lillian Barzee named JH All-State Choir

