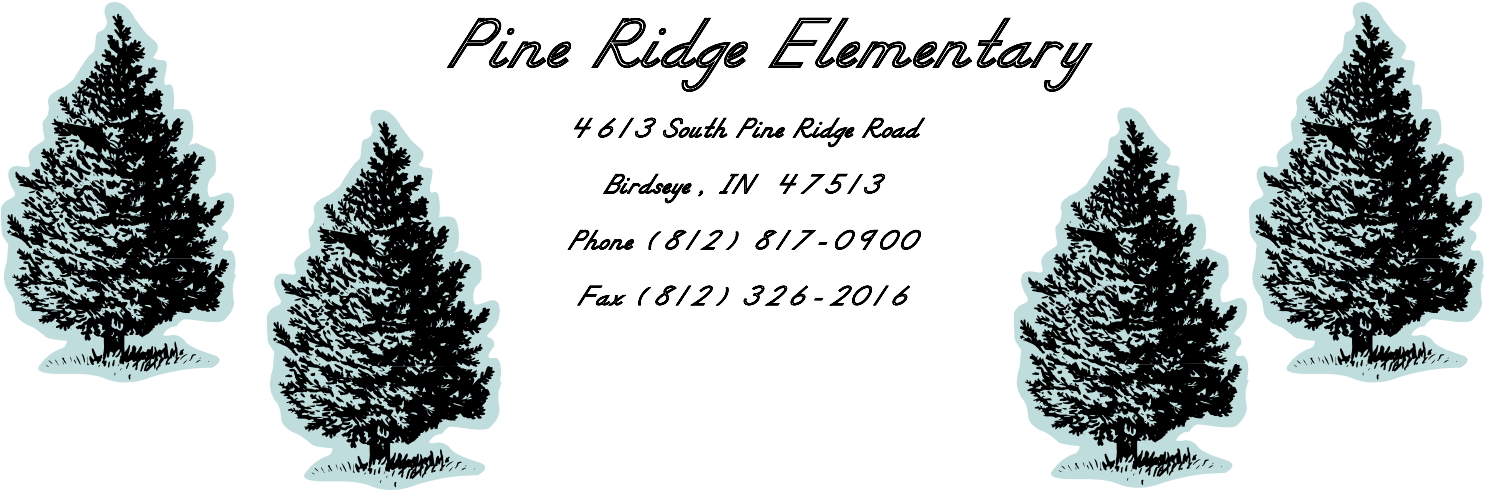




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Please take time to review this clarification of an email sent earlier this week about kindergarten enrollment.

State law: A school corporation must admit a student who turns 5 by August 1. The school retains the discretion to admit any student who turns 5 after that date, abiding by its early entrance appeal procedure (see below). Any student could be admitted, but only those students who turn 5 by September 1 in 2019 may be counted for ADM purposes, and only those students who turn 5 by October 1 in 2020 may be counted for ADM purposes.

Southeast Dubois County School Board Policy in summary: An appeal for early enrollment is to be submitted to the principal by no later than ten (10) days of the start of school. Prior to making any decision on early entrance, the child will participate in a screening program which is based on academic readiness, social maturity, personality, and physical abilities such as dexterity and coordination. During the screening, the parents are to be interviewed in order to develop an adequate case history on the child and advised of the nature of the kindergarten (or first grade) program. No indication is to be communicated to the parents during the screening process. They should be told that the evaluation and viewpoints of the staff and parents will be presented to the Superintendent who shall make the final decision. After the necessary data has been obtained, the decision whether or not to approve the appeal and enroll the child in the kindergarten (or first grade) program will be made by the Superintendent.

The **walking trail** was paved on Tuesday. We are so excited to get to use it. We have some dirt work to complete, grass to sow, and a few other accessories to get in place to call it finished. Recently we received a grant from TransCanada for \$9,700 for a fence along the east side of the parking lot and a grant from International Paper for \$5,500 for an outside water fountain to be located between the school and the playground. Please keep bikes and skates off of the walking trail. The trail is open for community use outside of school hours.

The Summer Camp is replacing the library program we hosted the previous summers. A survey was sent home to gauge interest in this program this week. Please complete it and turn it in if you are interested in the program. It is for '19-'20 1st grade through 4th grade.

Move Up Day is **Tuesday, May 21st from 8:15-9:15**. Incoming kindergarten students are invited to meet their teacher and their classmates. Incoming kindergarten students can arrive at 8:00 and wait in the bleachers with a parent until teachers arrive. Pick up is at 9:15. Please park in the south lot and enter the gym doors. You will meet your child in the gym at 9:15.

Ranger Fun Run is Friday, May 10th, at 6:00 at the **Dubois County Park** (4H Center). This is a family event planned by the Pine Ridge Wellness Committee in partnership with the UPGRADE grant. I would recommend being there by 5:45 so students can get a race bib and vehicles can be

moved off the road for the start. Students and families have the option to run or walk the course. The course has some muddy areas so wear comfortable old shoes. We will provide water and snacks. Staff and signs will be posted to assist with traffic and along the trail.

We collected over **1300 PSCI phone books**. Thank you to all families for sending in a phone book.

Don't forget to use Harmony Family Access to check lunch accounts, grades, and other information about your student. Also use this page to update phone numbers and emergency contacts. This information is vital to reach you if there is an emergency.

ILEARN testing continues through next week. Students (and staff) are doing well with the change of schedules. It is a rigorous test, but our students seem to be handling it well.

Some staff from Ferdinand Elementary are available **for remediation sessions** over the summer. If you are interested in this service please reach out to Kerri Winkler and Nadina Paulin.

I am challenging all of our students to **finish the school year on a positive note**. I can honestly say that I love being part of the Pine Ridge family because our students make good choices. Please talk with your child about making good choices not only at school, but also on the bus. It is very important that our students do their part in keeping our busses safe. They can do this by not being a distraction to the bus driver, staying in their assigned seat, keeping their hands to themselves, and by not being loud when talking to other students.

Incoming 1st – 4th grade students will receive a **Reading Bingo** sheet again this year. It will be given to students on Move Up Day and should be completed over summer break. When students return, they are expected to turn them in on the first day of school. Students who complete the challenge are invited to an afternoon of games, ice cream, and prizes. It is important to keep your children reading all summer long.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6th-10th. Students can show their teacher how much they appreciate their efforts by sending them a short note, giving them a hug or a high five, or by simply being on your best behavior. I appreciate all of their hard work, because I know it takes a special person to be an educator.

The **End of the Year Celebration** will be on May 24th. We have many fun things planned for this day. We will send out more information as the day gets closer

Last day of school is May 24th.

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that the school year is almost over? The time has gone by so quickly, but we've had fun! As a way to add some extra fun to the end of the school year, we've decided to do a countdown again. This year we will be doing an 'UPGRADE' countdown. We will start with the letter U on Thursday, May 16th. There will be an activity that corresponds with each letter. The final day of our countdown will be the last day of school!

This is the list of activities. Please keep this list and use it as a reminder of what activity we'll be doing each day.

'UPGRADE' Countdown

U-Thurs. May 16- Under the Sun-your class will go outside to enjoy the an activity 'under the sun'

P-Fri. May 17- Physical Activity Challenge- we will be doing the physical fitness challenge activities throughout the day

G-Mon. May 20- Green and Gold-show your Ranger Pride

R-Tues. May 21- Ready to 'Move Up'- meet your new teacher and classmates for next year

A-Wed. May 22- Adults vs. Students - the staff will take on each grade level in various challenges throughout the day

D-Thurs. May 23- Disney Day- we will watch a Disney movie, and you can wear any character shirts

E-Fri. May 24- End of the Year is Here – we will do fun activities that will help you get ready to head out the door and enjoy your summer break



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@ 18th Street Park

FRIDAY, MAY 10th
3:30pm-5pm

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STEP 1: Choose Your Size

\$3.00 Klassic, \$4.00 King, \$5.00
Kowabunga with \$3 Refills



KLASSIC
\$3.00



KING
\$4.00



KOWABUNGA
\$5.00

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STEP 2: Choose Your Flavor

Tiger's Blood, Blue Raspberry, Groovy Grape, Island Rush, Monster Mango, Lucky
Lime, Watermelon Wave, Strawberry'd Treasure, Ninja Cherry, Piña Colada



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