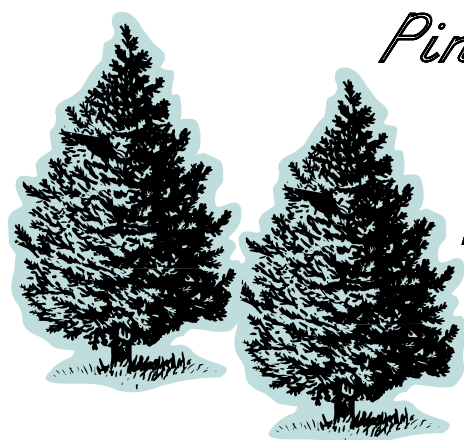


Pine Ridge Elementary

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We are sending out a very special thank you to the Pine Ridge families and friends for voting for our school during the **Tools for Schools** campaign. You voted us the top school in our region. There are more than 6000 schools in a multi-state region, and we were again one of the top voted schools. Your efforts resulted in our school receiving a \$1000 donation! We greatly appreciate this opportunity from **Old National Bank**. We also owe a HUGE thank you to the **Old National Bank staff at the St. Anthony Branch**. Thank you for everything you do for our school and our community.

Thank you for the hard work and support you and your families provided during this year's **Paragon** fundraiser. We earned over \$10,000 for our school. These funds pay for field trips, purchase classroom supplies throughout the year, provide opportunities to purchase more items for the playground, and open possibilities to purchase more technology in the classroom. Funding field trips and providing basic classroom supplies at little or no cost to families are the biggest expenses for our PTO. We are exploring ideas for future large projects. If you have ideas, please share them with a PTO member.

Anstin Vonderheide was our top seller and earned a cool quadcopter , Elise Neihaus was drawn for the grand prize chair, Mrs. Wells' class earned her vouchers for jean days and duty coverage, and 2nd grade won a movie and treats.

We also earned a \$1,500 grant for school safety from the **Dubois County Community Foundation**. This will be used to improve upon our school lockdown procedures and communication. The Community Foundation is a great partner for our schools and our community. We appreciate our local communities and families for working with the Community Foundation to make our county a better place for everyone.

Picture retakes are Tuesday, November 1st. Students will need to give the first set of pictures to Jared, our photographer, when they are called to the room. Classroom pictures are also taken on this day.

The **Mobile Dentist** is here on Thursday, November 10th for any child who needs a dental checkup. This is a great way to avoid taking off work or school to get this important check. Contact the office if you would like more information on this program.

Winter weather is soon on its way. **School Messenger** is our primary way to share delays, cancelations, or general information with parents. You will receive phone calls based on the phone numbers listed in Harmony. Please contact us if you have not received notifications by this point in the school year. You can also access the numbers listed in Harmony by viewing the demographics page if you have web access.

Please listen to our local radio stations and watch our local TV stations when **inclement weather** is expected. We will do our best to make decisions about school start times or cancellations as soon as possible.

The **Jasper Arts Center** extended an invitation to Pine Ridge students to experience a show at the auditorium. Second, third, and fourth grade students will watch A Very Electric Christmas on 11/4, and our preschool, kindergarten, and first grade students will see Peter Rabbit Tails on 11/14.

A **bake sale** benefitting Breast Cancer Awareness in honor of our own Mrs. Brier is set for November 4th at the Old National Bank St. Anthony Branch. Individually wrapped items are needed. Examples would be brownies, cookies, Rice Krispy treats, snack mixes or whole breads, cakes, pies or rolls. Drop off at Old National Bank on Thursday (11/3/16) from 9:00-4:00 or Friday (11/4/16) in the morning at the bank (4687 S Cross St, St Anthony, IN 47575).

A message from **Toys for Tots**:

For the last several years, you have participated in a toy drive in November for the less fortunate kids in our county, and have been able to provide a lot more smiles over the holidays as a result. For that, you and your students are to be commended!! We do not take this for granted, and are aware of the many challenges and obstacles out there for our educators, so THANK YOU!!!

This year, the Marine Corps League will be dropping off Toys for Tots donation boxes to the schools on November 28th, and pick them up on December 9th. **This program is certainly not mandatory for kids to participate.** You can take comfort in the fact that all toys collected will be distributed in Dubois and surrounding counties, depending on need.

A note or email for **transportation changes** for your child must include your child's first and last name, the bus number they will be riding, and where they will be dropped off. Also, please call or email as early in the day as possible. We are receiving too many notes with general information. It is very important that we get your child where they need to be at the end of the day.

To show support for our brave men and women who serve our country we will be trading in our green and gold for red, white, and blue on Friday, **November 11th**. Our kids love the opportunity to show their school spirit, but it is only right that we show our patriotism on the day of our **Veterans Day program**. If you know a veteran, please invite them to observe Veteran's Day with us. Our program begins at 8:30 a.m. in the gym.

Silly Safari is visiting Pine Ridge Elementary School Tuesday, November 22th. Students will visit with Amazon John throughout the day. This is one of the most popular events for students and staff sponsored by the **PTO**. Our students (and staff) love his show. Check out their website at <http://sillysafaris.com/>

The **Pine Ridge Choir** will perform at Pine Ridge Elementary on December 15th at 6:30 p.m. More information about our program will be sent later in November.

Thanksgiving Break starts Wednesday, November 23rd.

We are in urgent need for **bus drivers**. If you are interested, please contact the central office at 812-817-0900. If you have questions on what is required to be a bus driver, contact Mr. Allen at our central office.

Thank you for a great **Fall Carnival**. It is great to get our students and families together for a fun night. Thank you to every volunteer who made this event possible. Our next PTO meeting is November 10th at 6:30. This will be a wrap up of the Fall Carnival and planning for the movie night later in the year.

Have a fun and safe November!

Pine Ridge Elementary Staff

When & How to Wash Your Hands

A message from the CDC:

Keeping hands clean through improved hand hygiene is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Many diseases and conditions are spread by not washing hands with soap and clean, running water. If clean, running water is not accessible, as is common in many parts of the world, use soap and available water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol to clean hands.

When should you wash your hands?

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage
- How should you wash your hands?

How should you wash your hands?

- Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
- Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
- Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
- Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.