

Pine Ridge Elementary

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Welcome Rachael Waninger as the corporation nurse. We are sad to lose Mrs. Schroering, but Mrs. Waninger is doing a great job in her first week in our schools.

Two-hour delays and cancellations are just around the corner as we head into the winter season. Local radio stations and Evansville news stations will carry all information about changes in our school schedule. Dr. Pund will make decisions as early as possible so that parents can make arrangements for child care. You will receive a notice from School Messenger about closings

Students who are dropped off at Pine Ridge for preschool or to catch busses to other schools will not be able to enter the building at the regular time on days we have delays. We cannot provide supervision for these students at the regular arrival time. **Pine Ridge Elementary School's doors will open for students at 9:30 a.m. on days we have two-hour delays**

If teachers have enough time to plan and prepare for potential **snow days**, we will send Chromebooks and class materials home the day before the weather moves in. Students will link in with their teacher and complete the school day virtually. We would not have more than two virtual days in a row.

Please remind your student to **dress appropriately for the weather**. Students will be going out for recess as often as possible. We will check the temperature and the wind chill to make sure it is not too cold or that the playground isn't hazardous. Send an appropriate coat, hats, gloves, scarfs, and earmuffs with your child.

The National Nurses' Association has established the following guidelines for **outdoor recess** during the winter months.

- *Feels like 25 degrees and above- Outdoor recess
- *Feels like 16 - 25 degrees- Abbreviated Outdoor Recess
- *Feels like 15 degrees or below- inside recess

It is also important that they are prepared for an event that they would have to wait outside for an extended period of time. This would include mechanical issues with a bus, fire alarm at school, etc....

We are saddened by the passing of Kaleb Opel this week. His son, Axel, is a first grader at Pine Ridge and his oldest daughter, Kaylee, is a fifth grader at CCI. If you talk to your child about Axel's loss, remind them that the best thing they can do is be a great friend when he returns to school. Strong support from those close to us goes a long way when we experience the loss of a parent or close family member. The Pine Ridge PTO Facebook page has shared a Go Fund Me link on Facebook.

Pk and K Roundup is scheduled for Monday, March 1st. PK will start at 5:45, and Kindergarten will begin at 6:30. All participants must wear a mask and sit in assigned locations.

The PK meeting is for parents to learn more about our preschool program. There is a \$40 (nonrefundable) enrollment fee due after this meeting to reserve a spot. We are limited to 24 students for next year. **Parents should contact the school now to be on the preschool list for next year.**

We have a great number of families participating in the **HEROES** monthly challenges. The **January challenge** is for the family to choose one day a week to drink only water. That will be a big challenge for many adults!

Yearbook order forms will be sent home this week. Yearbooks are \$15.

Having children of my own, I understand that cuffs may become tattered or the knees may be worn thin, but large or multiple holes are not permitted at school. Please remind your student that **pants and shirts should be clean and hole free** when worn to school.

Please take the time to check your **Harmony Family Access** page on a regular basis. You can view your student's grades, check on lunch balances, and confirm important contact information, and upcoming menu choices. It is very important that you update contact information if you have any changes.

Please continue to collect **Box Tops** through the Box Tops app.

Please sign up for the [Coca Cola app](#). It is another easy way to generate money for our school. Scan the number printed on lids and inside the cartons

Upcoming dates to remember:

January 26: 100th Day of School (as long as snow stays away)