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Grandparent's Day will be April, 13th from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Students are welcome to invite their grandparents to eat breakfast, take a tour of the school, meet their teacher, read a book, and visit the book fair. Information was sent home Monday.

We are collecting **PSC phone books** for another week. Pine Ridge receives \$.50 per book we collect and recycle.

The Southeast Dubois School Board is visiting Pine Ridge tomorrow. Our school board likes to use this visit to experience the great things that happen at our schools. They plan to eat lunch and visit classrooms. You might hear your students talk about having special guests at our school Tuesday evening.

The **Spring Book Fair** is next week. This is a Buy-One, Get-One book fair. Books make great Easter presents. ☺ We still need a couple volunteers for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. If you are interested please contact our office.

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

Picture money is due Thursday, April 6th.

I am challenging our students to **finish the school year on a positive note**. I love being a part of the Pine Ridge family because our students make good choices. Talk with your student to keep this great practice going. With Little League starting soon it is very important that parents set procedures for completing homework each night. Please set aside time for your child to get homework finished before leaving for the evening. We all know how hard it is to complete assignments after getting back from a late night at the ball field.

With **Little League** starting soon, that means we will have many visitors to our school grounds over the next few months. **Please help me with these concerns.** We need to keep vehicles off of the track during practices and games. I know it is a long walk to the small field, but we need to keep our children safe. Please keep the chain up so no one attempts to drive back to a field. If someone needs assistance, please contact a Little League board member.

There is no tobacco use on school grounds. This includes smoking and smokeless, and our school policy includes vaping. I do not expect you to enforce any of these expectations, but let a Little League board member know if you have concerns.

Our students did a great job during the **IREAD-3 Assessment** window. They worked hard during the test and now the worst part begins: waiting for results. We expect the results to be here during the first two weeks of April. We will send home information to parents as soon as we can.

If your child did not pass the IREAD-3 assessment they will be offered a remediation program over the summer and will be allowed to take the test at the end of the program. We will send out more information about this opportunity as the school year comes to an end.

The **ISTEP+ Multiple Choice Assessment** window is from April 17th - May 5th.

The **Music and Art Shows** will be on May 2nd for PK, K, and 1 and May 4th for 2, 3, and 4. Our choir will also perform on May 18th. Mrs. Craig will send more information to families as we get closer to these dates.

We are still accepting children for our **Kindergarten** program. Any child who will be 5 by August 1, 2017 is eligible for kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year.

We are still accepting children for our **Preschool** program. Any child who will be 4 by August 1, 2017 is eligible for Preschool for the 2017-2018 school year. Our preschool is designed for a student who will be entering Kindergarten the following year.

The **Summer Library Program** will be offered again this year. Last year's program did a great job keeping our students reading over the summer, so we felt it was a great thing to bring back. Every time your student visits the library they will be entered to win a stack of grade level books at the program's conclusion. More information will be sent home in May.

If you need to contact the YMCA after school hours call school and enter 3102 when prompted.

Our local **Boy Scouts** are collecting **can tabs**.

Our **last day** of school is Tuesday, May 24th.

Have a great April.
Ryan Haas

It's hard to believe we have seven weeks until summer break.
Below is a document that was shared last year. I feel it still applies.

MANNERS

to teach kids

IN GENERAL

Say hello & good-bye	Be on time
Say please & thank you	Know how to make a phone call
Hold the door open for people	Sit properly
If you bump into someone say sorry	Be appreciative
Cover your mouth when you sneeze	Clean up after you make a mess

WITH ADULTS

WITH FRIENDS

Look people in the eye	Wait your turn
Use respect when talking to adults	Don't make fun of anyone
Don't interrupt	Give compliments
Say "excuse me" to get attention	Use kind words
No foul language	

AT THE DINNER TABLE

Wash your hands before food	Wipe your mouth with your napkin
Place your napkin on your lap	Lean over your plate
Chew with your mouth closed	Use the right utensils
Don't talk with your mouth full	Learn to set the table appropriately
Don't slurp	Say please & thank you

Please and thank you are still magic words.