

Pine Ridge Elementary

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The **Pine Ridge Fall Carnival** is **Friday, October 13, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Come enjoy a great evening with friends at Pine Ridge Elementary. Our outstanding cafeteria ladies will sell burgers, chicken and noodles, and bottles of water. Students can wear their costumes if they wish, and enjoy games and activities around our school. This is an evening sponsored by the PTO for families to come together and have a great time.

We will use this [online survey](#) to set times for volunteers. We need your help to cover all of the activities at the carnival. Select a station and time that you would like to cover, type your name in the box, and click submit. Thank you for helping. It takes a lot of people to make our Fall Carnival a success.

Starting October 3rd and ending October 12th we will presell **Glow Necklaces** for the Fall Carnival for \$2.00. This will be the “ticket” to participate in all activities and rides. We will keep track of students who pay prior to the Fall Carnival, and students can pick-up necklaces at the front of school starting at 5:45 p.m. the night of the Fall Carnival. Necklaces will also be for sale at the door the night of the Carnival.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be Tuesday, October 17th and Wednesday, October 18th. We would like to see 100% of our parents attending this important event. Teachers will be sharing academic and behavioral topics and giving ideas of what you can do at home to reinforce what they are learning at school.

Check out the **Pine Ridge PTO Facebook Page** for upcoming PTO sponsored activities.

See below on our new **HEROES** initiative.

Our **fall book fair** will take place Monday, October 16 – Wednesday, October 18 in the library. Students will visit on Monday and Tuesday. The book fair will also be open during the evenings of Parent/Teacher conferences. See below for more information on the book fair.

If you are a **morning car rider** and arrive at school after students have left they gym, please send them to their classroom without escorting them down the hall. You can bring them into the gym, but by now they know where to go. If you feel they need help getting to their classroom, bring them to the office and we will get them there.

If your child is dropped off after 8:00 a.m., we must have an adult come in with them and sign them in. Please do not drop them off at the front door and leave. It is very important that an adult brings your child into school so we can mark them as being here and ensure they get where they need to be.

We appreciate your help collecting **Box Tops for Education**. Those little squares raise thousands of dollars for our school. A great way to help would be to ask a neighbor or a family member to help collect. Please send them to school trimmed and in bags of 50.



Try the **Box Top app** to double our collection.

Breakfast is available to all students at all grade levels. Breakfast provides a great start to the school day and has been proven to provide many benefits including increased academic performance and attention, improved test scores and fewer absences. Please visit the Indiana Department of Education for more information.

<http://www.doe.in.gov/news/indiana-department-education-announces-guidelines-free-and-reduced-price-school-meals-and-milk>

Adult lunch cost is \$3.50.

Upcoming events

October 3: Vision Screening - 1st Grade only and during the school day

October 13: **End of the First Grading Period**

October 6: Fire Prevention Program

October 16-18: **PRE Book Fair**

October 13: **PTO Fall Carnival** 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

October 17 & 18: **Parent - Teacher Conferences**

October 19: Great American Shake-Out Drill

October 23-27: **Fall Break**

November 7: Picture Retakes- Bring back your pictures.



Holiday Program for Grades K, 2, 4 Thursday Dec. 21

Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and report to homerooms 6:15 p.m. Performance begins at 6:30 p.m.

Program Attire

Kindergarten- Pajamas... long pants and preferably long sleeves, if wearing a gown, please have leggings or shorts underneath, slippers (optional)

2nd Grade- All White (like snow)... long pants and preferably long sleeves
(shoes do not have to be all white)

4th Grade- Holiday Shoppers... blue jean pants, red or green long sleeve shirt,
accessories... hats, scarves (optional)



HEROES Family Challenge!!

As you know, we are a **HEROES** school!! We are going to begin a monthly challenge. Each month you will get a different colored paper with 4 Fitness Tickets. Keep this paper handy and see if your family is able to complete the monthly challenges. You have all month to complete the activities! As you accomplish each goal, fill out a ticket, cut it out, and send it in. We will have a ticket wheel for your child to put their tickets in. On the last day of the month, we will have a drawing for a chance to win a healthy reward!

Each month will have a different healthy challenge! October's focus is outdoor physical activity! Outdoor physical activity is a very healthy choice. Have your whole family do an outdoor physically active activity TOGETHER...play ball, play tag, go for a nature hike or a bike ride.

Talk to your child about the importance of physical activity!

Fall Book Fair

The Fall Book Fair will run from **Monday, Oct. 16 through Wednesday, October 18.** It will be open during Parent/Teacher conferences on October **17** and **18.** Last minute purchases will be available until **8:30 Thursday morning.** Book Fair will be located in the **Library.**

We will round the price of the books up so that pennies will not be given in change, just like we have done in past book fairs. Credit cards and checks, as well as cash will be accepted. Purchases are tax exempt!

Teacher wish lists will be available if you desire to donate a book to a particular classroom.

If your child is bringing money to school, it is helpful if the money is in a zip-lock bag labeled with your child's name, their Grade #, and teacher's initial. It also comes in handy to take home their receipt and any change given.

Book Fair Schedule

Monday, October 16	8:40-9:10 Mrs. Wells 2-W
	9:20-9:50 Mrs. VanWinkle (Lindauer) PK
	10:00-10:30 Mrs. Kluesner 1-W
	10:40-11:10 Mrs. Weyer 3-W
	12:00-12:30 Mr. Winkler 4-W
	12:35-1:05
	1:10-1:40 Mrs. Brier 3-B
Tuesday, October 17	8:40-9:10 Mrs. Wehr 1-W
	9:20-9:50 Mrs. Werne PK
	10:00-10:30 Mrs. Mercker 2-M
	10:40-11:10 Mrs. Begle 4-B
	12:00-12:30 Mrs. Longabaugh K-L
	12:35-1:05 Mrs. Gehlhausen K-G
	1:10-1:40 Mrs. Eckert K-E