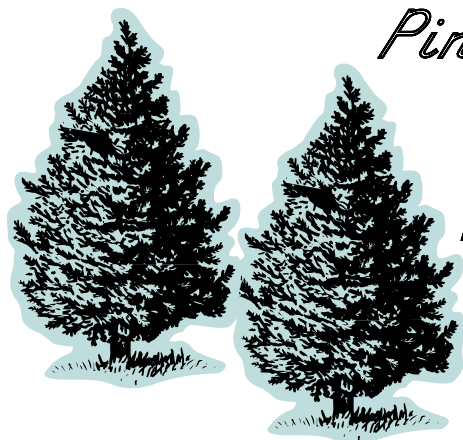


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Great job, **Marching Rangers!** We are very proud of our Marching Rangers for their performance of *In These Fields*. We welcome our students and staff to show their support by participating in themed dress days. On Thursday we will dress like a **Farmer In These Fields**, and Friday will be a **Ranger Spirit Day!** There will be a public performance this Friday evening at 7:30 at Forest Park. March on to a State victory, Rangers!

Our student **UPGRADE** for the month of October are: Kiersten Boger, Gavin Sickbert, Kayde Petry, Bryce Metz, Maci Combs, and AJ Crowley.

The **November challenge** is to incorporate vegetables in your meals and for parents to talk to their child about the importance of eating vegetables. Turn in your tickets as you complete the challenge. Remember that we will draw names every month, and we will have an end of the year drawing from all of the names from the monthly challenges.

The Southeast Dubois **lunch policy** is that students will be required to bring their own lunch if they have a negative balance of \$10 or more. Please make sure you keep a positive balance in your child's lunch account.

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 9th**. Our kids love the opportunity to show their school spirit, but it is only right that we show our patriotism on this 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.

The **Pine Ridge Food Drive** to benefit our local food bank will be the week of November 12th to November 16th. A flyer will be sent home soon with more information.

Pat Moriarty II is the local **Toys for Tots** coordinator. He and his team plan to have drop boxes placed in all the local schools again this year. Their campaign runs from November 17th through December 16th. They will deliver 2 boxes on 16 November and pick up the boxes on November 30th. They are always short on "stocking stuffer" type toys for ages 11 – 14 of both genders. Do not send wrapped toys. Thank you for all your help with our campaign !!!

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 many schools in a multi-state region, and we were again the top school. Your efforts resulted in our school receiving a \$6000 donation! We greatly appreciate this opportunity from **Old National Bank**. Thank you for everything you do for our school and our community.

Picture retakes are Tuesday, November 13th. 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.

Sunday, November 4, 2017, 2:00 a.m. clocks are turned backward 1 hour.

Winter weather is soon on its way. **School Messenger** is our primary way to share delays, cancellations, 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. Third and fourth grade students will attend **We the People** on Friday, November 9th. The cost of these shows is covered by our PTO.

A note or email for **transportation changes** for your child must include your child's first and last name, their teacher, the bus number they will be riding, and the name of the person where they will be dropped off. Also, please call or email as early in the day as possible if changes are made during the school day. We are receiving 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.

Silly Safari is visiting Pine Ridge Elementary School Tuesday, November 20th. 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/>

Thanksgiving Break starts Wednesday, November 21st.

We are in urgent need of **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.

Have a fun and safe November!

Pine Ridge Elementary Staff

A note from our nurse:

It is cold and flu season! Here are some tips to keep your family healthy!

- Remember to always wash your hands before eating, after sneezing, coughing, or blowing your nose.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow or a tissue instead of in your hands.
- If you are sick, stay home. Make sure you are fever free for 24 hours before returning to school or work.
- Make sure you are vomit and diarrhea free for 24 hours before returning to school or work.
- Exercise, eat well balanced meals, and get plenty of sleep.
- Drink plenty of water.

With the start of fall and winter, here are several tips to help prevent your student from getting head lice.

- Do Not share hats
- Do Not share combs with other students
- Do not share hair accessories
- Check your child's hair often

Live head lice are spread through direct head to head contact (taking selfies with phone) with an infested person, but may also come from sharing hats, combs, and other hair accessories. A child cannot catch nits, as nits can be laid only by live lice. Lice do not have hind legs or wings and cannot jump or fly, but they can crawl rapidly. If a louse falls off a person, it dies within two days.

Please take the time to check your child's head, especially if he/she complains of itching or something crawling in their hair. Look behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. Adult lice are about the size of a sesame seed and are tan to grayish-white in color. Nits (the egg) are very small and are hard to see. They are oval in shape and usually yellow to white in color. They are laid by the adult female at the base of the hair shaft and are firmly attached with a glue-like substance.