

PIEDMONT FOCUS

MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS





PIEDMONT

Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION NOVEMBER 14, 2022 MEETING UPDATES

ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Larry Clayton addressed the board regarding concerns with basketball tryouts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Piedmont Public Schools Board of Education heard the suspension appeal of C.D., a student at Piedmont Public Schools in executive session. After returning to open session, the board voted to uphold the suspension. The board also unanimously approved the employment list in Attachment A of the agenda upon returning to open session.

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA

Piedmont Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved Section 13 of the board policy manual to be effective upon completion of the entire manual.

Board members discussed Staff Class Coverage in lieu of substitutes per the negotiated agreement. Clarification of the following section was discussed: Teachers get paid extra for any coverage that takes their planning period. No action was taken.

There was discussion regarding the facility use policy. No action was taken.

The consent agenda was approved with no changes.

BOARD REPORTS

The board of education discussed the updated 2022 [district planning document](#) and was provided a construction update.

PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING DATES 2023

General Information

Location: Piedmont Public Schools, Piedmont Learning Center and Administration Office Conference Room

Address: 615 Edmond Rd NW Piedmont, OK 73078

Time: All meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m.

- Thursday, January 12, 2023
- Monday, February 13, 2023
- Thursday, March 9, 2023
- Monday, April 10, 2023
- Monday, May 8, 2023
- Monday, June 12, 2023
- Monday, July 10, 2023
- Monday, August 14, 2023
- Monday, September 11, 2023
- Monday, October 9, 2023
- Monday, November 13, 2023
- Monday, December 11, 2023

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

FOCUS: CELEBRATING AND HONORING OUR VETERANS

ELEMENTARY CELEBRATIONS AND ASSEMBLIES

Elementary students throughout the district were eager to celebrate our veterans and armed services members for Veterans Day 2022. We were excited to have these esteemed guests in our schools across the district, showing them our appreciation for the sacrifices made for our freedoms.

All elementary school sites hosted a Veterans Day assembly on Thursday, November 10th. Fourth-grade students performed patriotic songs to say thank you to the heroes of our community, and each school displayed thank-you notes, posters, or art projects in honor of Veterans Day.

At Piedmont Elementary, students helped serve coffee and pastries to Veterans and Armed Service Members as part of their assembly. The school displayed personal pictures shared by Piedmont Elementary families for the occasion.

Northwood Elementary students focused on the ceremonial aspects of Veterans Day leading up to the assembly. They spent time in music class learning about Arlington National Cemetery, the significance of poppies, the meaning of patriotic songs, and the white table ceremony.

At Stone Ridge Elementary, students read personal letters during their assembly to thank veterans for their service and sacrifices. They created posters and banners for hallways and entryways to honor the veterans in their lives.



MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

During Advisory classes on November 10th, our students watched an educational video explaining the meaning and significance of Veterans Day. Students then created a letter, card, or story to send to a Veteran to offer their appreciation of service.

Middle school students and families also helped us create a "Wall of Honor" in our middle school cafeteria. We have asked our students to share pictures, including names and ranks, of family members who have served in the armed forces. We will honor our veterans by displaying their photos for our student body.

Piedmont Middle School is proud of our veterans! We are honored to remember their sacrifices by educating our students on the significance of Veterans Day.

PIEDMONT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

At Piedmont Early Childhood Center, teachers take Veterans Day as an opportunity to thank individuals who served or are serving in the military and educate students on who the military is and how they help us. We focused on learning objectives that included:

- Helping students understand who veterans are.
- People students know who are veterans (family, friends, school staff, etc.)
- The job of a soldier
- Things soldiers sacrifice to keep our country free (family time, holidays, special events with their children, personal safety)
- Freedoms that we have as Americans
- Patriotic symbols and songs

Mrs. Clark's class spent time coloring and signing Thank You cards to send to military families.



FREEDOM WEEK AT PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Piedmont High School was excited to host the first-ever Freedom Week in honor of Veterans Day 2022. Students participated in dress-up days, raised money by selling concessions throughout the week, and sold "Freedom Week" shirts. Piedmont STUCO will donate 100 percent of the proceeds to the Piedmont Area Veterans Association.

PHS recognized area veterans through a school-wide assembly on November 10th. The PHS business technology and entrepreneurship class gave veterans in attendance a wooden plaque engraved with their name and branch as a symbol of thanks for their service.

PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE

Piedmont Intermediate educated our students on the storied history of Veterans' Day. Writing classes focused on paragraphs about "My Favorite Veteran" and "What Freedom Means To Me." Social Studies classes researched and watched videos about Flanders' Field and Sgt. Stubby, WWI dog. Art classes created Veteran Appreciation Relief Tiles to display and share.

Students enjoyed a slide show showcasing all Veterans Day activities during their advisory classes on Thursday including photos honoring veterans from our extended PI family and community.

DISTRICT UPDATES

STATE REPORTING AT PPS

District-level administrators have worked diligently to complete state-required fall reports by the late October deadline. The following has been submitted to the state:

- Consolidated Report
- Class Size Audit
- FQSR - 1st Quarter Statistical Report
- Child Count
- RSA - Beginning of the Year Survey
- RSA - 3rd-grade Promotion Retention
- School Personnel Report - Certified/Non-Certified
- Flexible Benefit Allowance
- EEO-5 Teacher Retirement EOY Report
- APR Native American Annual Performance Report
- Maintenance of Effort Report ESSER III

SPECIAL SERVICES AT PPS

PEERS® AT PPS

Piedmont Special Services and Amber Ramsey, SLP at PHS and certified PEERS Provider, have launched the Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS®). PEERS is world-renowned for providing evidence-based social skills treatment to preschoolers, adolescents, and young adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), anxiety, depression, and other socio-emotional problems.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar: Winter Games- January 12-14



Veterans and First Responders were honored at the October 21st Football game. We extend our most sincere gratitude to the men and women who have sacrificed for our freedoms.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

WILDCAT ATHLETIC CENTER

- Tile and carpet in the lobby is complete
- Scoreboards are installed
- Tutorials on scoreboard usage is scheduled for Nov. 14th
- Pads for the wrestling room walls have been installed
- Glass in the upstairs conference room has been replaced
- Gym flooring has received the final varnish coat
- Data for internet is being installed. Once data is finalized, the elevator will be ready for inspection
- The laminated panels on the front of the building will be complete next week
- Exterior lighting will be complete next week

MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

- Precast concrete panels are going up
- Underground plumbing rough-in is underway
- Concrete footings continue to be installed



SOCKTOBER SUCCESS AT STONE RIDGE ELEMENTARY

The annual Socktober Sock Drive at Stone Ridge Elementary was a resounding success with 8,801 pairs of socks donated! Students beat last year's donations by 1,250 pairs. These socks were donated to the YWCA Women and Children's Shelter in Oklahoma City.



DISTRICT UPDATES

Good News AT PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SECONDARY CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION



COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

Piedmont High School welcomed 32 colleges, universities, military recruiting services, and potential employers at our college and career fair for Juniors and Seniors. More than 600 students attended the event to learn more about their options after graduation.

CURRICULUM

As the first semester of this school year comes to a close, we are reviewing content for semester tests and assessments for students. We continue to track data for our students in grades 5-12 in all core classes to ensure students are mastering concepts. Teachers are working hard to challenge students with higher-level questions by incorporating short-answer essay questions into summative assessments. Our Instructional Resource Specialists have developed almost 300 assessments in Mastery Connect for our first semester.

We will open virtual enrollment for the second semester when we return from Thanksgiving break. Again, we anticipate a large number of students enrolling in a blended in-person/virtual learning model.



Students at Piedmont Early Childhood Center had the time of their lives at First Responder Day on October 27th! Representatives from Oklahoma City Police Department, Oklahoma City Fire Department, EMSA, and Canadian County Sheriff's office spent time with students and showed them the amazing tools they use to keep us safe. Students loved the police dog and the bomb robot.



COMMUNITY FUN AT PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL



Trick-or-Treat night at Piedmont High School brought a big crowd ready for FUN! Student clubs and organizations sponsored rooms and made the event amazing with treats and activities for children in the community.

DISTRICT UPDATES

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PPS is partnering with Sparky's Donation Station to provide for families in need this holiday season. Counselors will be sending the Sparky's form to families to get all the details on needs and wants for each child in the family.

All PPS students and staff are encouraged to help out by donating new pajamas or gift cards to the cause. Counselors will provide a "station" to drop off PJs in the office and gift cards will be collected by the staff in the front offices at each school. These items will be given to the Sparky's group on Monday, November 28th.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

VACCINE CLINICS UNDERWAY AT PPS

Piedmont Schools Health Services has been hard at work coordinating Flu and COVID vaccine clinics as we move into "sick season." Students across the district were given the option to receive a flu vaccine the week of November 7th.

Teachers and staff have had opportunities to receive both the flu vaccine and a COVID-19 bivalent vaccine in the past few weeks. We appreciate our nurses for always working hard to keep our Wildcats healthy!



ENROLLMENT CENTER		10-7-2022	11-7-2022
	PIEDMONT ECC	600	604
	NORTHWOOD ELEM.	469	471
	PIEDMONT ELEM.	458	460
	STONE RIDGE ELEM.	594	591
	PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE	758	756
	MIDDLE SCHOOL	773	775
	HIGH SCHOOL	1422	1413
	TOTAL	5074	5070



ADMINISTRATOR DEVELOPMENT COHORT

We are excited to launch the Administrator Development Cohort. This collaborative Professional Learning Community focuses on the growth and development of future administrators who already work within the walls of our school buildings. Twenty-five educators who have completed their Master's degrees or are working toward their Master's degrees have chosen to be part of this learning opportunity.

ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM

MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM MAPS

Third and fourth grade teachers/math leaders and Brenda Davis continue to work together to evaluate and modify math curriculum maps.

DISTRICT UPDATES

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

CELEBRATING OUR STATE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations Piedmont High School Softball, Boys' Cross Country and Girls' Cross Country. These teams achieved the ultimate goal of becoming the best in the state! We applaud their extraordinary performances.



PIEDMONT SPECIAL OLYMPIANS COMPETE

The Wildcat Special Olympics team competed in Route 66 Area events the first weekend in November. Our Wildcats took 3rd at the Route 66 Area Basketball Tournament and showed off their bowling skills in at the Unified Bowling event.



CROSS COUNTRY

- Reese Fricke won the 2022 5A individual state championship in cross country.
- Dade Humes and Nelin Kimery finished 2nd and 3rd in the 2022 5A cross country state championship.
- Lily Scheck finished 2nd in the 2022 5A cross country state championship.
- Middle school cross country won the JH All-State meet.

TRACK & FIELD

- Kelly Beck was named the 2022 OSSAA Track and Field Coach of the Year.



BAND

- Piedmont High School Band finished 4th at OBA State.
- Band competed at the OSSAA State Marching Contest at Yukon High School. The band received Straight 1 Superior Ratings.

SOFTBALL

Softball 5A-2 All-District superlatives:

- Karissa Fiegenger, Player of the Year
- Payten Schibbelhute, Pitcher of the Year
- Aubrey Pyle, Defensive Player of the Year

Softball 5A/6A All-Region Team:

- Karissa Fiegenger (SS)
- Tayvin Davis (3B)
- Aubrey Pyle (C)

5A-2 All-District Team 1st-Team:

- Taybor Moss
- Tayvin Davis
- Tylar Short
- Hannah Nieuwenhuis

- Keith Coleman named 5A/6A Softball Regional Coach of the Year.



VOLLEYBALL

- The Lady Wildcat volleyball team qualified for the state tournament and won their regional championship.
- Kaylie Marshall was named to the Volleyball All-State team and the All-Tournament Volleyball team.