

MONTHLY NEWS AND UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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DISTRICT UPDATES

ENROLLMENT

	SEPTEMBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2024
Piedmont ECC	616	609
Northwood Elementary	482	555
Piedmont Elementary	451	396
Stone Ridge Elementary	637	643
Piedmont Intermediate	865	840
Middle School of Piedmont	762	796
Piedmont High School	1520	1593
TOTAL	5336	5432

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Fall athletics and activities at Piedmont Public Schools are off to a strong start:

- Cross country teams swept first place at the Deer Creek Field Run Classic.
- Volleyball secured third place at the Choctaw Tournament.
- Piedmont softball is set to host their annual festival on September 20-21.
- The Pride of Piedmont held their annual Meet the Band Night.
- Lady Wildcat cheer and pom teams are gearing up for their upcoming seasons.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Academic Services has made substantial strides in curriculum distribution district-wide. PPS rolled out essential curricula for K-12 math and 6th and 9th grade ELA. We also purchased new curriculum resources for AP Psychology, AP Environmental Science, and Digital Photography, further enriching our educational resources. We have invested more than \$841,000 in curriculum materials this school year!

TRANSPORTATION

We're off to a great start for the 2024-25 school year, with 36 buses serving more than 2,800 registered riders! Piedmont Transportation is now certified to administer CDL tests, thanks to our State Department-certified trainer, Alicia Harmening! Several surrounding districts have already sought our testing services. We've successfully implemented turn-by-turn navigation and GPS fleet tracking for our buses, setting the stage for the StopFinder app rollout, which will soon allow parents to track buses in real-time. Additionally, Joe Mitchell has become a State Department of Education certified Bus Inspector, enabling us to save costs by eliminating the need for third-party inspections.

OPERATIONS

The Operations Department has recently completed several major projects enhancing our district's learning environments. Renovations at the Middle School and High School Family and Consumer Science rooms included new cabinetry, countertops, appliances, and fresh paint, creating modern, functional spaces. We repainted the Middle School's west and elective halls for a cohesive look and replaced the High School cafeteria floor to improve safety and durability. Key updates also included new curb fire lane paint, parking lot striping, handicap spots, and landscaping improvements across all campuses, boosting safety, accessibility, and curb appeal.

SCHOOL SITE UPDATES

PIEDMONT ECC

Piedmont ECC is thrilled to launch our first-ever Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)! We are excited to work with parents and our community to build a strong, supportive environment that enhances the learning experience for all students.

Our shared mission is simple: strengthening the connection between home and school by fostering communication, involvement, and a sense of community. Throughout the year, the PTO will organize events, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities to benefit our students and teachers. More than that, our PTO is about creating a sense of belonging and teamwork at the ECC!



PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

Piedmont Elementary is off to a fantastic start, thanks to our dedicated staff, who value authentic relationships! Two examples include Ms. Adams and Mr. Ham. Ms. Adams truly knows our families on a deep level, and Mr. Ham intentionally connects with students through every interaction - bus line, car line, and the classroom! This school year, Piedmont Elementary is focused on enhancing our tradition of positive, collaborative environments and deepening these meaningful connections.

PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Piedmont High School introduced a new elective course, Introduction to Teacher Education! This class, taught by Lisa Moss—who brings 20 years of teaching experience and a master's in Education Administration—offers a fantastic opportunity for students interested in education. We hope it inspires more students to consider a career in teaching!

NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Northwood Elementary kicked off the school year with a fantastic Back to School Bash on August 22nd! Families enjoyed food trucks, bounce houses, and face painting, all thanks to our incredible PTO. The event included Parent Orientation Night, where parents learned about classroom procedures and had the chance to bid on skip-the-line parking spots and Principal of the Day. We're grateful for our amazing PTO and the support of our dedicated students and families!

MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

Middle School of Piedmont has kicked off the 24-25 school year with the launch of a new Reading Success class. This initiative addresses gaps in reading and comprehension identified from student data, ensuring our Wildcats have the tools for future success. Instructed by Mrs. Amy Brezina and teaching assistant, Cassie Gust, the class features a center-based approach that supports individual skills and tracks progress. With engaging activities and focused group work, Reading Success is already a favorite among students, and we're eager to see their continued growth.

