

MONTHLY NEWS AND UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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DISTRICT UPDATES



ENROLLMENT

	SEPTEMBER 2024	OCTOBER 2024
Piedmont ECC	609	611
Northwood Elementary	555	552
Piedmont Elementary	396	397
Stone Ridge Elementary	643	647
Piedmont Intermediate	840	839
Middle School of Piedmont	796	796
Piedmont High School	1593	1580
TOTAL	5432	5422

HUMAN RESOURCES

We attended the UCO Roundtable Student Teacher Event last week and were able to recruit student teachers to substitute. We will host another substitute orientation on Friday, October 25 from 1-3 p.m.

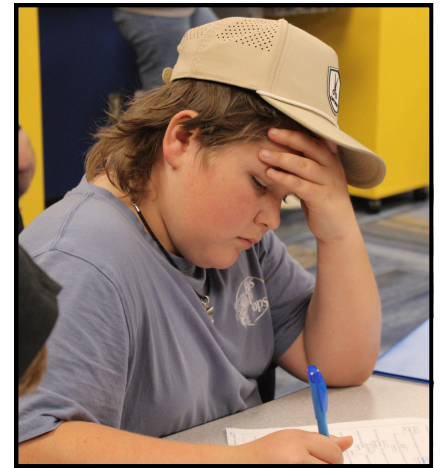
We are in the midst of accreditation season. Piedmont Schools had positive meeting with our Regional Accreditation Officer regarding our fall audit.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Last week, 32 members of our staff participated in "Reaching and Teaching Children Exposed to Trauma" training. Attendees gained valuable insights into recognizing the characteristics of trauma and effective strategies for supporting children impacted by trauma. This is our second year to participate in this training, and we continue to receive overwhelmingly positive feedback from our staff.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

As we approach Fall Break, our principals have completed their initial rounds of teacher observations for new staff and are pleased with the positive developments they're witnessing in classrooms. Hiring exceptional educators is essential to our success. Erin and Steve have also collaborated with staff to set goals for their site improvement plans to enhance student achievement.



TRANSPORTATION

Our transportation team has successfully piloted StopFinder, a new parent app that allows bus tracking. The parents' response has been overwhelmingly positive. We have rolled the system out to the elementary sites. Our team is helping parents enroll and access the system. Slowly integrating the system districtwide has allowed us to work with families and fix issues as they arise. We anticipate giving access to all sites within the next two weeks.

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OPERATIONS

The construction of the new Black Box Theater at the high school is officially underway. This 185-seat facility will be a significant enhancement to our Fine Arts department, providing a versatile space for performances, rehearsals, and student productions. We look forward to seeing its impact on the overall student experience.



PREPARE TRAINING AT PPS

On Monday, October 14th, 60 Piedmont Schools staff members will attend a PREPaRE Workshop during our scheduled Teacher-Resource Day. This one-day training focuses on enhancing school safety by equipping participants with strategies for crisis preparedness and response.

Topics include developing crisis teams, conducting vulnerability assessments, crisis communication, and support for students with special needs in a crisis.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Softball won its 8th straight district title, remaining undefeated in district play for the last seven years. They hosted and won the Regional Tournament, allowing the team to advance to the State Tournament! The team is ranked #20 nationally by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

Football defeated NW Classen 61-6, improving to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in district play, and will face US Grant for homecoming on Friday.

Volleyball has 17 wins, with 2 matches left before the regional tournament.

XC competed in a national tournament in California, with Girls finishing 14th and Boys 34th. Both teams won at the Rogers State Meet and ranked #1 in 6A, with Girls also ranked #27 nationally.



MAINTENANCE WORK ORDERS

	2023	2024	% INCREASE
July	62	86	39%
August	226	441	95%
September	128	269	110%

SCHOOL SITE UPDATES

PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

In October, twelve select students from six area high schools spent two days at Wiley Post Airport for Route 66 Flight School's second annual Aviation Mini Camp. Piedmont Aviation students Olivia Baker and Joshua Johnson were among the participants. Olivia and Joshua moved between three stations where they experienced professional ramp operations, learned about radio calls with air traffic control, and talked about basic aerodynamics. The following day, the students took to the skies with a flight instructor and experienced from start to finish what it takes to fly. We truly appreciate the Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics and the Route 66 Flight School Foundation for supporting this event for our students.



MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

The Middle School of Piedmont FCCLA put in tremendous effort to gather supplies for those affected by Hurricane Helene. The Piedmont community rallied together, generously donating essential items such as pet food, yard equipment, bags of food, toiletries, and more. Under the leadership of Sarah Graham, our students sorted and loaded all the donations.

Our Wildcats have a heart for helping others! This is just one example of how the Wildcat Family supports those in need!



PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

The month of October is off to a hot start with Fire Prevention Week! Our local firefighters greeted students as they arrived at school, and each grade level walked to the fire department to learn about fire safety. It was a great opportunity to partner with our community and for our students to learn about our community helpers!



PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE

The 6th grade social studies team collaborated with instructional resource specialist, Angela Delong, to enhance student learning. After analyzing recent test data, they divided responsibilities to address diverse student needs. Their efforts were focused on three key areas: remediation for struggling students, reinforcement of core concepts, and enrichment for students performing at mastery.

