

MONTHLY NEWS AND UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PIEDMONT FOCUS



DISTRICT UPDATES

ENROLLMENT

	OCTOBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024
Piedmont ECC	611	616
Northwood Elementary	552	556
Piedmont Elementary	397	394
Stone Ridge Elementary	647	645
Piedmont Intermediate	839	838
Middle School of Piedmont	796	792
Piedmont High School	1580	1578
TOTAL	5422	5419

SCHOOL SAFETY

Piedmont Maintenance team installed eight speed bumps and speed limit signs on the loop surrounding PHS to slow traffic for increased safety.

TRANSPORTATION

We've successfully launched the StopFinder app for bus tracking at all sites, with more than 700 families subscribed. Parents can track buses in real-time, view schedules, receive delay alerts, and set custom notifications for specific locations along the route. The response has been overwhelmingly positive, with many thank-you's from our community. We're excited to continue exploring new ways to use this tool to better serve our families!

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Teams of Piedmont Educators attended two impactful professional development opportunities in October.

Eleven elementary teachers, secondary teachers, and administrators chose to attend Response to Intervention (RTI) training during their Fall Break. This training helped them learn how to build interventions into learning to best support all students.

Twenty-five members of the PPS team attended a "Yes We Can" training, making up thirty percent of the participants! This hands-on session focused on using PLC best practices to promote collaboration between special education and general education teachers, aiming to accelerate learning and support success for all students.



SECONDARY EDUCATION

Piedmont High School held its annual College and Career Fair on October 25th, providing students with valuable access to a diverse range of universities, trade programs, and career opportunities. The event featured representatives from 34 colleges, universities, military organizations. A special thank you goes to our team of academic counselors—Judie Meier, Bailie Hollingshead, and Kelly Barker—for their hard work in organizing this event.



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OPERATIONS

Since starting our partnership with Oklahoma Building Services (OBS) for janitorial services in July 2024, OBS has proven to be a professional, punctual, and highly accommodating addition to Piedmont Schools. Their team consistently addresses our cleaning needs with thoroughness and attention to detail, contributing to a well-maintained and welcoming environment for our students and staff. OBS has also gone above and beyond, often handling issues beyond their contracted scope to support the efficient operation of our schools. This level of commitment has made OBS a valuable partner, enhancing the overall quality and cleanliness of our facilities.



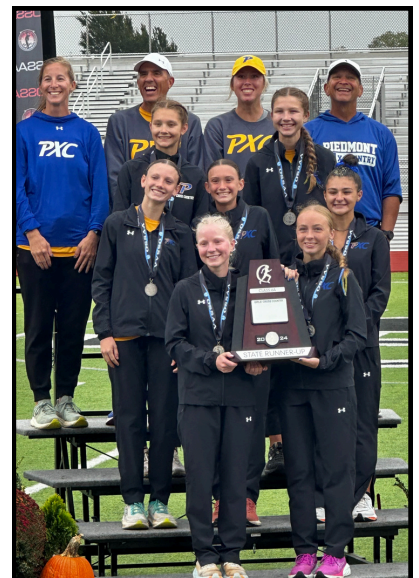
Stone Ridge Students show their appreciation for Ms. Lorena for National Custodian Appreciation Day on October 2nd.



ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Piedmont Unified Volleyball made school history by claiming their first-ever state title—a monumental achievement for the team and school! Congratulations, Wildcats!

- Piedmont Softball ended their season as the 5A State Runners-up.
- Piedmont Cross Country teams earned state runner-ups honors
- The Pride of Piedmont performed at both the OBA and OSSAA Band State, showcasing their musical talents and hard work
- Piedmont Cheer earned runner-up honors at the Gameday Championships
- Football qualified for the state playoffs, marking another successful season for the team.
- Keith Coleman was named COAC Coach of the Year
- Nadia Jeffries, Madeline Kimball, Addison Cassady, and Taybor Moss earned COAC Conference honors.
- Volleyball capped off their season in the regional final against Edmond Memorial
- Boys and girls basketball hosted the Wildcat Preview.



SCHOOL SITE UPDATES



PIEDMONT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Our Community Helper Celebration Day was a fantastic event honoring the hard work and dedication of the individuals who serve our community. The celebration brought together community members from the OKC Police, EMSA, OKC Fire Department, and OKC Police Motorcycle Division. Each student had a unique opportunity to interact with these community helpers, engaging in hands-on learning activities that deepened their understanding of each role. The day's experiences and insights will leave a lasting impact, helping our students appreciate the essential work these individuals do to keep our community safe.

NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY

What started as a field trip for our pre-K through 2nd graders turned into an exciting adventure for all Northwood Wildcats. Students and teachers had the opportunity to explore the Piedmont Fire Station, try on firefighter coats, spray the fire hose, and meet Sparky the Fire Dog, who quickly became a favorite!

Back at school, first graders practiced their writing skills by creating stories about their favorite moments from the trip. To express their gratitude, students from all grades made thank-you cards, which were delivered to the Piedmont Fire Department. We look forward to making this an annual tradition!



PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

This school year, Piedmont High School is focusing on creating a fun culture for both staff and students. For Halloween, teachers in each hallway dressed up according to a theme. Everyone enjoyed it—both teachers and students had a great time!



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PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE

PI students wrapped up their fall fundraiser with an unforgettable Best Day Ever! Thanks to their hard work, we raised more than \$15,000 to support playground upgrades and the purchase of new equipment! On November 6th, students were treated to a fun-filled day with inflatables, dancing, games, and more.



PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

This month has been busy, but our students have made great strides, thanks to our incredible educators.

At our November Wildcat Wake-Up, we launched a new tradition to recognize outstanding staff. The PAW Print Award honors educators making a lasting impact. Our first recipient is Gabby Kuchera, our library media assistant, who is always positive and engages students with care.

We also introduced the G.O.A.T. necklace, passed from one educator to another. The first recipient is Mrs. Kelleigh Dies, our innovative STEM teacher, who will pass the necklace at our next Wildcat Wake-Up.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

Big things are happening at the Middle School of Piedmont! PAWS (Positive Attitude +Work=Success) is a 30-minute block of time at MSP specifically designed to provide a multi-tiered system of support for students in reading and math! Our 7th-grade math teachers, led by Erin Fluman, used data to select 24 students and provided targeted interventions on pre-requisite skills that will support them in mastering essential math standards. They have been working on the 'Number Sense and Operations' strand of the Oklahoma Academic Standards and have targeted specific objectives to provide students with additional time and support toward mastery of those skills. We are super proud of these hard-working teachers who truly believe all students can learn at high levels!

STONE RIDGE ELEMENTARY

In October, Stone Ridge kicked off our Fall Fundraiser with a Fun Run, aiming to raise \$40,000. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we exceeded that goal, raising \$44,106.44 to support our school, students, and teachers! A fun highlight was when Mrs. King and Mrs. Baustert kissed a pig as part of the incentive for reaching our goal.

The school also celebrated Socktober, collecting more than 10,000 pairs of socks for women and children in need through the YWCA.

