

MONTHLY NEWS AND UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PIEDMONT FOCUS



SCHOOL SITE UPDATES



PIEDMONT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

All ECC students recently participated in a fun and exciting Fire Safety Obstacle Course in PE class. This hands-on experience allowed students to learn vital fire safety skills while having a blast. Overcoming the physical and mental challenges of the obstacle course boosted students' confidence in their ability to handle emergencies. This activity was engaging and a fantastic way for students to practice fire prevention, emergency response, and teamwork in a fun and memorable way. Shout out to our ECC PE teacher, Mrs. Wiley!



MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

Ready, set, read! Our Middle School students took on the ultimate reading challenge in the month of October. For every minute of independent reading, they earned water to pour on their teachers! The more they read, the bigger the bucket! 320 students completed the challenge for a total of 238,941 minutes read. All of these reading minutes equaled up to 288 gallons of water on our MSP teachers! Huge kudos to our readers for turning up the volume and making waves with every page turned! We are very proud of the way our Wildcats are diving into literature and we love to celebrate their success each month with a new incentive!



PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE

Piedmont Intermediate Book Club recently completed reading *Something Like Home* by Andrea Arango. As a special treat, they had the opportunity to Zoom with the author! During the session, Andrea shared insights into her writing process, discussed the personal experiences that inspired the book, and opened up about her work with foster children.



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NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY

On November 12, our Northwood 4th-grade PAW Pride students had the incredible opportunity to visit the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and volunteer their time to help families in need.

During their visit, the students enthusiastically worked together to pack 626 bags of potatoes, totaling an impressive 939 pounds. Their efforts contributed to providing 782 meals for families across our community.

This experience taught our students the value of hard work and teamwork and emphasized the importance of giving back. We're so proud of their dedication and the difference they made for those in need.

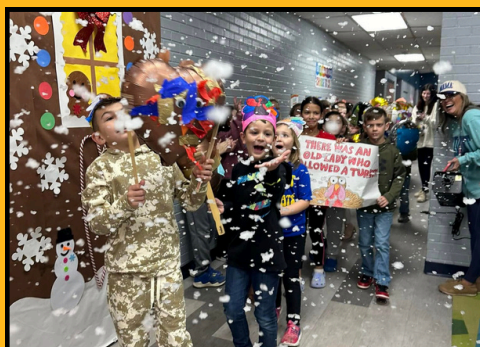
Thank you to the Regional Food Bank for hosting our students and to everyone who supports programs like PAW Pride that foster community service and leadership!



PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

November was a month of exciting events at Piedmont Elementary. Starting with the Veterans Day assembly, with more than 50 veterans and 100+ family members as our guests. Our 3rd and 4th graders performed songs and a presentation of the forgotten soldier/POW/MIA soldiers with an empty chair and hats representing each branch of the military.

The month wrapped up with our 2nd graders' "Balloons Over Broadway" parade, showcasing Thanksgiving-themed mini balloon floats that accompanied the Thanksgiving books they read the previous week. This school-wide celebration was a highlight as students paraded through the gym and hallways!



DISTRICT UPDATES

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES



Piedmont Athletics and Activities continues to shine with a series of impressive accomplishments:

- Football advanced to the state quarterfinals, capping off another strong season.
- Cross Country delivered outstanding performances, with both the boys' and girls' teams finishing as state runners-up.
- 19 student-athletes proudly signed their letters of intent on National Signing Day, marking a significant milestone in their athletic careers.
- Basketball, Swim, and Wrestling have all officially kicked off their seasons, bringing excitement and anticipation for the year ahead.
- Cheer earned a spot at the Gameday State competition, showcasing their dedication and skill.
- Pom competed at the DTU State, representing Piedmont with pride and passion.
- Head Football Coach Jeff Hall celebrated an incredible achievement, reaching 100 career wins.
- F&M Bank generously donated \$250,000 to fund the construction of a new indoor baseball/softball hitting facility, further enhancing our athletic resources.
- Head Volleyball Coach Tom Williams was named OCA Region 1 Coach of the Year, recognizing his exceptional leadership and dedication to the program.

STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES

On November 15th, counselors and behavioral health professionals from across the district came together for an informative visit to Youth and Family Services in El Reno. During the visit, they toured the facility and gained valuable insights into the wide range of individual, small group, and family counseling opportunities and support services available.

Youth and Family Services offers vital supplemental and emergency assistance to families throughout Canadian County, and this visit helped our team better understand the resources available to support the well-being of our students and their families.



GRANTS FOR TEACHERS FUNDED

Piedmont Public Schools Education Foundation and the Carrie Attalla Memorial Fund are funding 34 grants for 63 teachers this school year, totaling \$26,870! Educators were surprised in their classrooms and celebrated with their students.

Congratulations to all 2024 PPSEF grant recipients!

DISTRICT UPDATES

ENROLLMENT

	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2024
Piedmont ECC	616	616
Northwood Elementary	556	556
Piedmont Elementary	394	391
Stone Ridge Elementary	645	645
Piedmont Intermediate	838	836
Middle School of Piedmont	792	790
Piedmont High School	1578	1574
TOTAL	5419	5408

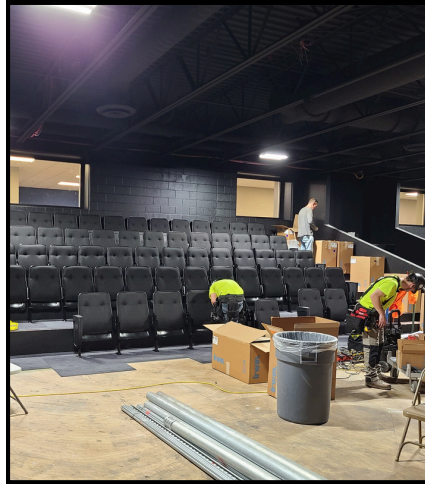


STUDENT SAFETY

Welcome O.J. Mathewson to the Piedmont Schools Safety and Security team. O.J. will serve as an additional School Resource Officer (SRO) at Piedmont High School. We look forward to the valuable contributions he will bring to PHS as we continue to prioritize a safe, secure, and supportive environment for all students.

OPERATIONS

COMING SOON TO A CAMPUS NEAR YOU!



Piedmont Schools is making strides with two major improvements that will enhance our performing arts and athletic programs.

The Blackbox Theatre at the high school is progressing nicely, with seats now being installed. Once completed, this state-of-the-art space will provide an incredible venue for our performing arts students, offering a modern setting for theatre productions and performances.

In addition, we are thrilled to announce the groundbreaking of our new 6,400-square-foot hitting facility. This all-steel building will feature batting cages, indoor turf, and versatile spaces for year-round training. Designed to support all extracurricular programs within the district, it reflects our dedication to providing top-tier resources for student-athletes and students involved in extracurriculars. This project has an expected completion date of mid-March. The new facility will be a tremendous asset for our district for years to come.

We are excited about these developments and the opportunities they will create for our students!

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ACADEMIC SERVICES

Piedmont Leadership Development meetings are underway for their third year, with a record 37 staff members signed up—our largest group ever! This group of educators will dive into important topics, including conflict resolution, building successful professional learning communities, and exploring leadership roles within the district. Led by district administrators, these interactive sessions provide authentic leadership training.

TRANSPORTATION

November brought us many damp opportunities to explore the great red clay of Oklahoma! Our team of Bus Drivers did an excellent job keeping our fleet clean. We also enjoyed some unexpected entertainment in watching tow truck drivers pull other tow truck drivers out of the mud while trying to rescue our buses!

We enjoyed great fellowship for Thanksgiving and said goodbye to two of our own who moved out of state to be nearer to their grandchildren. We wish Earl and Marcia Jantz the best in their future endeavors.



NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

For the first time in school history, Piedmont competed in a debate tournament in November, showcasing impressive skills in policy debate. Each team finished with a 2-2 record, a remarkable achievement for their debut!

Thanks to SNU's support as one of their seed programs, Piedmont's debate team has received weekly guidance to help build the program. We're excited for what's to come this year—this team is off to a strong start!



MAINTENANCE

In November, the Maintenance team handled 162 work orders, a 37% increase from last year. We replaced 18 light fixtures at PI and NW under warranty, marking the first use of our LED conversion warranty. The portable building at Administration was cleaned and repainted for office conversion. We marked vendor spaces for Jingle Jam, installed parking barriers before the 11/8 football game, and replaced missing acoustic panels in the PI gym. We also delivered chairs for the ES Veterans Day assembly, and 246 boxes of food to six sites, and helped move classrooms for teacher rotations across the elementary schools.