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Message from the Principal

It is easy to tell that winter break is upon us. Spirit days are a distant memory and projects are wrapping up. Nothing compares to being in a K-3 school during the month of December. Please keep an eye out on your email later today for a special surprise from all of us.

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Holiday Parties Today

Our holiday parties will take place today, **Friday, December 20**. If you have signed up to help, please be sure to check in with the PTO upon arrival.

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2025-26 Academic Calendar Approved

The Pine-Richland School Board approved the 2025-2026 academic calendar this week. School will start on Wednesday, August 20.

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Car Rider Updates

Beginning in January, we are going to tweak the car

rider process during arrival. When dropping off your student, please pull up to the next available orange cone. Please be sure your child has his/her backpack ready and exits on the passenger side of the vehicle.

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Glow Run Fundraiser—Save the Date

The Hance Hive Glow Run fundraiser kicks off soon! Look out for more information in the coming weeks. For now, note the key dates of this fundraiser.



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Planet Aid Recycling Program

Keep Hance in mind as you are cleaning out your closets over break! You may have noticed the big yellow Planet Aid bin located in the parking lot. The PTO will earn 5 cents per pound collected.



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Quarterly Meeting with Mrs. Giran

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled virtually for **Thursday, January 9**, from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. The tentative agenda includes first-semester highlights, the PTO's upcoming fundraiser, parent volunteer opportunities, and STAR tests and results.



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In Case You Missed It

Join the Spanish Club

There are 15 spaces available for this six-week Spanish experience that takes place Tuesdays after school, starting on **January 21**. Registration closes on **Sunday, January 5**.



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Youth Field Hockey

The Youth Field Hockey program will run a one-hour clinic on Thursdays after school beginning **Thursday, January 30**, and run for three weeks. Registration closes on **Wednesday, January 8**.

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Future Chef Competition

Get ready to wear your chef hat and apron and get cooking in the kitchen! This year's competition theme is "Complete the plate with your favorite main dish." Submit your recipe by **Friday, January 10**. The competition is open to students in grades 1 - 5.

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Kids of Steel

Kids of Steel is an after school club to help kids stay active and motivated in preparation for the Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids' Marathon in May.

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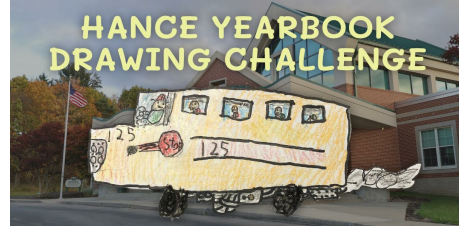
We are hard at work creating this year's yearbook at Hance. Books cost \$18.90 and will be distributed in May. Order your copy today!

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We Want Your Art for the Yearbook

The best pictures will be featured on the cover and throughout the class pages. To be considered, complete the [Hance Yearbook Drawing Challenge](#) and return to school by **Friday, March 28**.



Penguins Night

Pine-Richland Elementary Schools Night at the Penguins game is **Sunday, January 12**, at 5:00 pm. Every ticket purchased benefits the HPTO. [Contact the PTO with questions.](#)

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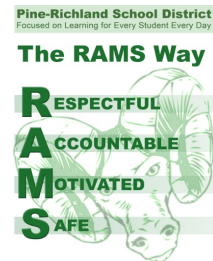
Cafeteria Volunteers

Our calendar is open for volunteers to [sign up](#) to help out for the remainder of the year. This is a great way to see your child in action and socialize with our students.



RAMS Way Committee Wish List

The RAMS Way committee is looking for incentives and prizes for students and staff. Please check out our [Amazon wish list](#). Items will be used to reinforce positive behaviors and during RAMS Way assemblies.



Reminders

- Friday Flash submissions are due Wednesdays at 8 am to prnewsletters@pinerichland.org.
- [Free and Reduced Meal Applications](#) must be submitted each school year.
- Check the [Friday Flash Archives](#) for past information.
- [Children's Health Insurance Program](#) information.
- Read our [Title I Right to Know](#) letter.
- [View the breakfast and lunch menus.](#)

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