

# Pine Hill Middle School

February 7, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and that your child has been enjoying a successful school year so far. As we begin Marking Period 3, I would like to take a moment to update you on our progress and share important information regarding your child's educational journey.

We are proud of the academic growth, personal achievements, and positive experiences our students have had during the first two marking periods. As we move into the third marking period, it is a great time to reflect on your child's progress and set new goals for continued success.

## Site Council Meeting

We will be having a School Site Council Meeting on **February 19th, 4:30-5:30 pm**. If you are interested in attending, please fill out this [form](#) no later than February 17.

## PHMS Student Council Food Drive

Thank you to our parents and guardians for supporting our Student Council's food drive effort!

We collected **573** items. Awesome Job!



### National Contest Winners!

**Avery Ferra, Anjoli Mayweather, and Amira Davis**, were chosen to have their entries published in the book Fright Fest- Fearful Fantasies. They entered a Young Writers USA contest in October and are still in the running to win a monetary prize. Great job!



### Authentic Learning

Throughout the year, our teachers have incorporated multiple real-world applications within their classrooms and this is such a vital part of learning. What a great way to keep students engaged! Below are some examples of Authentic (real world) Learning .

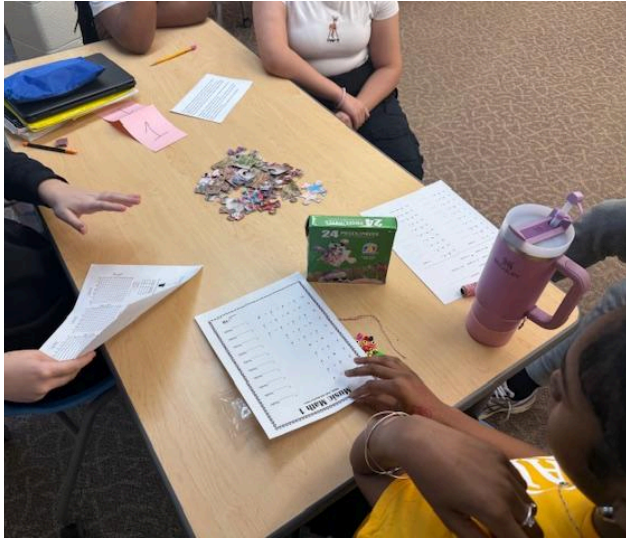
Students in **Molly Lowe's ELA** class worked on a project dealing with multiple intelligences.

**"Multiple intelligences is a theory that describes how people learn and acquire information in different ways. It was proposed by Howard Gardner in his 1993 book Multiple Intelligences."**

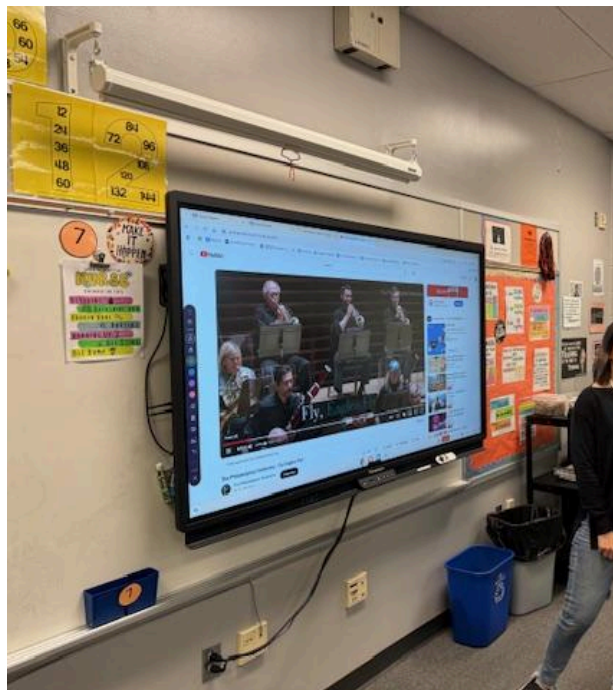
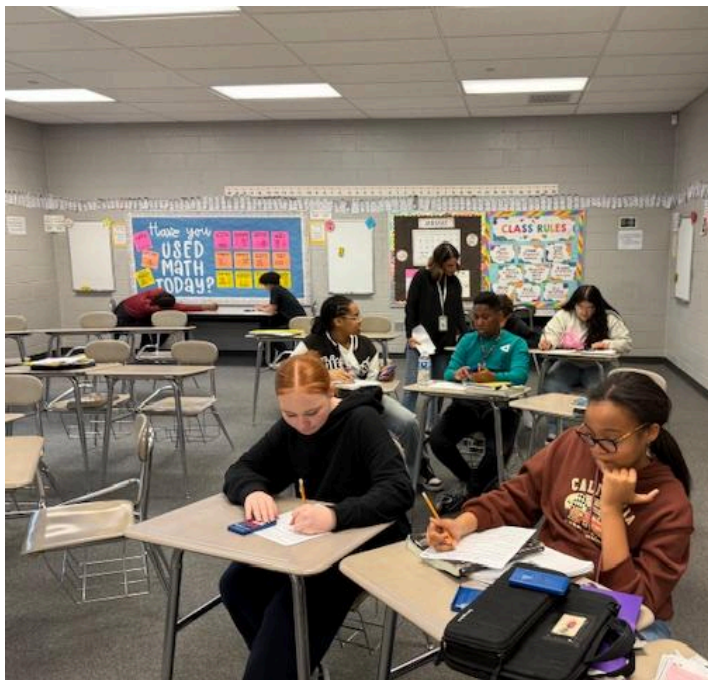


**Very interesting Info!**



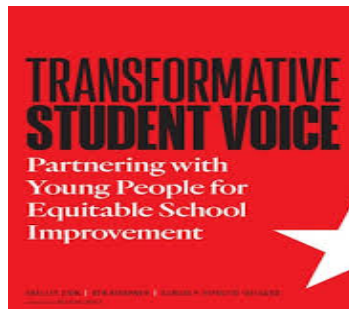
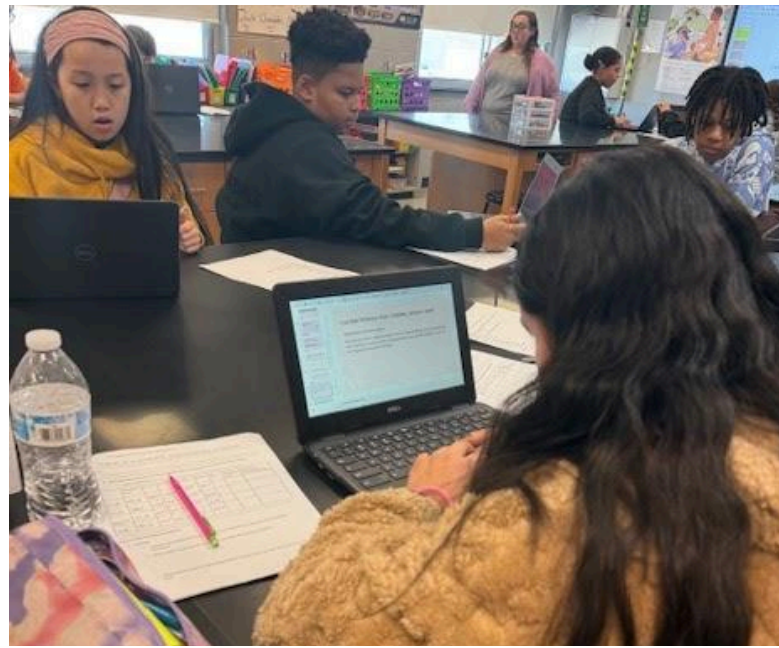
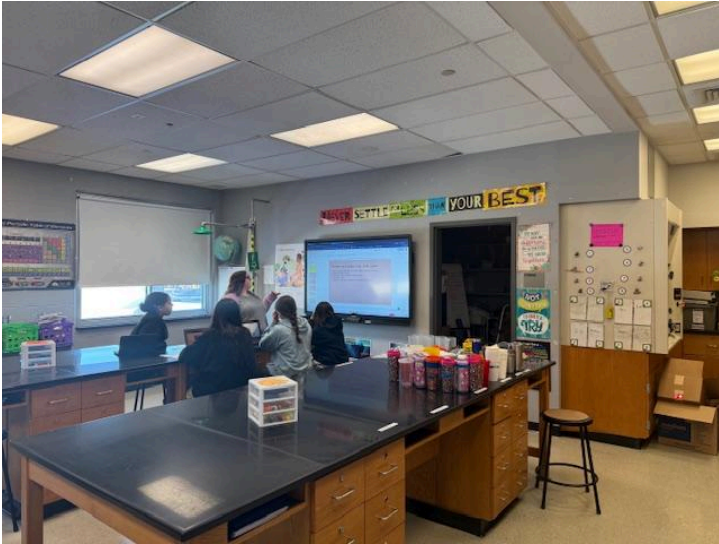


Math teacher **Denise Gilmore**, brought real world issues to her class by having students work on unit rates with decimals and fraction multi level word problems. The class lesson included the upcoming Super Bowl, sports teams and their swag within her math lesson!  
**Awesome and creative!!**

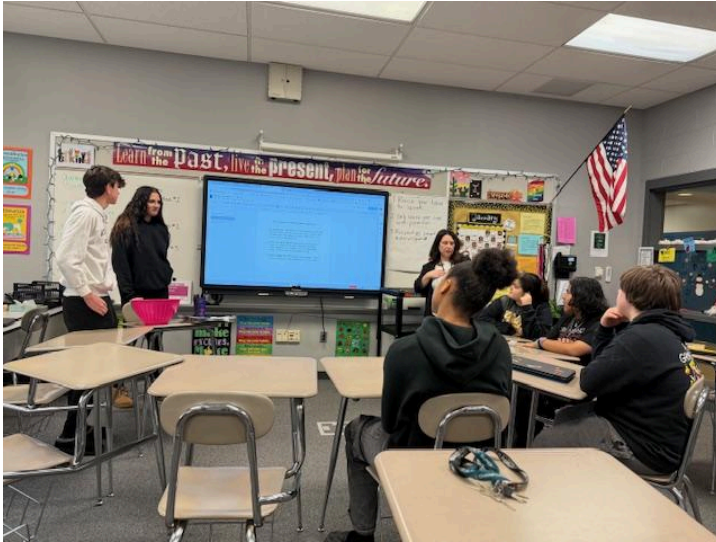
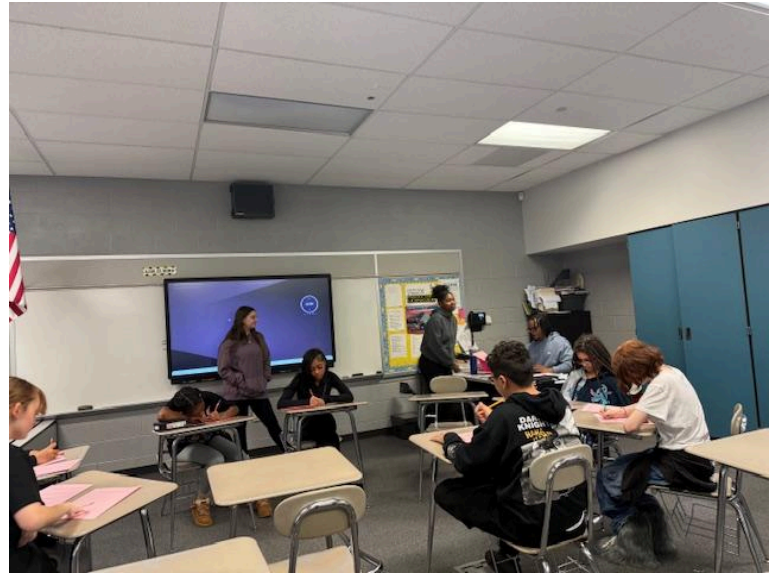




Science teacher **Jordan Brennan's** students use lab groups to carry out an investigation to measure temperature inside and outside a cup system to test whether heat or cold moves through the wall of the system. Great Work!



Our Transformative Student Voice Group started collecting data with their advisors **Holly Strobl and Anthony Parsons**. So excited for them to work on an issue using research!



- February 14:** School is Out/ Staff Inservice
- February 17:** President's Day School Closed
- February 19:** Night Conferences, 8th grade workshop & Site Council Meeting @4:30pm
- February 18,19, 20:** Half Day Conferences

Have a great weekend!

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