

MONTHLY NEWS AND UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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SCHOOL SITE UPDATES



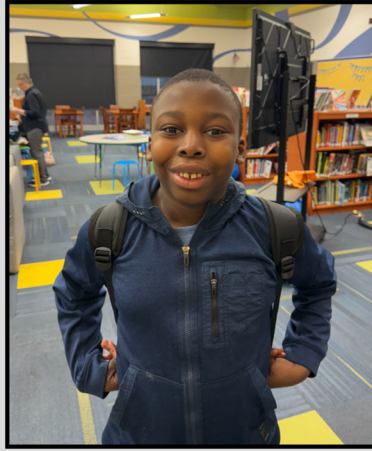
STONE RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Stone Ridge Elementary 3rd-grade students used the district's National Geographic Giant Map of Oklahoma to learn about the formation of the state of Oklahoma as a marriage of Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory. In groups, students mapped land occupied by the Five Tribes at the end of the 19th century, and the territory opened in the 1889 land run. Students then read a Choctaw version of The Tortoise and the Hare and created their own race route through the territories they had mapped. We appreciate Mrs. Delong sharing the map with our students!



NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY

The new turf on our school playground has been completely installed, and our students are already having a wonderful time using it! The installation process took about two weeks, and it was definitely worth the wait! The new surface offers a safe, clean, and enjoyable environment for play and physical activities, and we couldn't be happier with the positive energy it has brought to our school.



PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE

During the district-wide Read-a-Thon, Piedmont Intermediate students read a total of 54,201 minutes and raised \$5,075.

Umar Seidu was the top reader at Piedmont Intermediate, logging an impressive 2,500 minutes, and he was also the top reader in the district!



MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a National Career and Technical Student Organization that students in Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) classes at MSP have the opportunity to be a part of. The FCCLA chapter at the Middle School of Piedmont is thriving under the leadership of teacher Sarah Graham! Last Thursday, MSP students represented well in the FCCLA Regional STAR Events in El Reno.

Rebecca "Bex" Dewey-Benda (8th grade) placed first with her presentation on Sports Nutrition that demonstrated a nutrition and hydration plan for wrestling athlete requirements. She will advance to State in Stillwater in March. Abby Tabor (7th grade) represented MSP with Creed Speaking after placing 2nd at Districts in the fall. Members Irelynn Moss and Tayleigh Blades volunteered their time to attend as timekeepers for the events and assisted as needed.

STAR Events are for Students Taking Action for Recognition. These events provide opportunities to develop and practice leadership skills through project management, teamwork, and communication. Bex and Abby represented MSP well, and we are proud of their hard work!

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PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

In January, a team of Piedmont Elementary 4th graders participated in an academic competition in Deer Creek. The new Academic Team coach, Mrs. Labadie, guided ten students to achieve the runner-up position. This significant accomplishment qualifies them for the next competition! These students practice together after school with Mrs. Labadie to develop their skills and strengthen their teamwork.



PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to the outstanding Piedmont High School Academic Team for their impressive achievement in securing 3rd place in the state competition! A special shoutout goes to their dedicated coaches, Andrea Carpenter, Stephanie Kunnanz, and Katherine Clark, for their guidance and support.

The team's hard work and determination have truly paid off. In addition to their success at the state level, they went undefeated in the Area Tournament, earning the title of Area Champions! This remarkable accomplishment highlights their skill, teamwork, and commitment to academic excellence.



PIEDMONT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

KOCO Channel 5 recently visited our STEM classroom to highlight the engaging and hands-on learning experiences led by Mrs. Melisa Woolf. During the visit, meteorologist Sabrina Bates showcased how our smallest wildcats explore science concepts in exciting ways. Mrs. Woolf captivated our kindergarten students by teaching them about open and closed circuits, demonstrating how electricity flows and powers different devices. The students eagerly participated in interactive activities, sparking their curiosity and understanding of basic electrical engineering. It was an exciting visit that showed just how much fun science can be and how our students are growing into creative problem-solvers!

DISTRICT UPDATES



OPERATIONS

Piedmont Public Schools has launched an \$800,000 turf installation project at all elementary school locations. This initiative was made possible by the support of our Piedmont community, which voted in favor of the 2024 bond, ensuring enhanced play areas for our students. The installation is on schedule, with completion expected by the end of March. Northwood Elementary was the first site to have its playground turf completed, and work is currently underway at Stone Ridge Elementary.

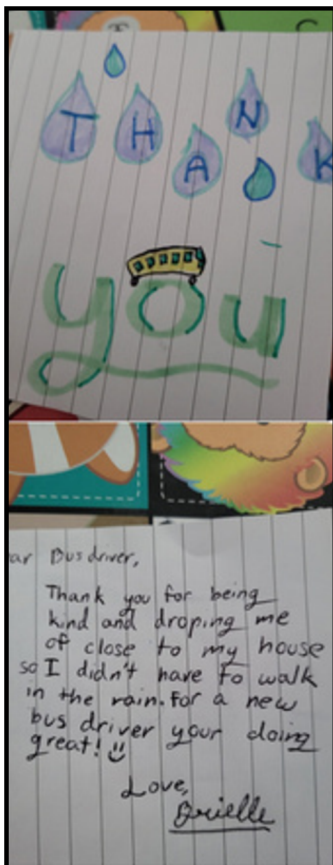
These newly turfed areas will provide a safer, more durable surface for recreation, addressing previous concerns about deteriorating conditions. Once finished, this project will significantly improve the functionality and longevity of our playgrounds, benefiting students for years to come. We appreciate the community's investment in our schools and their commitment to creating better spaces for learning and play.



TRANSPORTATION

Like many others, we've been navigating staff illnesses daily. One silver lining during this challenging time is that the bright spots shine even brighter. Recently, a student made a lovely card for one of our new bus drivers.

The transportation team is especially grateful for Mr. Matt Bilyeu and Mr. Darnell Zook for their dedication in coming in early many mornings to drive buses when drivers are out sick. Their kindness and support have been invaluable. So many wonderful people across the departments have come together and adapted to changing schedules to help us keep things running smoothly. We are truly grateful for each one of them!



DISTRICT UPDATES

ENROLLMENT

	JANUARY 2025	FEBRUARY 2025
Piedmont ECC	618	614
Northwood Elementary	561	557
Piedmont Elementary	390	391
Stone Ridge Elementary	640	639
Piedmont Intermediate	838	836
Middle School of Piedmont	792	793
Piedmont High School	1574	1570
TOTAL	5413	5400

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Wrestling

- 14 Placers at COAC Tournament
- Chickasha Tour Runner-Up
- District Champions
- Qualified for Dual State

Boys Basketball

- 3rd Place at Bruce Gray Invitational

Girls Basketball

- 3rd Place at Sweet Pea Invitational

Swim

- Competed in the COAC Meet

Cross Country

- Hired Head Coach Billy Miller

Academic Team

- Took 3rd Place at State

Baseball

- Hosted Youth Winter Pitching/Hitting Camp

Cheer

- Competed in NCA Nationals in Dallas



Middle School of Piedmont 8th-grade students toured Canadian Valley Technology Center (CVTC) on January 16th, exploring future career pathways and job training opportunities available to them in high school. They learned about various hands-on programs at CVTC, gaining valuable insights into skills and certifications they can pursue. This experience has opened up exciting possibilities for their future educational journeys!



Our school librarians teamed up to organize a district-wide Read-A-Thon to raise funds for our school libraries. Students were challenged to read as many minutes as possible, while families supported them with donations and words of encouragement. School sites hosted dress-up days for added fun to promote reading throughout the week.

Thanks to the collective efforts of our school community, students raised an impressive \$30,518 for our school libraries!

