

MONTHLY NEWS AND UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PIEDMONT FOCUS



SCHOOL SITE UPDATES



PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

February was a busy month, highlighted by our Professional Development Day! Our teachers had the opportunity to learn from the experts within our building. Sessions included a writing workshop led by Mrs. Steggles and Mrs. Wheeler, insights from the team that attended a trauma-informed teaching workshop, and strategies from the Yes We Can workshop, which focused on supporting all students, especially those needing extra help.

It was a fantastic day of learning and collaboration, and we are grateful for the chance to share and grow together. A special thank you to Dr. Eichelberger and Brenda Davis for demonstrating how movement can positively impact student learning!



PIEDMONT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

March is Inclusion Week for our Special Olympians, a time to celebrate Unified Sports, which brings together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities. This fosters friendships, teamwork, and social inclusion.

At the ECC, inclusion isn't just a one-week event. It's a daily commitment, supported by our dedicated teachers and staff. Our students actively practice kindness, acceptance, and teamwork every day.

We extend a huge shoutout to our incredible special education teachers and paraprofessionals! Their dedication and collaboration with general education teachers create a more connected and supportive school community. Their impact goes beyond the classroom, touching the lives of students, families, and staff. We are grateful for all they do to make our school a better place!



PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to all the Piedmont 4-H and FFA students who participated in the Piedmont Canadian County Junior Livestock Show and county premium sale. Our students proudly represented Piedmont as National Anthem singers, ambassadors, photographers, and livestock exhibitors. Nine of our livestock students achieved the top honor of making the premium sale—a testament to their hard work and dedication. We are so proud to call them Piedmont Wildcats!

We would also like to give special recognition to Madison Shout for receiving the prestigious Danny Goodman Memorial Scholarship, an award given to top seniors participating in the county show. This is a tremendous achievement, and Piedmont High School is incredibly proud of Madison's commitment to the agricultural community.

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NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY

Northwood's incredible Parent/Teacher Organization hosted its annual Bingo Night on Tuesday, March 4th, and it was a huge success! Our school community came together in an amazing show of support, making the evening one to remember. Families and friends had a blast playing bingo, answering trivia questions, and dancing the night away. The excitement didn't stop there—PTO also organized a fantastic raffle featuring prizes generously donated by local businesses. We are beyond grateful for our PTO and all they do to enrich our school throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who made this event so special!



MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

Students in Mrs. Carney's Art I and Art II classes at MSP had the opportunity to participate in a state-wide bookmark design contest, sponsored by the Oklahoma Alliance for Art Education and the Oklahoma Art Education Association. The contest had two winners at the Middle School level, and MSP's own 7th grader, Santiago Cornejo, won 1st place! His design has been transformed into an official bookmark that will be distributed to schools across Oklahoma.

In addition to Santiago's achievement, three MSP students—Scarlet Davis, Izzy Rogers, and Presley Curtis—were recognized as runners-up.



March is celebrated nationwide as Youth Arts Month. As part of the celebration, MSP students participated in Oklahoma's Youth Arts Month flag design contest. 8th grader Scarlet Davis won 1st place in the Middle School category for the entire state! Her winning design will be turned into a flag and presented to her later this month.



PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE

Earlier this year, Ms. Kimmel applied for a grant to spend a week in Williamsburg, VA, experiencing 18th-century life and the history of the American Revolution. Last week, she received the exciting news that she was selected and will participate this summer!

Sponsored by The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, this prestigious program immerses educators in early American history through hands-on experiences, expert-led seminars, and interactive learning at Colonial Williamsburg, the world's largest living history museum.

Ms. Kimmel will bring back valuable insights and resources to make colonial history come alive in her classroom, enriching her students' understanding of America's founding principles. Congratulations, Ms. Kimmel!

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STONE RIDGE ELEMENTARY

On February 25th, Stone Ridge Elementary officially cut the ribbon on our newly upgraded playground. The addition of new turf provides a safer, more enjoyable experience for our student — PLUS, no more red dirt on shoes and socks!

This exciting improvement was made possible through the support of our school community as part of the 2024 PPS Student Investment Plan. We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this project a success.



DISTRICT UPDATES

ENROLLMENT

	FEBRUARY 2025	MARCH 2025
Piedmont ECC	614	614
Northwood Elementary	557	557
Piedmont Elementary	391	391
Stone Ridge Elementary	639	639
Piedmont Intermediate	836	836
Middle School of Piedmont	793	793
Piedmont High School	1570	1570
TOTAL	5400	5400

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

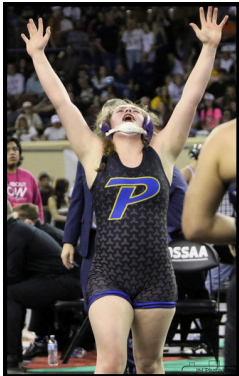
Program Spotlight: Piedmont Wrestling Shines at State!

Piedmont Wrestling had an outstanding season, wrapping up with eight wrestlers qualifying for the state tournament! The Wildcats brought home some incredible achievements:

- Blake Thomas – 3rd Place
- Brooklyn Waters – 4th Place
- Makaylee Cannon & Jackson Blackburn – CLASS 6A STATE CHAMPIONS! 🏆

Coach Ford was also recognized as the Class 6A Central Oklahoma Wrestling Officials Association Coach of the Year, a testament to his leadership and dedication to the team.

A special shoutout goes to Makaylee Cannon for becoming Piedmont's first-ever girls' state champion! This remarkable achievement is a significant milestone for the program. Congratulations to all the Wildcats who competed this season!



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 TEACHER OF THE YEAR SITE HONOREES!

Early Childhood Center - **Jenna Smith** (School Counselor)

Northwood Elementary - **Angie Dial** (PreK)

Piedmont Elementary - **Parke Penington** (2nd grade)

Stone Ridge Elementary - **Lacey Bates** (Reading Support Teacher)

Piedmont Intermediate - **Hanin Shawareb** (6th grade)

Middle School of Piedmont - **Erin Fluman** (Middle School Math)

Piedmont High School - **Jennie Ludwig** (FACS)



HUMAN RESOURCES

Recruitment season starts this month! Piedmont will be at the SWOSU, OSU, OU, Oklahoma Christian, and UCO teacher job fairs.

Piedmont Schools will host our very own career fair on April 3rd, from 4-6 p.m. at the Wildcat Athletic Center..



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PIEDMONT STUDENTS SHINE IN FUTURE CHEFS CHALLENGE



Eight talented Piedmont elementary students recently showcased their exceptional culinary skills in Sodexo's annual Future Chefs Challenge, a nationwide program designed to promote healthy eating habits and inspire young students to explore the world of cooking.



Each participant was challenged to recreate their favorite home-cooked recipe, which was evaluated based on originality, nutritional value, ease of preparation, kid appeal, plate presentation, and taste. This competition not only promotes creativity in the kitchen but also teaches students skills in nutrition, food preparation, and the importance of making healthy food choices.



All participants demonstrated impressive abilities, creating delicious and visually appealing dishes. This year's Future Chefs Challenge winner was Steve Brown, who wowed the judges with his "Alley-Oop Garlic Pizza Sandwich."

Piedmont Public Schools is proud to support initiatives that encourage lifelong healthy habits and creativity in our students.



TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is preparing for the new changes to the CDL exam. We are working with State officials throughout March to certify our examiner and site to give the new CDL test. Our in-house trainers have been working diligently to learn and teach the new material, as well. Both trainers will be retaking the CDL test with an airbrake bus to add the ability to drive and train applicants for airbrake certification. This is a HUGE leap forward for our department and district!

MAINTENANCE APPRECIATION

March 7th is Maintenance Appreciation Day. Thank you to our incredible maintenance team at Piedmont Public Schools for keeping our buildings safe and running smoothly each and every day. We appreciate all that you do to support our students and staff.

