



## Principal's Message

Dear PGE Community,

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support of our school. Thanks to the PGEA's fundraising efforts and the generous contributions from our community, we were able to secure a grant that will fund transportation for every grade level

to take one off-site field trip this upcoming semester! For our 6th graders attending Outdoor Education (OE) this spring, the funds will be directed towards OE transportation costs, helping to reduce the overall cost for families. As many of you know, the state-wide bus driver shortage has made it difficult to arrange off-site trips in recent years, but this grant, totaling approximately \$15,000, will ensure that every student at PGE has the opportunity to participate in a field trip. The only cost to families will be the admission fee for the trip. We truly appreciate your generosity and support in making this possible!

With Appreciation,

Kelly Coonts

Principal

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## Science Fun!

Students getting the opportunity to engage in the Scientific Process; questioning, research, forming a hypothesis, conducting an experiment, and using data to draw a conclusion.



## PGE Book Fair!

Shopping is this week Nov. 18-22  
Students and Families can shop any time  
8:30am - 4:30pm Daily  
Purchase books with  
*EWallet - Credit - Debit Only*



## PGE Honors Veterans

Pine Grove welcomed over 40 Veterans who are friends and family of PGE, to our annual Veteran's Day assembly. Our choir, NEHS students, and Cub Scouts Pack 881, all participated in this amazing recognition. Thank you for your service!

## PGE Mental Health Team News

This month in Health & Wellness, students in K-6th grade are focusing on **Self-Awareness** as part of our new SEL program, Wayfinder. Each month, students will explore different skills to support their emotional wellness, including **Adaptability, Collaboration, Empathy, Agency, and Purpose**.



In November, students are learning how to recognize their strengths, practice effective coping skills, and embrace their uniqueness. These lessons help students become more aware of what keeps them happy and healthy, laying the foundation for emotional resilience.

## November Safety Spotlight

Welcome to the first installment of our **Monthly Safety Spotlight!** Each month, we'll focus on a specific safety topic to keep our school community informed and engaged. Our goal is to promote a safe environment both on campus and at home, and we believe that safety is a shared responsibility. Let's dive into this month's topics.

### November: Stranger Danger Awareness

As we head into the holiday season, many students will be out in public more often with their families. It's important to remind children of the basic principles of stranger safety:

- **Trust Your Gut:** We teach students to trust their instincts—if someone or something doesn't feel right, it's okay to say "no" or ask for help.
- **Safe Adults:** Help your child identify trusted adults they can go to for help if needed, whether in a store, at a park, or even in your neighborhood.



- **Practice Responses:** Role-play different scenarios where your child might need to refuse an invitation or ask for help, so they feel confident responding.

We hope that by focusing on these important safety topics throughout the year, we can create a strong foundation of awareness and responsibility. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration in keeping our students safe!

Sincerely,  
Jen O'Leary  
Assistant Principal



## Did You Know?

Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) foster a culture of continuous improvement within our school. By working in teams, teachers can identify challenges, brainstorm solutions, and implement new strategies. This collaborative approach ensures

that we are constantly striving to meet the needs of every student.

## Check out the Websites & Apps your student uses at PGE

Please read the attached letter to see the variety of instructional websites and/or apps used throughout the school year. These tools are not provided by the district, however, each resource has been vetted by our teachers and evaluated according to district guidelines.

To opt your child OUT of any of these resources please print this letter, circle the title(s) to be opted out of, sign, and return to your student's teacher. Please fill out one form for each student you wish to opt-out. By not returning this letter, you are agreeing to the use of these tools and/or account creation for your student(s).



**24-25 Parent Letter For App or Website Use.pdf**

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