

MONTHLY NEWS AND UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PIEDMONT FOCUS



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PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL: ON STAGE!

Piedmont High School Theatre students kicked off the highly anticipated High School Musical: On Stage! on April 24th, delivering a dazzling performance that left the audience thoroughly impressed. The show was a brilliant showcase of student talent, energy, and teamwork, transforming our Black Box theatre into an unforgettable experience for everyone in attendance.

Special kudos go to Stacy Johnstonbaugh, our dedicated theatre teacher, whose creativity and guidance brought the production to life and inspired students to shine in every scene.



MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

This year, the MSP Student Council, sponsored by Amy Brezina and Hannah Sawyers, has actively led and engaged the student body in a variety of meaningful and fun activities. Council members volunteered at the Regional Food Bank, contributing their time and effort to help fight hunger in the community. They also planned and executed two successful school dances, a vibrant neon-themed dance and a festive luau, both of which were well-attended and enjoyed by students.

In addition, the council organized several dress-up days to boost school spirit and encourage participation across campus. During MSP DUCK Week, they took the lead in coordinating a series of spirited events and activities designed to unite students, promote school pride, and help others from the community. Council members also participated in leadership-building exercises throughout the year, further developing their skills and strengthening their impact as student leaders.

We LOVE our STUCO and all that they do for MSP and the community!



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PIEDMONT ECC

We've had a wonderful year at the ECC! Our Pre-K and Kindergarten students have grown so much -- academically, socially, and emotionally. It's been a joy watching them arrive each day, eager to learn, explore, and connect with friends and teachers.

We saw exciting progress in early literacy and math. Pre-K students built a solid foundation, while Kindergarteners took off as readers, writers, and problem solvers, gaining confidence and independence.

But just as important as academics were the friendships, teamwork, and fun that happened along the way. Whether celebrating the 100th Day of School, creating art, or exploring in STEM, our building was full of joy. We worked hard and had fun doing it.

Our staff poured their hearts into making this a safe, welcoming, and engaging place for every child, and our families partnered with us every step of the way. Thank you to all our Helping Hands and Lunch Volunteers, you helped make this a great year for all our smallest wildcats! This strong sense of community makes the ECC a special place to learn and grow. We're proud of all we accomplished this year!

PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

This past month, Piedmont Elementary students had the chance to take part in the OKC Memorial Kids Marathon! Although the original event was rained out, Mrs. McKenzie Miller and Ms. Tracy Lloyd made sure all the students' hard work and training didn't go to waste. They worked tirelessly to organize a mock marathon here in Piedmont so our Wildcats could still run to pay tribute to those lost 30 years ago.

When rain hit again, we moved the event indoors to the Wildcat Athletic Center, and it turned into a huge success! Our students were joined by parents, PHS cheerleaders, the Wildcat mascot, and volunteers, creating an unforgettable experience for our Wildcats. Chick-fil-A generously donated sandwiches for every runner, and we received incredible support from Hometown Hardware, Soultag, our Piedmont transportation team, coaches, parents, and teachers who helped set up, run the event, and cheer on our students.

We were thrilled to welcome Memorial organizers, who presented medals to our students and parents. Even more exciting, our school won the "Highest Percentage of Participants" award, a traveling trophy that Mrs. Miller and Ms. Lloyd are determined to bring home again next year!

Thank you to Mrs. Miller and Ms. Lloyd for the energy, heart, and dedication they pour into our students every day. It truly was a great day to be a Wildcat!



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NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY

April was a big month at Northwood Elementary as we geared up for state testing! Our hallways came alive with vibrant superhero-themed decorations and posters, creating an encouraging atmosphere for our 3rd and 4th graders. We kicked off testing with a spirited assembly hosted by Superhero Piedmont, also known as Mr. Tyler Smith, who led students through a fun and engaging superhero-themed trivia session. Lower grade students joined in the celebration by creating superhero decorations and writing words of encouragement for their upper grade testing buddies. To support our students' success, McDonald's generously provided FREE breakfast for all test-takers. And to top it off, Boomtown Creamery treated every student to a Sundae with Superheroes where all of our students enjoyed a sweet treat for either their hard work or flexibility with schedule changes, etc., during state testing. State testing can be very overwhelming but with "Knowledge as our Superpower", Northwood Elementary embraced the challenge and soared to success.

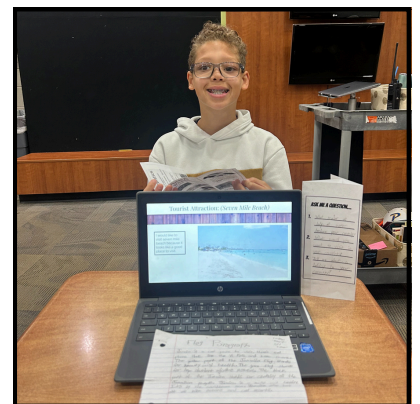


STONE RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Stone Ridge Elementary launched testing season this April with a lively and uplifting "Scholar's Parade." First and second graders lined the drive, cheering on our third and fourth graders as they prepared for their tests. The morning was filled with music, colorful signs, and an endless stream of high-fives. Thank you to the incredible volunteers who stepped in as test proctors. It truly takes a village, and there's no better village than Stone Ridge!

PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE

Piedmont Intermediate sixth-grade students sharpened their research skills by diving deep into a Latin American country of their choice. They transformed their findings into engaging presentations designed for our fifth graders, who moved from desk to desk, quizzing sixth-grade students while eagerly filling out bingo cards with facts about each nation.



DISTRICT UPDATES

ENROLLMENT

| | MARCH 2025 | APRIL 2025 |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Piedmont ECC | 619 | 622 |
| Northwood Elementary | 558 | 558 |
| Piedmont Elementary | 394 | 394 |
| Stone Ridge Elementary | 641 | 642 |
| Piedmont Intermediate | 839 | 837 |
| Middle School of Piedmont | 794 | 796 |
| Piedmont High School | 1573 | 1570 |
| TOTAL | 5418 | 5419 |



PPS HOSTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS YOUNG ATHLETES AREA-WIDE EVENT

Piedmont Public Schools proudly hosted the annual Special Olympics Young Athletes Area Wide Event, a celebration where all children were free to play, connect, and shine. Every laugh, cheer, and high-five was a reminder that when every child is included, everyone wins.



PHS ART SHOW CELEBRATES STUDENT CREATIVITY ACROSS ALL LEVELS

The PHS Art Show last week featured work from students at all levels, with pieces spanning a range of mediums and themes. A solid reminder of how much talent is growing in our classrooms.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK 2025: HONORING OUR TEACHERS WITH NOTES FROM THE HEART OF PIEDMONT

During Teacher Appreciation Week, our PPS communications team launched a heartfelt campaign to spotlight the incredible teachers who make a difference every single day. We invited families, current and former students, and community members to submit short notes of thanks, admiration, or special memories to honor Wildcat teachers.

The response was remarkable, as more than 200 people sent in meaningful messages of appreciation. We printed every note and hand-delivered them to classrooms throughout the week, making sure each teacher personally felt the gratitude of our community.

Alongside the notes, we highlighted every message on our social media channels and created videos featuring teachers, principals, and students, spreading love and support across the district. The impact our teachers make is deep, and we were proud to honor them in every way we could. Thank you to everyone who helped make this tribute so special!

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FOCUSED ON QUALITY: CURRICULUM AND PLANNING UPDATES

Teacher teams have been collaborating with Academic Services to review and refine our curriculum maps, pacing guides, and instructional content for the upcoming school year. This annual process ensures that we remain aligned with our commitment to delivering high-quality instruction in every classroom.

STEM CLASSROOM RENOVATION PROPOSAL

At Middle School of Piedmont classroom renovation project, totaling \$181,113.91, will update two science classrooms. The plan includes demolition of existing fixtures and installation of new plumbing, chemical-resistant countertops, ceilings, flooring, millwork, and paint. New plumbing will be installed in the southeast corners of each room, featuring a dishwasher, sink, and emergency shower. Additional updates include improved lighting, electrical outlets, and reuse of existing mechanical grilles. These changes will enhance safety, functionality, and support for STEM-focused teaching.



CELEBRATING SPRING SUCCESSES

Both the high school and middle school have completed State and ACT testing, kudos to our administrative teams and counselors for their excellent coordination. On April 25th, the high school hosted a successful Spring College and Career Fair, giving students meaningful exposure to future pathways. We're also excited to welcome Tony Towery to our SRO Team; his extensive law enforcement experience and strong relationship-building skills make him a great addition to the Piedmont Team.



TRANSPORTATION

We were proud to celebrate Bus Driver Appreciation Day this month with our amazing team! We're pushing to finish strong as the 24–25 school year wraps up. This year, we've transported over 3,000 students and logged more than 500,000 miles across routes, field trips, and athletic events to help make every day a great day to be a Wildcat. We can't wait to do it again in 25–26!



ENTREPRENEUR DAY AT STONE RIDGE

SR students showed off their entrepreneurial skills by creating and selling their own products at school. From bracelets to 3-D printed dogs, they turned their ideas into real businesses, learning creativity and confidence along the way.



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ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Nine student-athletes signed letters of intent to play at the next level

Baseball:

- Finished 3rd in the district and celebrated Senior Night

Swim:

- Head Swim and Tennis Coach, Eric Wright, was named OCA Region One Coach of the Year for both sports

Track:

- Hosted the final home track meet of the year

Soccer:

- Boys and girls qualified for playoffs and celebrated Senior Night

Tennis

- Boys and girls competed in the regional tournament

Stunt:

- Cheer took 2nd at state competition

Golf:

- Sophie Whittern qualified for the state golf tournament
- Boys took 3rd at regionals and qualified for state

Wrestling:

- Wrestling Coach, Erik Ford, was named OCA Region One Coach of the Year

Band:

- High School Wind Ensemble earned a "Superior" rating at the OSSAA State Contest
- Piedmont Percussion competed at the Indoor Percussion Championships

Esports:

- PHS Esports Varsity Super Smash Bros team went undefeated 13-0 and claimed a state championship title

