

MONTHLY NEWS AND UPDATES FROM PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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PIEDMONT ELEMENTARY

Piedmont Elementary's location at the center of our community gives students unique opportunities to learn and grow alongside the people who serve and support them every day. From greeting children in the carline with Sparky the Fire Dog to hands-on experiences at the fire station, the Piedmont Fire Department is an important community partner.

During Fire Prevention Week, our students walked to the fire station to explore fire trucks, try on firefighter gear, and even spray a fire hose. These experiences go beyond the classroom, providing real-world knowledge while fostering curiosity, teamwork, and trust with first responders.

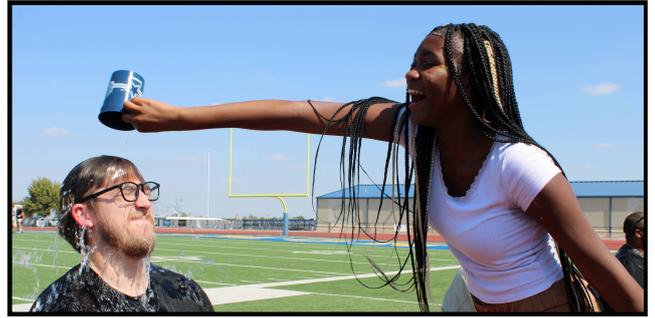
We are grateful to community partners like the Piedmont Fire Department, whose support makes these meaningful learning opportunities possible and helps our students connect lessons to life.



STONE RIDGE ELEMENTARY

September was an exciting month at Stone Ridge Elementary! We officially launched our WatchD.O.G.S. program, welcoming dads and father figures to actively engage with students and serve as positive role models. Our halls were also filled with volunteers helping with popcorn duties, adding fun and support to our daily routines.

We treasure the community that surrounds us. It truly takes a village, and the partnerships we have with families ensure our students are supported, inspired, and ready to thrive.



MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT

Students at the Middle School of Piedmont turned the page on an incredible reading challenge in September, logging 125,434 minutes of reading in just one month!

To celebrate their achievement, 225 students drenched 12 brave teachers, coaches, and principals with 400 gallons of water during a fun school-wide event.

Programs like "MSP Reads" inspire a love of reading by making it fun to dive into a good book, because readers are leaders!



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PIEDMONT ECC

Piedmont ECC students are learning all about the important jobs community helpers do and how they make our world a better place! Students are exploring how construction workers build the places we live, learn, and play, and how postal workers collect, sort, and deliver important letters and packages from all over the world.

Through books, activities, and discussions, students are discovering the many ways community helpers—like doctors, firefighters, police officers, and teachers—work together to help our community thrive!



NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY

This past week, Pre-K through 4th grade students visited the Piedmont Fire Department to learn about fire safety. They explored the fire station, climbed aboard a real fire truck, tried on firefighter gear, and even sprayed the fire hose. The highlight for many was meeting Sparky the Fire Dog.

Back at school, first graders extended their learning by labeling parts of a fire truck and writing stories about their favorite moments, practicing writing skills and sharing their illustrations with classmates.

To show appreciation, Northwood students created thank-you cards for Piedmont Fire Department.



PIEDMONT INTERMEDIATE

Students at Piedmont Intermediate experienced an inspiring assembly with Les Thomas from the Oklahoma City nonprofit **Heroes In Waiting**. The program delivers a clear message: kindness matters, past mistakes do not define you, and anyone can become the hero they aspire to be.

Les Thomas, a U.S. Air Force veteran, OSU hype leader, author, TED Talk speaker, and mentor, led students in learning how to be themselves, respect others, speak up for friends, and build a culture of support and acceptance.



DISTRICT UPDATES

ENROLLMENT

	SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025
Piedmont ECC	489	485
Northwood Elementary	604	609
Piedmont Elementary	420	424
Stone Ridge Elementary	707	708
Piedmont Intermediate	796	803
Middle School of Piedmont	859	863
Piedmont High School	1622	1623
TOTAL	5497	5516



MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PIEDMONT DEBUTS MODERN SCIENCE LABS

The newly renovated science labs at Middle School of Piedmont are officially complete! Fully equipped with modern tools and resources, these spaces provide students with exciting opportunities for hands-on learning, experimentation, and exploration.

PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL



In Mrs. Lau's AP Environmental Science class, students turned a routine data collection lesson into a unique experience through the "Cemetery Lab." What could have been a simple exercise in demographics became an engaging, hands-on investigation that brought real-world context to their learning.



Mrs. Karber and her students continue to shine in Speech and Debate, earning top honors at their most recent meet.

Speech Events:

- 1st place – Shakureyon Givens-Day, Dramatic Interpretation
- 2nd place – Jackson Shannon, Humorous Interpretation
- 2nd place – Shakureyon Givens-Day and Jackson Shannon, Dramatic Duet
- 3rd place – Madelyn Hubble, Original Oratory
- Novice 2nd place – Jorja Romperstaad and Jackson Prewitt, Humorous Duet

Debate Events:

- 3rd place – Desi Ward and Hunter Mullins, Policy Debate
- 4th place – Neva Lopez and Maggi Lopez, Policy Debate
- 5th place – Mia Chrisman, Bex Dewey-Benda, and Grace Riley, Policy Debate
- 4th place – Lena Tunik and Vayda Cardenas, Public Forum Debate

All competitors placing outside the Novice division advanced to Regionals, marking another proud moment for Piedmont Speech and Debate.

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PIEDMONT ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES



This past weekend, the Pride of Piedmont Band competed at the Mustang Marching Invitational, taking on some of the top bands in the state. They placed first in their class and earned an Outstanding General Effect Award for their preliminary performance, finishing 9th overall in a highly competitive field.

The band now sets its sights on upcoming competitions, including the OSSAA State Marching Competition on October 28 and Band State on November 1. We are incredibly proud of their talent, dedication, and hard work!

UNIFIED VOLLEYBALL DEFENDS STATE TITLE



Piedmont Unified Volleyball is headed to OSSAA State, ready to defend their State Champion title!

The team takes on Jay High School at 4:30 PM on Friday, October 17, at Carl Albert High School. They'll travel together with a fire department escort and return Saturday for the Championship Game at 1 PM if they advance.

Football: Hosted 2025 Homecoming and defeated Northwest Classen 64-0. The team holds a 3-2 overall record and is 1-1 in district play.

Softball: Nadia Jeffries commits to Nebraska. The team traveled to Nebraska for the NFCA Leadoff Classic and secured homefield advantage in the playoffs with wins over Jenks and Southmoore. The squad celebrated Senior Night with a victory over PCO.

Volleyball: Picked up a win over #4 Edmond Santa Fe, along with victories on Pink-Out Night and Senior Night.

Cross Country: Both teams finished in the top 5 at Rogers State, competed at the MSSU event, and hosted the first-ever Piedmont Invitational.

Baseball: Multiple players secured college commitments: Reid Smith and Jack Quinn to Eastern, Zane Pruitt to SNU, and Kason Elsen to Heston College.



On October 8, Piedmont coaches came together for a powerful professional learning session with Joe Blankenship of Hope Driven Coaching.

Joe guided coaches through an exploration of how the brain responds to developmental adversity and trauma, and how that understanding can reshape the way we support student-athletes. By connecting neuroscience to everyday coaching, he shared strategies to strengthen resilience, improve focus, and build teams that play with both heart and intention.

The session served as a meaningful reminder that hope is not just a mindset. It is a skill that can be taught, modeled, and multiplied. When coaches intentionally nurture hope, they do more than improve performance. They create lasting connections to help student-athletes thrive both on and off the field.

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UNIFIED CHEER STATE BOUND



Exciting news from our Unified Cheerleading team! They earned a spot in the top six at the OSSAA state qualifier and will be heading to state this November. We can't wait to cheer them on as they represent Piedmont with pride and energy.



On October 10th, the Middle School hosted the **Heroes in Waiting** Assembly. The program focused on character development and anti-bullying, giving our 7th and 8th graders tools to make positive choices every day. It was an exciting and meaningful experience that will have a lasting impact on our students.



Our PPS maintenance team continues to set the bar high in every sense. In September, they completed an impressive 215 work orders across the district. One highlight came from Stone Ridge Elementary, where they solved a tricky playground problem. After new turf was installed, the monkey bars ended up a little too tall for safe play. The team came together, found the best fix, and lowered the bars so students could safely enjoy one of their favorite playground activities again. Their dedication keeps our schools running smoothly and our students smiling.

