

PINE RIDGE

ELEMENTARY

Good morning everyone. Just a reminder that we will be in session on February 5th due to the snow days we had this week. I know this might cause some inconvenience to some, but we feel having students in school at this point in the year is more valuable than after Memorial day. We have a lot of winter left, so hopefully our snow days will be minimal. Please see below for upcoming news/events.

- If you or someone you know has a child turning 5 by August 1st 2026, they are eligible to enroll in **Kindergarten**. We will host Kindergarten Roundup in the evening of February 11th at 6:15 pm. Before that date, please see [Directions](#) and use this [LINK](#) to begin the enrollment process.
- Currently our 4 year old preschool has reached its limit. We do have a waitlist started if interested. Ferdinand Elementary still has spots available if that is an option for you. Our 3 year old preschool currently has 2 available spots for the Monday, Wednesday, Friday class. Please use the [LINK](#) on our school website to register.
- For Kindergarten and Preschool students, please mark February 11th on your calendars. We will have an information session that evening beginning at 5:30 pm for Preschool and 6:15 for Kindergarten in the gym. You will have a chance to talk with the classroom teachers, school nurse, speech therapist as well as the principal and administrative assistant.
- PTO Donations are starting to come in. Currently we have surpassed the \$1,000 mark but still have a ways to go to hit our \$9,000 goal. I appreciate all your efforts in collecting donations and returning those to school. Please continue to get those collected and turned in.
- Mrs. Madden our school counselor, has shared her February Newsletter. Please use the [LINK](#) to access her newsletter and see upcoming dates and valuable information.
- Hoosier Family Dentistry is hosting Give Kids a Smile Day February 6th. Please see [LINK](#) for more information.
- The Forest Park Band Boosters will hold their monthly can and paper drive on Saturday, February 14th. Patrons in Ferdinand should have their items curbside no later than 9 am. There will also be a box trailer parked in front of Sander Family Meat Market in St. Anthony the week of the paper-drive. Everyone not living in the town of Ferdinand is encouraged to place aluminum cans or newspapers in there or at the band prop shop behind the high school baseball field. Please note, we only accept newspapers, printer paper and aluminum cans, NOT magazines, junk mail, or other types of cans. If your business has office paper, shredded paper or aluminum cans, we are interested in taking that as well. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Pund at 812-309-0366.
- Spring baseball sign up are here. This is for students that will turn 5 by August 1st 2026. Registration will close March 6th. Please see the [LINK](#) to start the process.
- Ranger Youth Football's annual pork chop and chicken dinner fundraiser will be here before we know it. I believe that date has been changed to Sunday February 1st.
- You can find the February lunch menu [HERE](#)

Thanks and have a great weekend

Mr. Hinson

