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### Message from the Principal

Happy Valentine's Day! Fridays in February have been so exciting! Our Glow Run was a HUGE success and the kids had a blast

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### Upcoming Glow Run Assembly

Our assembly will be held on Tuesday. Students will cheer on their favorite human "hungry hungry hippos" and turn Mrs. Giran into a human walking taco. Morning kindergarten students are invited to participate.



### Valentine's Babysitting Night

Pine-Richland Mini-THON is hosting a babysitting night on **Saturday, February 14**, to benefit Four Diamonds. This event is open to students in grades K - 6.

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## No School on Monday, February 16

There is no school for students on **February 16**. This day will be used for reflection on our teaching practices across various subject matters.

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## Join us at the Scholastic Book Fair

The Enchanted Book Fair returns **March 2 through March 6**. Students will shop during library time, and families can visit during Open House.

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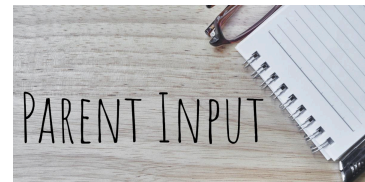
## Save the Date for Open House

Open House for grades K and 2 will be held on **March 3**, and grades 1 and 3 on **March 5**, from 6:00–7:00 pm. Families may park on site or take the shuttle from Consolidated (running 5:45 pm – 7:15 pm).



## Parent Input Forms Due February 27

Parents, it is time to offer your insight into your student's placement for next year. K - 2 parents, please [complete this form](#); grade 3 parents, [use this form](#).



## Before- and After-School Programs

Take a look at our newly offered after-school programs, Helping Hands club and Monster Menagerie, or burn off some energy with Morning Fit Club and Kids of Steel.

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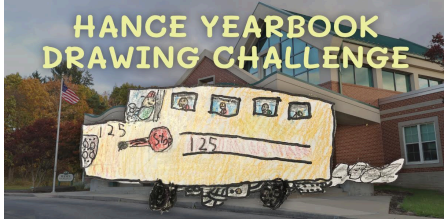


## In Case You Missed It

### Submit Art for the Yearbook

We're looking for student artwork for the 2025–2026 Hance Yearbook to feature on the cover and on class pages. Drop off submissions to school by **March 1**.

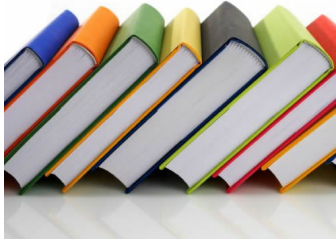
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### Order *The Littlest Elephant*

Pre-order *The Littlest Elephant*, the newest book in the *One and Only Ruby* series, and Riverstone Books will give 20% back to our library! This sale ends **March 3**; books will be delivered the week of March 17.

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### PTO Needs Volunteers

The PTO is looking for volunteers for the Book Fair, spring pictures on **March 9**, and Hance Dance on **March 21**. If the Hance Dance does not receive enough volunteers by **February 20**, the event will be cancelled.

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### Cafeteria Volunteers

Our calendar is open for volunteers to help out for the remainder of the year. This is a great way to see your child in action and socialize with our students.

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### Volunteer for Kids of Steel

Hance Elementary is partnering with the PTO to host a Kids of STEEL team for the Pittsburgh Kids Marathon, which will take place on **Saturday, May 3**. Volunteers are needed for this program to run smoothly.

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## Reminders

- Friday Flash submissions are due Wednesdays at 8 am to [prnewsletters@pinerichland.org](mailto:prnewsletters@pinerichland.org).
- [Breakfast and Lunch Menus](#) | [Free and Reduced Meal Applications](#)
- Check the [Friday Flash Archives](#) for past information.
- [Children's Health Insurance Program](#) information.
- Read our [Title I Right to Know](#) letter.
- [Review library book titles under 30-day public review](#).



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