

PINEWOOD PRESS

MARCH 2026

Dear Pinewood Family,

Students and staff will continue to work hard to meet goals and make progress in reading, math, and science during the last three months of the 2024-25 school year. We know our Panthers will show their ROAR over the coming weeks to stay safe and learn each day. Here are a few things you can do to help:

- If students take iPads home, make sure to come to school with a charged iPad each day.
- Make sure students are at school and ready to learn by **8:50** each day.
- Talk to your students about what they are learning.
- Let your students know you believe in them!

We are excited you are a part of the team to help our students ROAR! Please continue to communicate with your students' teachers. We can reach our goals if we work as a team.

Spring Break is March 16th – 20th. Please remember to keep reading, writing, and doing math together during the break.

Watch for updates about the One School One Book project that will kick off in April. More details to come. We will all be reading a fun book together!

Sincerely,

Kristi Reinsch



Did you miss KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP?

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before July 31, 2026, they may attend kindergarten in the 2026-2027 school year. Please use the link below to enroll your student now. Questions? Call the office at 531-299-1940.

<https://www.ops.org/students-families/kindergarten-registration>



DONATIONS FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE MEALS



Help us support our hardworking staff by making a contribution

Donate Sides, desserts, or beverages for the upcoming conferences



Recommendations

Sides: chips, snacks, etc.

Desserts: home-made or prepackaged cakes, cookies, fruits, etc.

Beverages: bottled water, soda, boba tea. etc.



**Please drop off your donation
by Wednesday, March 11.
All donations are appreciated!**



STUDENT LED PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Mark your calendars for March 11th & 12th for Parent Teacher Conferences. This is a wonderful opportunity for your student to show you what they have been working on this school year. Please contact your student's teacher to set up a time if you are not currently scheduled. We hope to see you there!



IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 3/5-** Spring Music Program-Strings, Band & Choir
- 3/6-** Class Picture Day- Order forms coming soon!
- 3/30-** PTO meeting **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**
- 4/16-** Reading Night
- 5/1-** Fun Run



Ways to help your student ROAR:

-Support regular attendance-

Does it REALLY matter if my student is tardy?

- Does it REALLY matter if I check my student out 10-15 minutes early each week?
- The answer is **YES!** A student who is late even 5 minutes a day misses almost 2 hours of instruction in a month. Checking students out 10 minutes early each day adds up to about 200 minutes, or over three hours of instruction in a month. Students need the beginning and the end of the day to frame their work for the day and summarize/wrap up their learning. Pinewood staff plan so that instruction happens throughout the entire day, and we do not want students to miss any of it.

-Set up a “Homework Hub”- Students need a quiet area for studying. You know your student best; some students work better in a spot by themselves while others work best with people (especially parents) around. The important part is that students have a distraction free, comfortable space to get their work done.

-Make time to talk about school- When you ask your child, “How was your day?”, you might get a one-word answer. If this happens at your house, try asking your student to tell you three good things about their day, or the favorite part of their day, or to describe something they learned that day. When you make time to talk with your student, they will have lots to share with you.

EARLY CHILDHOOD APPLICATION DAYS!

Applications for all Early Childhood programs in the OPS district will open soon. Watch the OPS website for information.

<https://www.ops.org/departments/student-and-community-services/student-placement/early-childhood>

Pinewood's School as Hub Calendar- Play and Learn



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 NO Play & learn	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Play & Learn 9am-10:30	11 Conferences 4:30-7:30pm	12 No School Conferences 12:30-7:30	13 NO SCHOOL	14
15 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Family Socialization 9am-10:30	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Play & Learn 9am-10:30				

Free Early Childhood Program
for Families/caregivers of
children ages 0-5

Play & Learn/Family
Socialization Groups:
Parents and caregivers of
young children(birth-5) are
invited to bring their
children to our group
to play, read, create, and
explore! Parents or
caregivers stay with their
children to play with all
the toys & activities in
the Pinewood Panther Den.

Come join us and meet
other families at our
school.

DeeDee Thakolo- Home Visitor

Mary Ellyn Dunn- Family Facilitator

Claire Cordes-Community Facilitator



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2 Tech Club 7:45 AM	3 Tutoring Cheer	4 Tutoring	5 Spring Music Program Band, Strings & Choir 3:00	6 Class Pictures 4 th & 5 th to Holland	7
8	9 5 th to Luminarium 9-2	10 Tutoring Cheer	11 4:20-7:20 Student Led Conferences	12 12:20-7:20 Student Led Conferences NO SCHOOL	13 NO SCHOOL	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
SPRING BREAK						
22	23 Tech Club 7:45 AM	24 Tutoring Cheer	25 Tutoring	26	27 NO PREK	28
29	30 PTO MEETING 4:30	31 NSCAS & MAP TESTING BEGINS Tutoring Cheer				

Check out the Pinewood webpage at <https://pinewood.ops.org/> to stay up to date on all the great things happening at Pinewood School!