

Piney Ridge Elementary School



May & June 2026 Newsletter

Dear Piney Ridge Families,

Early in May, we will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. This is a good time to recognize the excellent teachers at Piney Ridge for their hard work and dedication. Also in May are recognitions for National Sport and Physical Education Week, School Lunch Hero Day, National School Nurse Day, and Pupil Personnel Worker Week. Thank you to our Physical Educators, Mr. Resh and Ms. Vizzini; our kitchen staff Ms. Binder, Ms. Fountain, Ms. Szczechowiak, and Ms. Todd; our nurse Ms. Yetman and our PPW, Ms. Maloney for the great work they do to support our students at Piney Ridge.

Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students continue to participate in MCAP state testing in ELA and Math this month. These assessments give students an opportunity to show what they have learned and give our staff information that will help future instruction. We ask that parents help their children to stay on a good sleep routine and arrive at school on time so they can do their best work on the assessments.

Field Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th. Mr. Resh and Ms. Vizzini have planned an exciting variety of physical activities during the day. If you are interested in volunteering to help with Field Day, sign-up at [Field Day Volunteer Sign Up Link](#) All volunteers must be CCPS volunteer trained at least seven school days before Field Day. The rain date for Field Day is Friday, May 15th.

We wish the Piney Ridge students, staff, and families a successful end of the school year!

John Code, Principal

Morgan Pratt, Asst. Principal and 504/ADA Bld. Coordinator

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School Hours: 9:15 - 3:45
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Need to contact an administrator? A teacher?
Check the [Staff Directory](#)!

Important Dates

- **May 5-** 6pm 4th & 5th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert
- **May 6-** 6pm Chorus Concert
- **May 13-** Field Day (Rain date- May 15)
- **May 16-** 10am-2pm Paws & Play Family Fun Day (PTA Sponsored)
- **May 22-** 1 pm Early Dismissal (Professional Development for staff)
- **May 25-** Memorial Day (Schools Closed)
- **June 10-** 5TH Grade Promotion Ceremony

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Meeting Dates:

May 14

June 2

PINEY RIDGE PTA
2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

Tues 9/9	Thurs 2/12
Weds 10/8	Weds 3/11
Tues 11/11	Tues 4/14
Weds 12/9	Thurs 5/14
Thurs 1/8	Tues 6/2

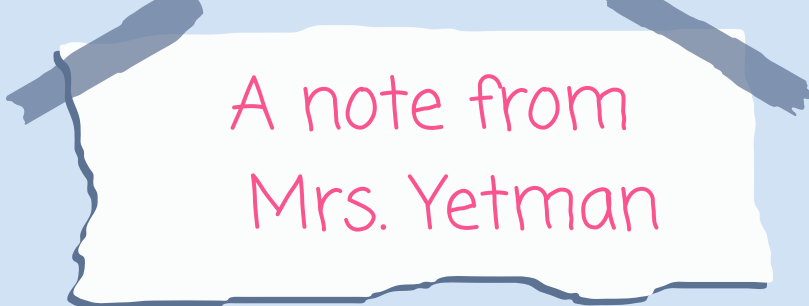
Join Us @ 7pm!

Free Childcare for potty trained children.
No RSVP needed.

Meetings are in the Media Center OR join virtually via Zoom!

SIGN UP TODAY





A note from Mrs. Yetman

Restricted Activities and School

Please remember to send a note in with your child if they are unable to participate in PE for the day. Please also note if your child cannot participate in PE, they cannot participate in recess, or field day. If the injury is longer than 3 days, a Doctor's note is requested. Notes will be circulated from the teacher to the office, the nurse, the P.E. teachers and recess monitors. If emailing, please copy the nurse and PE teachers.

For safety concerns, if a student has a brace, a walking boot, or a cast on the arm or leg they need to sit out recess and PE. The risk of re-injury to the area is too great. Please contact the nurse if you have questions.

Crutches, Wheelchairs, Cast (soft or hard): A doctor's note must state the use the apparatus and for how long it will be on or used. It is best to arrange for your child to be a car rider during this time if they need assistance.

Student Dress Code

With warmer weather approaching, please be sure your children have not outgrown their clothing from last year. Shorts need to cover the entire buttocks area while sitting, stand and bending over. Shirts need to cover the back, chest and entire midriff area. Please be sure shoes also fit. You may wish to send new "extra" clothing for their cubby/locker if it has not been replaced since last year as well. Please see page 69 in the Student/Parent handbook Calendar for further information.

IMPORTANT

Medication Pickup End of the Year

Please be sure to pick up any remaining medications by the early dismissal for students on June 12 . Medications cannot be left to use for next school year, and medication consent forms expired in June. Any medications not picked up by 1pm, will be destroyed. Students can not transport medication. If you need to make other arrangements for pick up, please contact the school nurse prior to this date.

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Are You a Grandparent or Older Adult Raising a Child?

Help Us Understand Your Needs & Challenges

- Share your experiences
- Discuss what programs you've tried
- Build your circle of support



We want to hear from you!

We will be hosting focus groups throughout Maryland.

Scan the QR Code to let us know if you're interested in participating.

If you have any questions please contact: ellen.teka@maryland.gov



Have questions or need support?
Contact: Tammy Chisholm
CCPS Support Birth-21

Don't Forget

Hungry for more information?

Check our WEBSITE regularly for news, resources and important topics.



Important Dates and Frequently Asked Questions

Carroll County Public Schools 2025- 2026 School Calendar

All the important dates! School closures, early dismissals and report card distribution

Informational Calendar Student/Parent Handbook

Best for answering all of those random questions!
Where to check for snow day info, contacts for resources, various regulations for reference and more!

Volunteers and Visitors



- All visitors to the school must come to the main entrance and ring the doorbell.
- Upon entering, proceed to the office to sign in. Visitors must show a photo ID.
- Parents/Guardians may visit during lunch, after September 16.
- Any school volunteers must complete CCPS Volunteer Training at least 7 days prior to volunteering in the school.

CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION? NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE?

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE, REQUEST VACATION
PREAPPROVAL OR CHANGE IN TRANSPORTION,
GO TO PREATTENDANCE@CARROLLK12.ORG

TEMPORARY
CHANGE OF
TRANSPORTATION



NOTICE OF
ABSENCE/VACATION
PREAPPROVAL REQUEST



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Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		Condiments: - Syrup - Cream Cheese - Grape Jelly - Margarine	Milk Choices: - Nonfat Milk - Low Fat Milk - Nonfat Chocolate Milk	1 Hot Breakfast Entree Variety of Breakfast Breads Variety of Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Variety of Fruit
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Assorted Breakfast Cereals: Apple Cinnamon Cheerios , Cheerios , Cinnamon Toast Crunch , Cocoa Puffs , Rice Chex , Trix

All menus are subject to change. We make it our priority to serve the menu as planned, but sometimes situations arise where we need to make substitutions. We will make every attempt to substitute similar products when they are available. We appreciate your understanding.

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Lunch

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1

- Entree Choices
- Cheese Pizza
 - Pepperoni Pizza
 - Hamburger on a Roll
 - Cheeseburger on a Roll
 - Southwest Chicken Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Steamed Broccoli
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

Milk Choices:

- Nonfat Milk
- Low Fat Milk
- Nonfat Chocolate Milk

4

- Entree Choices
- Deep Dish Cheese Pizza
 - Popcorn Chicken with Buttermilk Biscuit
 - Crispy Chicken Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Mashed Potatoes
 - Green Beans
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

5



- Entree Choices
- Nachos Grande
 - Ranchero Pizza
 - Crispy Chicken Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Corn
 - Smart Crackers
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

6

- Entree Choices
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich
 - Chicken Patty on a Roll
 - Crispy Chicken Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Tomato Soup
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

7

- Entree Choices
- Macaroni and Cheese with Soft Pretzel Rod
 - Homestyle Chicken Tenders with Soft Pretzel Rod
 - Crispy Chicken Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Crinkle Cut French Fries
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

8

- Entree Choices
- Cheese Pizza
 - Pepperoni Pizza
 - Pork BBQ Sandwich
 - Crispy Chicken Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Steamed Broccoli
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

11

- Entree Choices
- Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll
 - Three Cheese Calzone
 - Chef Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Crinkle Cut French Fries
 - Baked Beans
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

12

- Entree Choices
- French Toast Sticks with Sausage Patty
 - Mini Pizza Bagels
 - Chef Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Tater Tots
 - Corn
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

13

- Entree Choices
- Spaghetti with Meatsauce with Garlic Knot
 - Pizza Crunchers
 - Chef Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Green Beans
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

14

- Entree Choices
- Mozzarella Cheese Sticks with Marinara Dipping Sauce
 - Teriyaki Chicken over Rice with Dinner Roll
 - Chef Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Steamed Broccoli
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

15

- Entree Choices
- Cheese Pizza
 - Pepperoni Pizza
 - Popcorn Chicken with Dinner Roll
 - Chef Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Green Beans
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

18

- Entree Choices
- Homestyle Chicken Tenders with Dinner Roll
 - Orange Chicken over Rice
 - Chicken Caesar Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Steamed Broccoli
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

19

- Entree Choices
- Walking Taco
 - Deep Dish Cheese Pizza
 - Chicken Caesar Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Corn
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

20

- Entree Choices
- Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll
 - Pretzel Bites & Cheese
 - Chicken Caesar Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Savory French Fries
 - Steamed Broccoli
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

21

- Entree Choices
- Macaroni and Cheese with Soft Pretzel Rod
 - Hot Dog
 - Corn Dog
 - Chicken Caesar Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Green Beans
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

22

- Entree Choices
- Cheese Pizza
 - Pepperoni Pizza
 - Chicken Patty on a Roll
 - Chicken Caesar Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Steamed Carrot Coins
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

25



Memorial Day

26

- Entree Choices
- Chicken Nugget Stars with Dinner Roll
 - Mozzarella Cheese Sticks with Marinara Dipping Sauce
 - Crispy Chicken Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Corn
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

27

- Entree Choices
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich
 - Hamburger on a Roll
 - Cheeseburger on a Roll
 - Crispy Chicken Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Crispy French Fries
 - Tomato Soup
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

28

- Entree Choices
- Pizza Crunchers
 - Beef and Broccoli over Rice with Dinner Roll
 - Crispy Chicken Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Steamed Broccoli
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

29

- Entree Choices
- Cheese Pizza
 - Pepperoni Pizza
 - Cheesesteak Sub
 - Crispy Chicken Salad
- Grab and Go Combo
- Featured Sides
- Green Beans
- Fruit and Vegetable Bar

PINEY RIDGE CAREER DAYS MAY 26TH-29TH

Tuesday:

Morning meeting:
Careers

Wednesday:

Community service:
Making cards to send
to nursing homes

Thursday:

Wear your college or
career t-shirts

Friday:

Career Day: Dress up to
represent the career you
want to do when you grow
up



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