



PINEY WOODS
ELEMENTARY

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School Newsletter
2026-2027

#PURPLEMARTINPRIDE

Home of the Purple Martins

August 17, 2026

Mark Your Calendar

This Week

- Aug 17** Deadline to sign up for Chess Club (see flyer below)
- Aug. 18-19** i-Ready Inform (Reading-1st-5th grade)
- Aug. 18** i-Ready Inform (Math-1st -5th grade)
SIC Meeting at 8am
- Aug. 20-21** i-Ready Inform (Kindergarten)

[26-27 PWES School Calendar Overview](#)

Looking Ahead...

- Aug. 24-28** WeCare Food Drive, flyer coming soon!
- Aug. 24** Chess Club, 2:30-3:30pm
- Aug. 31** Chess Club, 2:30-3:30pm
- Sept. 7** Labor Day, School is closed
- Sept. 9** School Picture Day-Wear your smiles!
- Sept. 11** First Responder's Parade, 8am
- Sept. 14-24** Flock, Rock & Run Fundraiser
- Sept. 25** Flock, Rock & Run Event

Stay Informed

★ **Dismissal Car Line**-We are off to a great start here at PWES! Our Purple Martins are doing a wonderful job learning our dismissal routines. With an additional grade level joining us this year, our car line is naturally a little longer than it was last year, but we are already seeing improvements even in one short week! Students are learning the system and doing a good job listening for their car numbers. Way to go, Purple Martins!

○ Parents, you can help us keep our afternoon car line moving safely and efficiently by helping with a few important reminders:

- Keep your car tag visible at all times as you move through the line. This allows our staff to quickly read your number without having to stop your vehicle to ask.
- Help your child learn and remember their car number. When students hear their number called, we want them to recognize it and begin moving to their pickup location right away.

- Please remain in the lane you are in until you have passed the Spirit Rocks and pickup area whenever possible. Merging too early slows down the loading process for everyone. We promise our Purple Martin families will let you over when it is time to merge!

These small steps make a BIG difference in helping us load cars more quickly and keep everyone moving, especially during these hot August afternoons! Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work on our daily routines. Each day will continue to get a little smoother and a little faster!

★ **Lunch Time Visitors:** The beginning of the year is an important time for teachers to build community and go over expectations. We kindly ask all families to wait until after Labor Day to eat with your child. When you join us for lunch please make sure to bring your driver's license to sign in at the front office. We ask no outside food is brought into the cafeteria. Should you bring outside food, an alternative setting will be provided for you to eat with your child (courtyard or the Landing). Thank you for your understanding and support.

★ Want to purchase one of our **PWES spirit rocks** for the week? Sign-up [HERE](#). Hurry! Slots fill up fast!

★ **Do you still need a car tag?** Call the front office and let them know! We will make sure to place it in your child's book bag for you! Please help your child learn this number so our carlines will be more efficient.

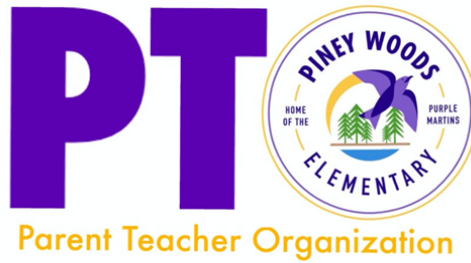


Click [here](#) to read a letter from our cafe which includes information on current prices, lunch calendars as well as other helpful cafeteria information! Please note: It states 2025-26 on top of the letter but it is for our current school year, 2026-27.



For birthdays or other celebrations you can purchase tickets for Ice Cream and Snacks from our Snack Shack for \$1 ea for your student's class. Please contact Angie Schuster at aschuster@lexrich5.org to order. Please give at least two days' notice if possible!

If you have any questions, please contact Angie Schuster at aschuster@lexrich5.org. Breakfast & Lunch Menus can still be found on our PWES cafeteria site or on this app.



Have Questions? Email us!

pto@pineywoodselementary.com

- Join the PTO for **FREE** here: <https://pwes.ptboard.com>
- Have questions? Reach out via email to - pto@pineywoodselementary.com

School Information

School Hours:

Arrival: 7:00-7:35am

School Day: 7:40 am - 2:30 pm

Dismissal: 2:30pm

School Office Hours: 7:00am-3:30pm

PWES Calendar can be found [here](#).

dates are subject to change as needed but will only be done if absolutely necessary

PWES Cafe Information

PWES Cafeteria website

[Lunch/Breakfast Menu](#)

Click [here](#) to get the Mobile Menu App

Student Lunch Accounts: Click [here](#) to add money to your child's k12 lunch account

*To apply for meal benefits, please CLICK [HERE!](#)

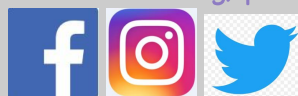
If you would like to order Ice Cream tickets for \$.75 each or Snack Shack tickets for \$1ea for your student's class for a birthday or other celebration please contact Angie Schuster at aschuster@lexrich5.org.

Family Resources

- [iFive Instructional Technology Initiative](#): learn more about instructional technology in our district.
- [26-27 Parent and Student Handbook](#)
- [Student Quick Pay](#) - online fee payment system
- [Student Attendance Excuse Form](#)
- [K-5 Proficiency Expectations](#)
- [SC Family Friendly Standards](#)

Stay Connected

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Piney Woods FLYERS

FOOD DRIVE

AUGUST 24-28
PLEASE DROP ITEMS OFF
IN THE LANDING

CHAPIN WE CARE IS IN NEED OF THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS:

PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY	PASTA/SPAGHETTI SAUCE
SOUP	CANNED CHICKEN
DRIED BEANS	SPAM
GRITS/RICE	LAUNDRY DETERGENT
MAC & CHEESE	TOOTHBRUSHES/TOOTH PASTE



GET READY TO SMILE BIG...

FALL PICTURE DAY IS ON THE WAY!



PICTURE DAY: 9/9/2026
DÍA DE FOTOS

STRAWBRIDGE
PHOTOGRAPHY



PINEY WOODS ELEMENTARY CHESS CLASSES

FALL 2026 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

EVERY MONDAY STARTING AUGUST 24TH, 2:30PM-3:30PM

 Register Now by clicking our sign up link or at
www.thinkmovechess.com/piney-woods

 No experience needed — all skill levels welcome!

 12-Week & Full School Year Registration Available | Flexible Payment Options

 Full School Year Registration Includes a Tournament Chess Set & Carrying Bag!

 Led by experienced chess coaches

 Tournament opportunities for rated and non-rated players

 Learn chess openings, sharpen strategic thinking, and build valuable life skills through the game of chess!

5156 ST. ANDREWS ROAD, UNIT 204, COLUMBIA, SC 29212, (803) 200-1604, INFO@THINKMOVECHESS.COM, WWW.THINKMOVECHESS.COM

**Sign Up**

**SIGN-UP
DEADLINE
AUGUST 17TH**





SOUTH CAROLINA UNITED STRIKERS

AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER

South Carolina United Strikers is a fun, after school program that teaches soccer fundamentals alongside critical social, emotional, and life skills. Our curriculum is designed to improve soccer skills and the physical and mental well being of children in grades K-6.

The great thing about South Carolina United Strikers, is that it is a fun, no pressure and safe environment, and all skills taught are transferable skills that can be used in nearly any sport. Our licensed coaching staff will incorporate learning into fun drills and activities, which appropriately challenge participants and promote healthy physical activity and important social skills, such as teamwork and communication.

WHO IS OUR PROGRAM FOR?

South Carolina United Strikers is for any child whose skill level ranges from new to soccer to competitive.

COST

\$75 per month with a one time \$25 registration fee; All participants will receive a South Carolina United Strikers t-shirt to wear to after school sessions and games.

STAFF TO STUDENT RATIO: 1:15

All staff are licensed SCUFC soccer coaches who have undergone thorough background checks.

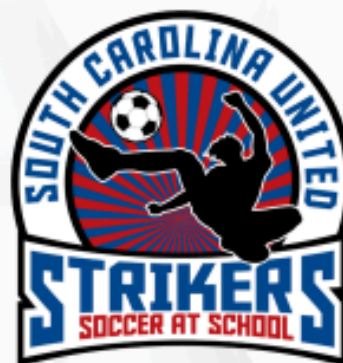
QUARTERLY GAMES AT A SCUFC SOCCER COMPLEX

DATES/TIMES

South Carolina United Strikers will meet once a week from 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM. Our program will run from September 2026 through May 2027 when school is in session.

WHO IS SOUTH CAROLINA UNITED FC (SCUFC)?

South Carolina United FC is the midlands largest soccer club offering recreational all the way to pre-professional programming. Our soccer club has produced many college and professional soccer players. We are passionate about providing every child the opportunity to play the beautiful game in a safe, positive, and supportive environment.



WEEKLY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Monday

Irmo Elementary
Seven Oaks Elementary
Dutch Fork Elementary

Tuesday

Oak Pointe Elementary
Chapin Elementary

Wednesday

Ballentine Elementary
Piney Woods Elementary

Thursday

Lake Murray Elementary



**SCAN TO
REGISTER!**

QUESTIONS? EMAIL STRIKERS@SCUFC.COM

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