

Pine Hill Middle School

October 8, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful start to the school year! It has been exciting to see our students learning, growing, and building positive connections with one another. As we move forward, we have several important events and opportunities coming up, and we want our families to be part of the experience!

Week of Respect

We have concluded the national Week of Respect! Throughout the week, students heard messages focused on kindness, empathy, inclusion, and treating others with dignity and respect. Our goal is to reinforce the importance of creating a school community where every student feels valued, welcomed, and safe.

We encourage families to continue these conversations at home and remind students that small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

PBIS Ice Cream Social

A special shout-out to our students and staff for making our PBIS Ice Cream Social such a success! It was wonderful to see students enjoying themselves, celebrating their accomplishments, and spending time together in a positive and fun environment.

Thank you to our students for demonstrating the behaviors and expectations that make our school community stronger. We are proud of you!

Stay Connected to Your Child's Progress

As we continue through the marking period (6th-8th grade) and trimester (5th grade), please take some time to check your child's grades, progress reports and assignments regularly.

Staying informed about academic progress allows families and teachers to work together to celebrate successes and address any areas where additional support may be needed.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teachers.

Join Our PTO!

We would also love to see more of our families involved in our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). The PTO is a wonderful way to connect with other families, support our students, and become an active part of our school community. The PTO has planned wonderful fundraisers and activities for this school year. Your participation, ideas, and support truly make a difference!

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Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we can make this a successful, positive, and memorable school year for all of our students. Additionally, I would like to personally invite you to our SEPAG Meeting. More information is below!

**Please Join Us for our Special Education Parent Advisory Group meeting
(SEPAG)
for the 2026 - 2027 School Year**

When: Wednesday, October 28th,
from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Overbrook High School - Media
Center

Presenter: Tracie Wolf, Author
Moving Beyond Survival - The Early Years
Moving Beyond Survival - The Public School
Years (newly published)

*Please join us as Mrs. Wolf speaks on her
journey in supporting her son with executive
functioning delays and shares tips for
parents.*



Student supervision/child care will be provided

Warm regards,

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