PINEWOOD PRESS

November 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Pinewood Family,

We have had a terrific first quarter of school! Pinewood's mission statement reads "**Pinewood School is a team of staff, students, parents, and community working together to teach students to become high achievers, lifelong learners, and responsible citizens."** It is great to be working with each of you as we form a strong team to ensure each of us at Pinewood is safe and learning every day. I appreciate each of you and the hard work you have put in to help our students be successful. Thank you for making your student's education a priority. It was wonderful to see so many families as we reviewed progress and set goals for the second quarter. SeeSaw is another great way to keep in contact with your student's teacher at any time throughout the year.

OPS is on a mission to have all students reading on grade level by 2030. We know that the more students read, the better they read. We also believe strongly that reading with someone is enjoyable and powerful! Please read to and with your students and ask about what they are reading.

Please take note of the upcoming activities highlighted in the newsletter and on the calendar. As always, please feel free to contact me at 531-299-1940 or Kristi.reinsch@ops.org with your questions, comments, or concerns.

Kristi Reinsch

Principal

Important Dates to Remember!

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: November 3,2026

NO SCHOOL FOR PRE-K: November 20, 2026

Picture Retakes: November 13,2026

Thanksgiving Break: November 23, 24, 25,26,27

Vocal Music Winter Program: December 16,2026 2:00 PM

Gingerbread Night: December 17,2026

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL NOTES:

THANK YOU for your patience and cooperation with our parking and drop off/pick-up procedures. We strive to make the process safe for all and with your help, we are getting most of our students picked up within 15 minutes of dismissal. Remember, the Sorenson driveway is for **buses** and **day care** ONLY. We appreciate your commitment to the safe drop off and pick up of our Pinewood Panthers!



INSTRUMENTS WANTED!

We are always in need of instruments for those students who cannot afford to rent or buy an instrument. If you have any instruments at home that you no longer use, please consider donating them to Pinewood. We need violins, violas, cellos, flutes, clarinets, and trumpets. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Herszbaum at nestor.herszbaum@ops.org (band) or Mr. Schuerman at Christian.schuerman@ops.org (strings). THANK YOU!!

REMEMBER THE TENNIS SHOES EACH DAY

Your child needs to wear comfy tennis shoes to exercise safely in school/recess and in P.E. As the weather gets colder, we understand that your child may need to wear boots or alternate shoes to school. If so, please encourage him/her to bring tennis shoes and leave them in the locker or bring shoes in the backpack each day. Please assist us in helping your child to be successful and continue to safely exercise as the weather gets colder. If you have gently used tennis shoes that your student has outgrown, please consider donating them to Pinewood for students who may need them.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

November 3- No Students

November 13- Picture Retakes

November 20- No PreK

November 23-27- Thanksgiving Break

December 15-Choir tour

December 16- Winter Program 2pm only

December 18- No PreK

December 21 – Winter break begins

January 5- School resumes- Second semester

January 15- No PreK; District Kindergarten Registration Day

January 18- No school Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 26- 2-hour late start

February 11- No PreK

February 12- No Students Curriculum Day

February 15- No school President's Day

March 10 & 11-Spring Conferences

March 15-19 -Spring Break

March 26- No PreK

Help the Health Office

What happens if your child spills a milk in their lap at school? They go to the Health Office for a change of pants. There are many reasons a student might need a clean pair of pants at school, so we go through a lot each week. The Health Office needs some gently used boys and girls elastic waist pants, from size 4T on up. You can send the items with your student or drop them off at the front office. Thank you!

Attendance Counts

The district requires that any student who arrives after the 8:50 bell be marked as late for school. If the school has not heard that the student will be late, they are marked as unverified so a call we be made to inform the family that the student was late. Calling the office before 9:30 am will prevent a call being made. Attendance is tracked by minutes so late arrivals and early dismissals will count against a student's total attendance.

FOLLOW PINEWOOD ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Use the barcode to follow us on social media. It's a great way to keep up with Pinewood activities.

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Pinewood's Webpage is at

https://www.ops.org/pinewood



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OMAHA Public Schools

PINEWOOD PANTHERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	DeeDee Thakolo - Home Visitor Mary Ellyn Dunn - Family Facilitator Claire Cordes - Community Facilitator				
1	2	3 No School	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 **Rose Theater 9-10:30 am**	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 **Family Socialization 9-10:30 am**	18	19	20 No School for PreK only	21
22	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School Thanksgiving	27 No School	28

Notes

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/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.

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	**2** Tech Club	**3** **NO SCHOOL**	**4**	**5** Cheer	**6**	**7**
8	**9** Tech Club PTO	**10** Dugan/Human to Glow Ball	**11**	**12** Cheer	**13** **Picture Retakes**	**14**
15	**16** Tech Club	**17**	**18**	**19** Cheer	**20** **NO PRE K**	**21**
22	**23** Teacher work day	**24** Teacher work day	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**
29	**30**					

THANKSGIVING BREAK