



# *Pine Ridge Elementary*

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Thank you to the **Schnellville Fire Department** for their quick response and timely actions to help us check our building and fumigate the hallway on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate their effort to get our students back inside safely as soon as possible.

Thank you to our students and staff for following our procedures to quickly and safely exit our building when smoke entered the STEM lab and library. The worst part for our third and fourth grade students was that their vanilla ice cream treat melted by the time we returned to the cafeteria. Many of them were looking forward to ice cream and strawberries at lunch all week. We will have to find a day to make it up to them.

It was a great feeling to have **Silly Safari** back in our school. Thank you to our PTO for allocating funds for this special event.

Around the end of February, I received notice from the Dubois County Community Foundation that an endowment was established by David Gaesser and his children in memory of **Carol Gaesser**. Mrs. Gaesser was an educator at St. Anthony School and Pine Ridge Elementary for many years. Many of our community members had Mrs. Gaesser as a teacher. She touched many lives during her time as an educator in Southeast Dubois Schools.

The intention of this memorial endowment is to promote and fund education for the students of Pine Ridge Elementary School. If you would like to learn more about this memorial endowment you can read a short summary [here](#). If you would like to support this endowment you can reach out to Clayton Boyles or Nona Baker at the Dubois County Community Foundation. Their number is 812-482-5295.

We are collecting **PSC phone books**. We will have a box in the front lobby area for students to put them in when they enter school. If you have a large quantity to donate, email or call our office and we will schedule a drop off time. Pine Ridge receives \$.50 per book we collect and recycle.

The modified version of our **Spring Book Fair** is scheduled for the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>. More details to come on this event.

You can earn money for Pine Ridge by scanning codes from under caps and inside cartons of Coke Products (Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Sprite Zero, Fanta, Fresca, Barq's, Schweppes). Lids and codes can also be sent to school with your child or you can go to <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/> to sign up and scan the codes with your smart phone. Make sure to pick the correct Pine Ridge Elementary as there are several on the list! Pine Ridge will receive 5 cents per cap and Coca Cola will send us a check every three months. Lids and codes can also be sent to school with your child.

The **ILEARN Assessment** for grades 3 and 4 will be given on April 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29. Grade 3 will test in the mornings, and grade 4 will test in the afternoons.

Having children of my own, I understand that cuffs may become tattered or the knees may be worn thin, but large gaping holes are not permitted at school. Please remind your student that **pants and shirts need to be clean and hole free** at school.

I am challenging our students to **finish the school year on a positive note**. Our students make good choices and are hard workers throughout the year. Let's keep that going!

It is very important that parents set procedures for completing homework each night. Please set aside time for your child to get homework finished before leaving for the evening. We all know how hard it is to complete assignments after getting back from a late night at the ball field.

With **Little League** starting, we will have many visitors to our school grounds over the next few months. **Please help me with these concerns:** We need to keep vehicles off of the track during practices and games. I know it is a long walk to the small field, but we need to keep our children safe. If someone needs assistance, please contact a Little League board member. There is no alcohol allowed on school grounds. This seems ridiculous to include in a school newsletter, but we find beer cans in trash cans. There is no tobacco or vaping on school grounds. Every year we have a student at recess pick up a cigarette butt to throw it away. I'm glad they want to keep our school free of litter, but that is really gross. Please do your part in keeping our school beautiful.

I do not expect you to enforce any of these expectations, but notify a Little League board member or coach if you have concerns.

A message from our nurse, Mrs. Waninger:

I'm excited to inform the families of Southeast Dubois schools that I'm working with a **mobile dental corporation**, Dental Safari Company, to provide our students with dental wellness checkups and urgent care treatment.

Whether interested or not, please fill out the survey so I can gather a rough number of families who may benefit from these services: <https://forms.gle/7QGn4darSGMEAY5TA> Students of ALL ages (PK – 12th grade) are eligible to sign up.

Dental Safari Company is a fully licensed, professional company that approaches dental health in 3 steps: Education, Treatment, and Prevention. At your child/children's 1st visit you can expect a visual exam (no x-rays) by a licensed dentist, a cleaning, Fluoride treatment, and sealants as needed. All Children are Eligible:

- Children with a Medicaid / Hoosier Healthwise ID number
- Children on free or reduced Lunch programs
- Children with private insurance (provide information)
- Children with cash payment (cash or check)

\$75 – included exam, cleaning, fluoride, sealants as needed.

If you have any questions, please contact Dental Safari Company at (618) 993-8333. You can also reach out to me at [Rachael.waninger@sedubois.k12.in.us](mailto:Rachael.waninger@sedubois.k12.in.us) or 812-817-0900 ext: 4656

Our students did a great job during the **IREAD-3 Assessment** window. Results were sent home on Monday.

We are still accepting children for our Kindergarten program. Any child who will be 5 by August 1, 2021 is eligible for kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. Our PK classroom for next year is full, and we are placing families on a waiting list. A child who will be 4 by August 1, 2021 is eligible for Preschool for the 2021-2022 school year. Our preschool is designed for a student who will be entering Kindergarten the following year.

If you need to contact the **YMCA child watch** after school hours call school and enter 3200 when prompted.

Have a great April.

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### **LOCATION**

Huntingburg Conservation Club

### **INSTRUCTOR**

Officer Jon Watkins

### **CLASS SESSIONS**

April 9th 2021 6pm-9pm  
April 10th 2021 8am - 6pm  
archery range and air pellet range  
must be present all hours to participate  
in range hours

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT**

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