

Pine Ridge Elementary

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Our COVID and other **absences** have been low since January 1st. We attribute this to our students following the guidelines, and our parents keeping kids at home when they don't feel well. One positive case in our classrooms can cause numerous additional cases or result in many kids and staff to be considered close contacts. We need to continue taking the extra precautions to keep everyone healthy. Thank you for all that you have done so far.

Valentines Day will be celebrated on Friday, February 12th at Pine Ridge. Small Valentine cards are fine to send in, but keep candy or other treats at home. **Our kitchen staff will put together small treat bags for our students.**

We are **in school** on Monday, February 15th. When we have **virtual days** students are expected to complete their assignments that day, but students have three days to complete any missed work. If students do not complete the assigned work they will be counted absent for the virtual day. Access to the Internet is a common barrier for our families. We have access to limited numbers of hotspots. If you need one, please let me know.

Our **FP Lady Rangers** have their first sectional game on Wednesday. **FP swimmers and FP wrestlers** are in action this Saturday. Dress up themes for the remainder of the week:

Wednesday - Girls Basketball Sectional - Black Out

Thursday - Girls Swimming Sectional - Hawaiian/Tie Dye Day

Friday - Boys Wrestling Regional - Red, White, and Blue - 'Merica Day!

Preschool Round Up is Monday, March 1st at 5:30 p.m. in the gym. Any child who will be 4 by August 1, 2021 **and** parents intend to send them to kindergarten in August 2022 is eligible for preschool for the 2021-2022 school year. Our preschool program is designed to prepare students to enter kindergarten the following year.

Kindergarten Round Up is Monday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Any child who will be 5 by August 1, 2021 is eligible for kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. Please bring a birth certificate and immunization records for registration.

We suggest that parents attend this session without children. Child watch will not be provided, and it is very important that we have your full attention.

Completing homework is vital to academic success. Please dedicate time to sit with your child when they are working on homework. The purpose of homework is to revisit specific standards and/or topics to reinforce what they learned at school. It is important that your student completes assignments as given. Remind your student to follow the recommended number of minutes their teacher expects them to read each evening.

Water bottles are important to our students throughout the day, and it is convenient to have them within reach. Please make sure they close securely before sending them to school. If they cause a spill, they should be kept at home. Cups with lids and a straw would not be approved. You should be able to turn them over and give a firm squeeze with no leaking for them to be approved. Water spills are an inconvenience, but water damage to books and texts become a larger problem.

The TriCounty YMCA after school child watch is a great service to Pine Ridge families. This program offers families child watch at an affordable price. They are open until 6:00 p.m. each evening.

Box Tops are due Monday, February 22nd. It is very rare to find Box Tops on items at the store, but some of you might have a few to turn in. Please send them to school in bundles of 50. We have experienced about an 80% drop in revenue since Box Tops transitioned to the app. \$500 goes a long way for our school, but it is a far cry from the years we generated \$2,500+.

Please take a few minutes and check the **Box Tops website** for great coupons and information on how to earn more Box Tops for your school. They offer great ways to earn bonus Box Top points if you do online shopping. <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Please use the south parking lot for **pick up and drop off**. We must keep the circle clear of cars from 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

The **dress code policy** for Pine Ridge is that clothes are clean and hole free. Please do your best to monitor what your child is wearing to school. Cold weather is coming this week. Please send hats and gloves with your child.

Coca-Cola lids are an easy way to generate funds for our school. Go to [Coca-Cola Gives](#), find Pine Ridge, and scan your Coca-Cola product lids. If you don't have time to scan, you can send clean lids to school and we will scan them.

In the event of a **two hour delay**, PRE will open our doors at 9:30.

MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENT

Farmers to Families

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2021

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM EST



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For reference, food insecurity refers to USDA's measure of lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Food-insecure households are not necessarily food insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods.
