Pine Ridge Elementary

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Teacher appreciation week is May 3-7. We appreciate everything they do for our students. It takes a special person to be a great educator, and we are fortunate to have them throughout our building. We are also recognizing all of our staff this week for their dedication to our children. Our PTO has plans throughout the week to deliver treats. If your child's teacher has made a difference in their lives, I encourage you to send a little note to them. Kind words go a long way.

Move Up Day is **Tuesday, May 25th**. Incoming kindergarten students are invited to attend. Please remember that we use the sidewalk on the south side of school as our drop off point. It would be best for parents to park in the large parking lot and bring your child to the door. Students will enter the gym doors and meet their teacher in the gym before going to the classroom. Incoming kindergarten students can arrive at 8:15. **Kindergarten pick up is at 9:15. Pick up for Kindergarten will be from the gym doors. Please walk up to the sidewalk to receive your child.**

We collected over **1300 PSCI phone books.** Thank you to all families for sending in a phone book.

Don't forget to use Harmony Family Access to check lunch accounts, grades, and other information about your student. Also use this page to update phone numbers and emergency contacts. This information is vital to reach you if there is an emergency.

ILEARN testing is over, and testing went well.

Any child who will be 5 by August 1, 2021 is eligible for **kindergarten** for the 2021-2022 school year.

I am challenging all of our students to **finish the school year on a positive note**. Please talk with your child about making good choices not only at school but also on the bus. It is very important that our students do their part in keeping our busses safe. They can do this by not being a distraction to the bus driver, staying in their assigned seat, keeping their hands to themselves, and by not being loud when talking to other students.

The **End of the Year Celebration** will be on May 28th.   We have many fun things planned for this day. We will send out more information as the day gets closer

Last day of school is May 28th.

The **Summer Program** begins June 9th and is every Wednesday through July 21. Drop off is from 7:30-8:00 at the south gym doors. You may drop off along the sidewalk or walk your child to the door. **We have over 70 students participating this summer so please be patient when dropping off and picking up.** If you must get out and assist your child to exit the vehicle, it is best that you park in the lot and walk them to the sidewalk. Pick up is at 4:00. Please do not be late. We are on a tight budget and additional hours for staff impacts what we can offer later in the summer.   Cost per day is $5.

Children will be active and outside. Our daily schedule is designed on a block schedule: 90 minutes of instruction (math, ELA, Art, STEM), and then a 30 minute break (recess/bathroom//lunch) throughout the day.

Please wear closed-toed shoes. Hat, sun glasses, sunscreen (applied at home), etc… is encouraged but not required. Plans include picking berries (¾ grades), a trip to Patoka Lake Nature Center (full day), DNR Woods on Wheels, Star Lab (inside), Lindauer Farm visit, a visit from our local Conservation Officers to discuss outdoor safety, etc… A calendar will be sent to participating families as we near the end of the month.

A survey will be sent in mid May to participating families. It is for parents to select days their child will or will not be attending. The intent is for us to have a better idea of how many children will be at each session. Students participating in VBS on June 9th can attend the afternoon session at school. Lunch will be available to them if needed. You will see a selection on the survey for this day. We ask that families pay $5 for June 9th if they are attending a full or ½ day.