



# *Pine Ridge Elementary*

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We are **in school** this Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. That day is marked on our original calendar as an eLearning Day, but it is a day at school.

Please read the special instructions on **all home football games** at the bottom of this document. Students are required to sit with families and they are not allowed to run free around the track.

**Friday is a RANGER Day at Pine Ridge.** Wear your green and gold and cheer on our Ranger football team for their first home game.

**Paragon** orders are due Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have not set a date for delivery or the money day. We will send that to families very soon. Keep in mind that if you are not interested in selling items, a donation is greatly appreciated. The PTO has set the benchmark of \$200 in sales or \$80 donation per child to meet our goals. Our goal for this year is focused on building our savings for playground equipment and surfaces along with being able to provide funding for supplies and student activities.

A **PTO meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Please wear a mask and we will set up an area to distance ourselves from each other. We will discuss the PTO fundraiser and other school topics with Dr. Jamie Pund.

**Picture Day has been postponed for now.**

**Parent Teacher Conferences have not been scheduled.**

Check out the **Pine Ridge Facebook** page and follow us on **Instagram**. **Newsletters, Covid updates, lunch menus, and breakfast menus** are posted on our [website](#).

**Progress Reports** will be sent home on September 9<sup>th</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup>, and April 21<sup>st</sup>. These dates are not marked on our corporation calendar.

**UPGRADE** your wellness practices with the Pine Ridge Elementary activity challenges. Starting in September, students will bring home tickets to return after families have completed the daily activity. Once you and your child complete the challenge, send in the ticket to have a chance to win a prize at the end of the month. All tickets will be entered in a drawing at the end of the year for more prizes.

A **celebration** for Pine Ridge students who completed the summer reading bingo was held on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Each student who finished the summer challenge enjoyed extra time outside and an ice cream treat. We were not able to get the inflatable out this year. 😞 Thanks to our PTO for sponsoring the treats for the afternoon party! 😊

Please do not allow **lunch accounts** to get to a negative balance. We would love to have all book bills paid in full by the end of the first nine weeks. When you send in a check please write it to SEDCSC Lunch or SEDCSC Textbook. You can pay online with no charge on the Harmony Family Access website. **We are waiving fees for through September.**

Start your day the right way: **Eat breakfast!** Kids who eat breakfast do better in school, have better concentration, have more energy, and are less likely to be overweight (HealthyChildren.org). Breakfast is served daily starting at 7:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

The deadline to complete and return the form for **financial assistance** is approaching. This program is in place for a reason: To help all families in need. Applications are online in Harmony Family Access.

We continue to collect **Box Tops** even though they are hard to find. Please send Box Tops trimmed and in bags of 50, or download the Box Top App. We have experienced a 75% drop in Box Top revenue over the past 4 years. This is mostly because Box Tops have transitioned to the app, but they are also not on all of the products they were once on.

Did you know your fourth-grade child can receive a free pass to enter our **National Parks**? Starting in September and lasting for an entire year, fourth grade students can complete the process to print a voucher to receive the pass. Use this [link](#) for more information.

**Labor Day is Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

No **Tools for Schools** this year. Old National Bank has decided to hold off on this opportunity.

Easy ways to help your school:

- Get the Box Top App
- Visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/> for easy ways to get coupons, order items online, and find easy sweepstakes to earn Box Tops for Pine Ridge.
- Order items from **Amazon Smile** and select **Forest Park Parent-Teacher Support Group**. All PTOs in our corporation benefit from orders when you nominate this group.
- Check with your employer if they will match a donation to our school. Every year we have families who donate to our PTO. Getting a matching gift from your employer is a great bonus for our school.

Here is a **fun family activity** as we get closer to Halloween. Zombies will be roaming **Patoka Lake** beginning Labor Day weekend, and it's up to you to find them. A dozen zombies will be hidden around the property through Oct. 31, and visitors who find 10 of them will get a souvenir cup supporting Patoka's birds of prey as well as a few stickers. All it takes to participate is a zombie-hunting license, which can be purchased for \$5 from the reservoir office, main or modern campground gate, camp store or the Nature Center, and a cell phone. Once you purchase your license, start hunting. When you find one, take a selfie. When you find enough, return to one of the locations you bought the tickets from and show park staff your photos to get your prizes. Check out their website at [on.IN.gov/patokalake](http://on.IN.gov/patokalake).

Have a great September!

Ryan Haas, Principal  
Pine Ridge Elementary School



**Forest Park Football**  
**2020 Home Game - Student Expectations**

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We are hopeful many will support the Ranger Football Team in its 2020 season. With that said, it is necessary to have protocols in place to ensure the health and safety of all in attendance. The following expectations must be met for our school-aged attendees:

**PK - 4th Grade**

- Must sit with parents/guardians at all times
  - If parents/guardians typically sit on track/hill on north side of field, plan accordingly to ensure the student has a place to sit
- Parent/guardian must be in attendance for student to be present
- Must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or Jr. High/High School aged sibling when visiting the concession stand or using the restroom
- May not play any games or roam independently at any time
- Masks required at all times

**5th-6th Grade**

- Must sit with parents/guardians at all times
  - If parents/guardians typically sit on track/hill on north side of field, plan accordingly to ensure the student has a place to sit
- Parent/guardian must be in attendance for student to be present
- May visit concession stand or use the restroom independently, and return to seat immediately following
- May not play any games at any time
- Masks required at all times

**Junior High (7th-8th Grade)**

- May congregate on the black rubber area on the West end of the field (side where flag pole is located)
- Must watch the game - no games or any other activities at any time
- Masks required at all times
- Only able to leave the designated area above when using the restroom or visiting the concession stand
- Those found roaming beyond these three areas or not following mask expectation will be asked to sit with Parent/Guardian or be picked up by parent/guardian if not present

**High School**

- May congregate on the East end of the field (side where scoreboard is located)
- Masks required at all times
- Only able to leave the designated area above when using the restroom or visiting the concession stand
- Must watch the game - no games or any other activities at any time
- Those found roaming beyond these three areas, or not following mask expectation, will be asked to sit with parent/guardian, leave the premises or be picked up by parent/guardian if not present