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Pinewood Elementary

Mounds View Public Schools
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BOOK ENDS

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A successful school year is coming to a close. It has been a busy one – filled with many terrific classroom and school-wide events for kids!

Looking ahead to the '09-10 school year

Plans are underway to prepare for a successful upcoming school year. Here's a preview of some important events for next fall:

"Meet The Teacher Night" at Pinewood

Pinewood staff look forward to meeting parents and students next fall at the annual "Meet the Teacher" Night on **Wednesday, September 2nd from 4:00-6:00 p.m..**

Please join us to meet your child's teacher, tour the school, see the classroom, reconnect with old friends, drop off school supplies, add money to the lunch account, join PTA or order your Pinewood T-shirt.

Parent Information for the Upcoming School Year

Parent Information Night will be held on September 14th for **grades K-2**. This meeting will offer an opportunity for parents to learn more about classroom and curricular expectations for the year.

Grades 3-5 teachers will provide this information as part of an extended Parent-Teacher individual conference scheduled during the weeks of September 15th and 22nd – rather than during a separate Parent Information Night.

November and March Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from **November 19th – 23th**, and again from **March 3rd – 5th**. These conferences will provide parents and staff with a face-to-face opportunity to discuss academic, social and behavioral progress during the year.

Watch for a sign-up board in the cafeteria to schedule fall conference(s) during the "Meet the Teacher" night on September 2nd.

Reaching New Levels of Achievement – Read Read Read!!

One of the best predictors of reading achievement is the amount of reading that a child does outside of the school day. Thank you, parents, for encouraging your child to read during the '08-09 school year.

What a pleasure it was to recognize students who reached their monthly reading goals throughout the school year! Overall, students participated in **2.7 million** minutes of independent reading this school year, which broke last year's record of 2.6 million minutes! Special thanks to Volunteer Coordinator Mary Mullen and all parents who helped support this effort throughout the year.

354 students received medals for meeting reading goal expectations and became members of the "Pinewood Reading Hall of Fame". This was an increase of **34 students** from last year. Congratulations, students, on your hard work! Next year, a school-wide effort to promote independent reading will run again from September 1st to May 1st! Watch for more information in August.

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A Successful School of Excellence Celebration!

Thank you for your strong support of "School of Excellence" celebratory activities held during this past week. It was a great opportunity for students to display their many talents and for all of us to celebrate this achievement for our school! A photo album of memories from the celebration can be viewed at <http://www.moundviewschools.org/news.asp?docID=1807>.

Highlights from the "School of Excellence" Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, June 2nd were also videotaped by CTV 15 cable station of Roseville. Those highlights can be viewed on Channel 15.

Thanks for a great year!

Our parents and community volunteers have generously shared their time and talents to support a wide variety of enriching experiences for kids. Special thanks to the Pinewood PTA and the Executive Board for their leadership and support of our students throughout the year. Thank you, parent and community supporters, for all of your help. You have each played an important role in making our school a better place for students!

Best of luck!

Congratulations to our fifth graders for reaching a milestone in their school careers. We wish them the very best as they move on to a 'new life' in middle school. We also recognize all of our students for their hard work and personal achievements throughout the year. For those of you who are leaving for a new school community, we extend best wishes to you for a smooth transition. We hope your time at Pinewood has prepared you well for the next step in your life.

Enjoy the summer!

Thanks again for all of your support in making this a successful year of learning for children at Pinewood. On behalf of the Pinewood Staff, I wish you and your families a terrific summer ahead filled with time to enjoy special moments, explore new experiences together and relax!

LOOKING AHEAD

MON JUN 22
Summer School Begins

MON SEP 1
Begin recording reading minutes!

TUE SEP 2 4-6:00pm
Meet the Teacher Open House

TUE SEP 8 9:30am
First Student Day

MON SEP 14
Parent Information Night
Grade K 5:30-6:30
Grade 1 6:30-7:00
Grade 2 7:00-7:30

THU SEP 17 12:15-8:00
Grades 3-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences

FRI SEP 18
Fundraiser Kicks Off

TUE SEP 22 6:30pm
PTA Meeting IMC

THU SEP 24 12:15-8:00
Grades 3-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences

THU OCT 22
Individual Picture Day

THU-FRI OCT 15-16
NO SCHOOL
Professional Conference

FRI OCT 30 2:45pm
Fall Parade Quincy St.

FRI NOV 6 12:25pm
Altered Release Time
All students dismissed at 12:25
AM Kindergarten attends
PM Kindergarten DOES NOT attend

THU NOV 19
4:30-8:00 Parent Teacher Conferences
Picture Retake Day

MON NOV 23
10:00-8:00 Parent Teacher Conferences

MON-FRI NOV 23-27
NO SCHOOL for students

TUE DEC 15 7:00pm
West Side Band Festival @ ID



ARTIST VISIT

Kindergarten students in Mrs. Schraut's class enjoyed a visit from author, Dara Dokas, who read her book entitled *Muriel's Red Sweater*. Thank you to Jan Merrell for arranging the visit and to Ms. Dokas for a very enjoyable storytime!

WALK PATROL REMINDER

We ask that all current 3rd and 4th grade walk patrols be ready to patrol again on the first day of school next fall! We appreciate all patrols being at the crossing each day during the first two weeks of school. Their assistance is a great help in getting the year off to a safe start!



DUCKLINGS VISIT!

First graders in Mrs. Sampson's classroom received a visit from Irondale High School students. The Irondale students have been raising and caring for ducklings in the courtyard. Pinewood students enjoyed hearing about where the ducklings live and what they eat. They also enjoyed petting the little furry birds! Thank you to Jeff Langer and Lisa Elessner for organizing the presentation and providing this opportunity for their students and ours!

BUS REGISTRATION

Bus registration forms for 2009-2010 have been mailed to families. Please have the forms returned to District Transportation by Friday, June 12th. Fees for transportation will be higher after that date.

FREE OR REDUCED MEAL PLAN

Parents of students who are eligible for free or reduced school meals this year are reminded that **A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR**. Questions may be directed to Nutrition Services at the District Office by calling 651.621.6022.

SUMMER NEWS SITE

Sign up for E-news updates to get the latest school district information, including over the summer. Go to www.moundsvIEWSchools.org and click on e-news to sign up for messages from the district, the superintendent and/or a specific school.

LOST and FOUND

All lost and found items have been moved to the front foyer. Please stop in to see if your child's missing jacket, boots, snow pants or t-shirt is on the table there! All items will be donated to charity soon.

COLLECTION REMINDER!

Please remember to keep collecting fundraising items for Pinewood over the summer! We look forward to receiving collections of Campbell's labels, milk caps, box tops, pop tops, and Tyson labels when school begins. These items are a very easy way for you to become part of the fundraising team at Pinewood! Remember that grandparents and other relatives are a great source for getting additional labels, etc! You just need to remind them that Pinewood will be happy to receive their collection!

CHANGE IN PLANS

As sometimes happens, plans may change over the summer and your children might not be attending Pinewood in the fall. Please let us know that as soon as possible by calling the office at 651.621.7500.

IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

District 621 complies with state immunization recommendations. Kindergarten children must have an updated immunization record or a notarized waiver along with a birth certificate for age verification on file in the office before being admitted to attend school. Please be sure that you have this information ready for your child to attend Kindergarten!

**ENJOY THE SUMMER &
READ, READ, READ!!!**

PINWOOD SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2009-2010

SUPPLIES <i>(Replace as needed during the year)</i>	KDGN.	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5
Crayons	X (24)	X (48)	X(48)	X(24)	X(48)	none
#2 Pencils – <i>sharpened</i> with erasers	X(4)	X(48)	X(48)	X(10)	X(24)	X(10)
Red marking pen or correcting pencil				X(2)	X	X(3)
Glue - 4 oz. size (washable)	X(white)				X	X
Glue Stick	X(2)	X(16)	X(6)	X(6)		
Eraser	X	X	X	X(3)	X	X 2"
Scissors - Good quality student <u>metal</u> (ex. Fiskars) labeled	X	X	X	X	X	X
Box of kleenex – large	None	X	X	X	X	X
Dry-Erase Marker (for class whiteboard)	X(2)				X	
School box (<u>no bigger than size given</u>)	5"x8"	5" x 8"	5"x8"	5"x8"	5"x8"	< 2.5" or bag
School bag / back pack w/ID address tag	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pocket folder		2	X(3)	X(3)	X(8)	X(4)
Set of watercolor paints	X					
Wide-lined loose-leaf paper				X		
Spiral notebook (Wide Lined, No Trapper Keepers, No Large Notebooks, Not Perforated)	1	2 plain colored	X(3)	X(1)	X(4)	X(1)
3-Ring Notebook/Binder (<u>No Trapper Keepers – school desks are too small!</u>)			1 -1" (no wider)			
Ruler-Metric and standard (12 inch)		X	X wooden	X wooden	X	X
Markers (washable, basic colors)	NONE	X (8 fat)	X	X	X	X
Colored pencils – sharpened	X(12)	X	X	X	optional	X
Scotch tape				X	X	
Compass					X	X
Calculators TI-15 (will be available to purchase at school in fall.) \$15.00						X
Pencil sharpener w/ shaving container	NONE	X	X	X	X	X
5 Pks Tab Dividers for 2 - 1" 3-ring notebooks Brusman, Carroll, Mears only				X		

The following Specialist Supply List is separate, and in addition to the classroom list.

ART - Pencil, pencil sharpener, eraser 1st-5th Gr, Kindergarten T-pullover type paint shirt.

MUSIC – 3rd- 5th pocket folder and pencil.

PHYSICAL ED - Students should wear tennis shoes with non-marking soles on PE day, no jewelry for safety reasons.

SCIENCE - 1st-5th pocket folder, pencil and notebook paper.

PLEASE PERMANENTLY LABEL SUPPLIES WITH CHILD'S FIRST & LAST NAME.

Calculators / DailyPlanners / WordlyWise / TimeForKids will be explained at
Parent Information Nights in September

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Pinewood has just completed a wonderful and exciting week of making memories!! This could not have happened without the plans and hands of many volunteers who stepped forward to share their time! We extend a sincere and overflowing thank you to each and every one of you!

T-Shirts

Pinewood PTA for funding ~ Angie Wick, Mary Traufler, Joan Hadash, Mary Mullen, Christina Parks for organizing distribution

Panoramic Photo

Lifetouch for providing the photographer and a copy of the picture for each student ~ Lynn Rohrbacher for helping to coordinate classes getting into place in time.

Community Picnic

Mary Mullen, Angie Wick, Heather Ford, Margaret Knudsen for help with set-up ~ Sara VanAllen, Linda Flesch, Cindy Tamaki, Mary Pat Cheney for serving shortcake to our many volunteers ~ Brooks Produce for donating the strawberries ~ Costco for donation of various food items ~ Diane Hofer, Brenda Sorem, Merle Danielson and all members of the Shoreview Northern Lights Community Variety Band for their entertainment and for the opportunity given our fifth grade band members to play with a "big band" ~ Carol Seidenkranz for organizing help in taking down and cleaning up ~ Josh LaMere for his guitar music ~ Peter Blaskowski for offering to provide line dance lessons!

Musical Concerts

Juli Larson for preparing each grade level to perform excellently for families and guests ~ classroom teachers for helping to make the concerts run smoothly!

Honor Assembly

Bill Book and Sharon Carroll for directing the production ~ Joy Anderson, Maria Estrada, David McLernon for their talents as emcees ~ Sam Parlin, Ian Olds, Nate Chamberlain, Marta Crooks, Eliza Schumer, Pat Blake, Sharon Carroll, Kristin Roemhildt, Carrie Simich, Stacy Simon for the humor provided in their skit ~ second grade students for their singing talent in performing "Ready to Learn" ~ Juli Larson for directing them ~ Andrew Eichten for his piano presentation ~ Sophia Vee, Emily Miller, Joe Sorenson, Kaija Dahlberg, Emily Davis, Abigail Gessesse, Anna Cheney, Andre Offori, Mike Gorzycki, Noah Mruz, Laura Super, Mark Frahm for sharing their thoughts on what makes Pinewood an excellent school ~ Mary Mullen for decorations ~ Melanie Henderson for an awesome slide show of memories from the year ~ Brenda Sorem, Brian Larson and the Pinewood band and orchestra students combining to perform "We Love, We Love, Pinewood" ~ Fatuma Adan, Ally Carlson, Litzy Cerda-Coronado, Brandy Sheely, Elena Vainikka, Morgyn Wuori for leading the students in singing along ~ Randy Aguilar-Escobedo, Luke Janecek, Mikena Senarighi, Jasmine Strom, Victor Tran, Suchia Yang for providing pomp and circumstance as flag bearers ~ Anna Mullen and Ignatius Ejiolor for accepting the School of Excellence plaque on behalf of Pinewood Elementary!

Family Fun Run

Jerry Miller for coordinating ~ Allison Mears as his assistant ~ Sharon Pfiffner, Sharon Carroll, Brenda Hanson, Joan Hadash for helping where needed ~ the Mounds View Police Department for marking and providing a safe route!

Student Picnic

Linda Leight for organizing the serving of lunch outdoors ~ Paul Henke, Dave Larson, Diane Carigiet, Deb Sully, Jerry Leight for helping with set up ~ Shannon Mildenerger for organizing and directing the volunteer team of servers Jo Cahoon, Stephanie Cornell, Mary Mullen, Colleen Kosloski, Lesa Nugent, Diane Hofer ~ Deanna Turcotte for additional supervision on the playground!

Talent Show

Juli Larson for coordinating ~ Ann Schultz for many hours of practicing with students ~ the 80+ students who entertained us!

Throughout the Week

Julie Pidde for the countless hours of time in planning and coordinating a successful week of "School of Excellence" events with students, staff and parents ~ Sara VanAllen and Linda Flesch for greeting and guiding the parents, special guests and entertainers who attended various events ~ Steve Rebeck and Jeff Lindorfer for setting up, taking down and rearranging numerous times ~ Nina Sweeney and Cindy Tamaki for running the technology side ~ all staff members for doing what was necessary to make schedules work ~ parents and community members for attending and supporting our events ~ all Pinewood students for being good ambassadors, sharing joyful smiles and excitement, and most of all, exemplifying the meaning of excellence!

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