



Pinewoods Eagles

Newsletter

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Pinewoods Elementary School

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SCHOOL HOURS:

Students: 7:55 am—2:10 pm
Office: 7:00 am—3:15 pm
Student Drop-Off: 7:25-7:50 am
Student Pick-Up: 2:10-2:30 pm

Leslie Gunderson	Principal
Gina Falzone	Asst. Principal
David Crawford	Admin. Designee
Becky Shine	Curriculum
Jamie Mackereth	Reading Coach
Bill Howard	School Counselor
Nicci Garcia	Intervention Specialist

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Pinewoods' Families,

August has come and gone and we are well into the swing of things here at Pinewoods Elementary! You would never know that our Kindergarten students have only been with us for 3 weeks! Procedures and routines have been practiced, expectations have been made and goals are set! It's going to be a great year at Pinewoods Elementary.

We have had several events so far this year and we are all thrilled by how many of you are taking the time to join us! The partnership between home and school is a vital part of your child's education. Thank you for attending Meet Your Teacher, SAC/Parent Meeting Night, the skating party and Curriculum Nights! If you weren't able to attend, no worries as there will be plenty more opportunities for you to get involved. Please contact Sandy Bazan, our Volunteer Coordinator, if you would like to volunteer in any way...we need YOU!

Did you know that breakfast is available every day for every student for FREE? It's true, breakfast is served each morning from 7:25 - 7:45 (students on late arriving busses will always have the opportunity for breakfast). It's free, it's delicious and it's the most important meal of the day! Please remind your student to go directly to cafeteria each morning for breakfast.

If you haven't already, please be sure you have filled out and returned your student's emergency cards and Code of Conduct documents. Please notify us of any changes of address or phone number. The quickest way for us to contact you is via ParentLink, and we can't reach you if our information is incorrect.

With great enthusiasm,

Leslie Gunderson

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, September 7

Curriculum Night
3rd 5:30p.m. Rm. 308
4th 6:00p.m. Media Center
5rd 6:30p.m. Cafeteria

Friday, September 8

School Spirit Day

Wednesday, September 13

Character Program

Thursday, September 21

NO SCHOOL- Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 22

School Spirit Day

Tuesday, September 26

SAC/Parent Meeting 5:30pm.

Wednesday, September 27

PDQ Night 4:00-9:00

Friday, September 29

School Spirit Day
Theme Day

CAFETERIA

Breakfast is an essential meal of the day for your child and enhances learning. Mornings can become hectic at home so we provide a nutritious breakfast every morning for your children. Breakfast is served from 7:25-7:45, and best of all... IT IS FREE. Send your child in for breakfast, you will not be disappointed. We have a monthly menus with much variety, posted in both the Monthly Newsletter and on our bulletin board in the cafeteria.

News from the our School Social Worker


You Learn Something New Every Day...

Did you know that elementary school attendance is one of the strongest predictors of high school graduation? In fact, missing only 7 days of school per year can make it harder for students to catch up and stay on track throughout the year. That's why it is so important for students to attend school every day, unless they are sick, have a medical appointment, or a family emergency. In these cases, calling the office and sending a note upon the student's return allows the school to excuse a student's absence. However, unexcused absences occur when the parent fails to notify the school of the reason for a student's absence. Unexcused absences are never acceptable. Per School Board Policy, students who have 5 absences in a 30 day period, or 10 absences in a 90 day period, are considered truant.

If you expect your student to miss more than 15 days per year due to medical reasons, please contact the School Social Worker, Paul Milford, early in the year to obtain the necessary medical documentation. The School Social Worker is a resource to help you overcome challenges that impact your student's success. I look forward to helping you and your student have a great school year!

Paul Milford, LCSW
School Social Worker
(239) 771-4677

Volunteers & Visitors
Please make sure you sign out
and return your yellow sticker.

Pinewoods Spirit T- Shirts on
sale in the main office 
for \$10.00.

Parent NOTE: Phone calls **cannot** be put through to the classrooms during the instructional day **7:25-2:10**.

GOLDEN APPLE TEACHER NOMINATIONS

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools will be celebrating the 31st Anniversary of the Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program this year. Lee County has so many wonderful and dedicated teachers in the District. The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools will honor six outstanding representatives of the teaching profession in Lee County in April.

Please take the time to nominate an outstanding educator who exemplifies excellence in the classroom and who you feel deserves special recognition.

Nomination forms are available at the school office, on the Foundation website at <http://leeschoolfoundation.org> and additionally, the forms will be printed in the **News Press**.

Show that you care. Complete the nomination form and return it to the school office by **Thursday, September 28th**. For further information call the Foundation at 239-337-0433.

Our School Counselor

Bill Howard is our school counselor. He is an integral part of our faculty providing a variety of services for our students. He does whole group lessons, as well as works with children in small groups or on an individual basis. You can reach Mr. Howard by calling our school office at 947-7500 or via email at BillRho@leeschools.net

Kids' Care PROGRAM (KCP)

Reminder: Parents picking up *Kids' Care Program (KCP)* students will use the front office. Please have your ID with you when picking up your child.

September 2017 PTO Newsletter Information

Pinewoods Partner Dine-Outs

Dine-Outs begin this month! They are a great way to help support Pinewoods and best of all, drive thru and take-out orders count, too! Join us for our first Dine-Out of the year at PDQ at Gulf Coast Town Center on September 27th from 4-9:00!

Box Tops for Education: Keep collecting and sending in your box tops! Each box top earns .10 cents for our school!

Beef 'O' Brady's 15th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Stonybrook Golf Club in Estero

Registration opens @ 7:30 a.m.

Shotgun starts @ 8:30 a.m.

Prizes immediately following at Beef 'O' Brady's @ 1:00 p.m.

Prizes, Volunteers, and Foursomes still needed!

Contact: Darcee Schiering 239-398-6319 or Kim Ackley 239-789-8596

FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION

Breakfast time: 7:25 am-7:45am

Lunch time: 10:30am-12:06 am

All students may receive **FREE**

Adult lunch: \$3.10

Breakfast & Lunch this year, courtesy of

Adult breakfast: \$1.40

The School District of Lee County, if they so choose.



Cafeteria phone number: 947-0438

Milk: \$.40 Juice: \$.75

BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENU FOR THE WEEK OF September 11

09/11/17, Monday	Oatmeal, GoGurt, Strawberry Craisins, Juice+ Milk Pepperoni Pizza Pockets, Marinara Sauce, Veggies, Fruit Cup + Milk
09/12/17, Tuesday	Super Dunker, Fruit, Go Gurt + Milk Burgers, Vegetable Dippers, Baked Beans, Fruit + Milk
09/13/17, Wednesday	Breakfast Bars, Cheese Stick, Pear sauce, Juice + Milk Chicken Nuggets, Tossed Salad, Baked Beans, Fruit + Milk
09/14/17, Thursday	French Toast, Yogurt, Sliced Apples + Milk Chicken Drumstick, Dinner Roll, Vegetable Dippers, Vegetables Fruit + Milk
09/15/17, Friday	Pop Tart, Cheese Sticks, Slice Apples + Milk Grilled Cheese, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Applesauce + Milk

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH MENU FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18

09/18/17, Monday	Breakfast Bread, Gogurt, Strawberry Craisins, Juice + Milk Chicken Tenders, Sweet Potatoes, Fruit Slush, Mixed Fruit + Milk
09/19/17, Tuesday	Cocoa Cherry Bar, Yogurt, Craisins + Milk French Toast, Sausage Patty, Vegetable Dippers, Potato + Milk
09/20/17, Wednesday	Cinnamon Swirl Roll, Cheese Stick, Pear Sauce, Juice + Milk Mini Hot Dog, Mac & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Fruit + Milk
09/21/17, Thursday	NO SCHOOL- Rosh Hashanah
09/22/17, Friday	Oatmeal Chocolate Bar, Cheese Stick, Raisins, Juice + Milk Twisted Bread Stick, Cheese Sauce, Salad, Broccoli + Milk

BREAKFAST/LUNCH FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25

09/25/17, Monday	Oatmeal, Gogurt, Craisins, Juice + Milk Pepperoni Pizza, Carrot Coins, Mixed Fruit+ Milk
09/26/17, Tuesday	Bagel W/ Cream Cheese, Yogurt, Fruit + Milk Oven Roasted Chicken, Roll, Vegetable Dippers, Mashed Potatoes , Fruit + Milk
09/27/17, Wednesday	Breakfast Bars, Cheese Stick, Pearsauce, Juice + Milk Nacho W/ Meat & Cheese, Salad, Salsa, Black Beans, Fruit + Milk
09/28/17, Thursday	French Toast Bars, Yogurt, Fruit + Milk Chicken Sandwich, Vegetable Dippers, Corn, Fruit + Milk
09/29/17, Friday	Pop Tart, Cheese Sticks, Raisins, Juice + Milk Pasta Spiral, Garlic Toast, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Applesauce , + Milk

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Non-attendance for instructional activities is established by tardiness, early sign-outs, or absences for all or any part of the day. Three unexcused tardies or unexcused early sign outs shall be considered equal to one day of absence. For enforcement of compulsory school attendance purposes, it is now necessary to present acceptable documentation for these instances. If you are bringing your child to school tardy after a doctor's visit, please bring a doctor's note to school. Also, if you are taking your child out early for a doctor appointment, please be sure to send in a doctor's note when your child returns to school.

IN CHANGES TRANSPORTATION

Parents are required to **write us a note** if there will be any changes in your child's afternoon transportation. (For example: If your child normally rides the bus and you have decided to pick your child up from school at the car ramp on Monday, please send a note to your child's teacher on Monday morning.)

Please note that your child will be sent home as you indicated at the beginning of the school year if we do not receive a note from you. If you must make an emergency change to your child's dismissal plan, please call and fax us a note indicating the change and include your signature. We request that these changes be made by 12:00 pm. Our fax number is 947-0834. Thank you for your assistance and support of our important safety policies.

The School Board of Lee County, Florida: Mary Fischer, District 1 (Chairman) Jane E. Kuckel, PhD, District 6 (Vice Chairman) Melisa W. Giovannelli, District 2 Chris N. Patricia, District 3, Steven K. Teuber, District 4, Pamela H. LaRiviere, District 5, Cathleen O'Daniel Morgan, District 7,
Dr. Gregory K. Adkins Superintendent

The annual **No Child Left Behind School Public Accountability Report (SPAR)**, the **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)**, and the **School Improvement Plan (SIP)** are available for your review in the main office.