



The Piney Press

Piney Orchard Elementary School

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Our Piney Orchard family collaborates to provide the appropriate level of challenge to enable all students to be successful citizens.

A MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dear Piney Orchard Elementary School Families,

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, we would like to let every POES family know that they are appreciated. We treasure your support and partnership.

Our Book Fair will be November 11th through the 15th. The Book Fair is a good way to get some holiday shopping done, encourage reading, and support our school. Parents can sign up to volunteer by going to this link: <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/EQZkiwpD>. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Conklin at kconklin@aacp.org or Mrs. Fox at sfox@aacps.org. Family Book Fair night is Wednesday, November 13th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. More details to follow.

American Education Week is Monday, November 18, 2019 through Friday, November 22, 2019. See the attached schedule. Observing your child's level of engagement and interactions with the teacher and their classmates will be useful information if there are academic, social, or behavior concerns. Visiting will also provide you with a better understanding of the curriculum and what quality and rigorous instruction looks like. We hope you will be able to join us throughout the week.

Please know that we are always available to hear your concerns, provide assistance in any way we can, and value your input or suggestions. If we are not available, your phone call or email will be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support as we continue to work together to make POES a positive learning environment where students are expected to "BE NICE" to others and be a "RARE" Snow Leopard (Respectful, Accountable, Responsible, Empathetic).

Happy Thanksgiving!

Barry Gruber, Principal & Lisa Wild, Assistant Principal

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UPCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER—DECEMBER 2019

November	3	Daylight Savings Time Ends (<i>Fall Back</i>)
	6	Boosterthon Fun Run (12:30-1:30 Grades K,1,2/2:00-3:00 Grades 3,4,5)
	7 & 8	Two-Hour Early Dismissal —End of First Marking Period
	10	Hero Boys Club 5K @ The Naval Academy
	10	Family Involvement Conference at AACCC
	11	Veteran's Day/Beginning of Second Marking Period
	11-15	Fall Book Fair
	13	Officer Lunch Buddy Grade K
	13	Fall Book Fair Family Night 5:30 pm—7:15 pm
	14	Grade 4 Field Trip to St. Mary's City 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
	15	Pajama Day
	15	PTA Movie Night at 6:30 pm
	18-22	American Education Week
	18	Dress as a Teacher Day
	18	Grade K Classroom Visitations 9:15 am—10:15 am
	18	Grade K Parent Coffee—10:15 am in POES Media Center
	19	Grade 1 Parent Coffee—9:15 am in POES Media Center
	19	Grade 1 Classroom Visitations 10:15 am—11:15 am
	20	Report Card Distribution
	20	Dress for your Future Career Day
	20	Grade 3 Parent Coffee—9:15 am in POES Cafeteria
	20	Grade 3 Classroom Visitations 10:15 am—11:15 am
	21	K Field Trip to Downs Park 9:15 am - 3:00 pm
	21	Grades 4/5 Classroom Visitations 9:15 am—10:15 am
	21	Grades 4/5 Parent Coffee—10:15 am in POES Media Center
	22	Picture Re-takes (Schar & Simmons Whole Classes)
	22	Wear Piney's Colors or Spirit Wear
	22	Grade 2 Parent Coffee—9:15 am in POES Cafeteria
	22	Grade 2 Classroom Visitations 10:15 am—11:15 am
	27,28,29	NO SCHOOL —Thanksgiving
December	2	PTA Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Media Center
	3	Grade 5 Field Trip to the Planetarium 9:00 am—2:30 pm
	4	Officer Lunch Buddy Grade 3
	5	2-Hour Early Dismissal —Professional Dev.
	5	Unity Day (Wear Orange)
	7	POES Vendor Fair/Craft Show 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
	9	Strings Evening Concert—6:30 pm
	10	Strings Daytime Concert—9:30 am
	13	Interims go home
	16	Band & Chorus Concert—Day Concert-2:30 pm & Evening Concert-6:30 pm
	23-Jan 1	NO SCHOOL —Winter Break



From the Health Room:

This is a reminder to all parents that children with a fever (oral temperature greater than 100 degrees F) must stay home from school. They must be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication to be able to return to school. This is a Health Department protocol to help reduce the spread of illnesses. Please see informational sheet on Head Lice attached. Thank you!



From Third Grade: Thank you to all of our chaperones who assisted with the Londontowne Field Trip. You made it a success!

From First Grade: Many thanks to our chaperones who joined us on our trip to Montpelier Farms.

From Staff: We are grateful to our PTA for the scrumptious pasta lunch!

Counselor's Corner:

Thank you so much for helping us celebrate Unity Day and spread the message of Kindness, Acceptance and Inclusion. We truly have an amazing and diverse community to rejoice.

I also wanted to thank those who have donated to our Harvest for the Hungry Food Drive. The donations will go to help feed those without consistent food in our county.

During the month of November, we will focus on the following topics during our school counseling lessons:

Kindergarten: Telling vs Tattling

First Grade: Teasing vs Bullying

Second Grade: I Messages (I feel ... when this happens ... I need/want ...)

Third Grade: Positive Peer Relationships (Friends vs Cliques)

Fourth Grade: Problem Solving (Bullying vs Friendship)

Fifth Grade: Social Media (Bullying, Posting, etc.)

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you have. Thank you!

Stephanie Brauer

BOOSTERTHON IS HERE! This is Piney Orchard's major fundraiser this school year, and our goal is to raise \$25,000 for new Chromebooks and support PTA initiatives. The first step to helping our school is to register your student on FUNRUN.COM by searching for our school name, or school code: 436-753. Once registered, students can collect pledge money based on per lap amounts and/or a flat donation. Families are invited to come cheer on their students on **Wednesday, November 6th!** Students in grades K, 1 and 2 will have their Fun Run event from 12:30pm-1:30pm. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will hold their Fun Run event from 2:00pm-3:00pm. In the event of rain, we will have to change our schedule and hold our Fun Run inside, but it would still be an amazing event!



Family Involvement Conference

Saturday, November 10, 2019

Anne Arundel Community College

101 College Parkway, Arnold, MD

See the online version of the newsletter for details!



The Book Fair is coming to POES!

November 11-15, 2019

Join us for Family Book Fair Night on Wednesday,

November 13, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:15 pm.

More Details to Follow

To volunteer, please go to <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/>

[#/signup/EQZkiwpPD](#)

Chorus/Band/Strings News



Please help students set aside time to practice and prepare for the winter concerts. Band & Strings students should focus on posture, good tone, note reading, finger placement, and fluency. Chorus students should focus on good tone, breathing, posture, and memorization. Practicing at home is essential for successful performance. A minimum of 10 minutes a day is recommended. See you at the concerts!

- Mr. Alexander and Mrs. Gruber