
Winter Newsletter from Pine Grove

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Message From the Principal ~ January 2023



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's been a great start to the second semester of school! Our teachers continue to work hard to learn and implement Benchmark Advanced, which is a new reading curriculum implemented throughout the District. We are proud of our students to see an overall high achievement and high growth as evidenced by the middle-of-year iReady diagnostic assessments.

We love having your students at school! Every winter, bad weather — snow, slush, freezing temperatures, or even heavy rains — can present challenges to getting children to school. So do the illnesses such as colds, flu, fevers, and earaches that often come with the winter months. Students might also have to stay home due to Covid-19.

These absences, even if they are excused, break the routine of daily attendance that contributes to students feeling connected and engaged in learning. Please consider these steps to keep your children healthy and in school this winter.

1. **Develop backup plans for getting your children to school** in snowy weather.
2. **If your children get sick** or you are concerned about Covid or the flu, talk to your child's medical provider or the school nurse for advice.
3. **Stomach pain and headaches can be signs of anxiety and may not be reasons for keeping a child home.** If you feel that anxiety or stress is playing a role, talk to your child's teacher, the school nurse or counselor, or your medical provider about how best to support your child.
4. **Dress your children for the cold weather.** If you need help with winter clothing, call the school.
5. **Encourage healthy habits** such as getting enough sleep, washing hands, eating healthy foods, drinking fluids, and getting exercise.

Thank you for your continued partnership,
Kelly Coonts

What's Happening at PGE!



This year's PGE Apple Award winners are Mrs. Vanterpool, our School Psychologist, and Ms. Whitney Block, our school Technology Instructional Assistant! Congratulations to both of these wonderful educators!



Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners! Reuben took 1st place and Zoe was the runner up! Awesome job!



So proud of all of the PGE Battle of the Books teams who worked so hard for this competition. Congratulations to The Book Ninjas and Bibbity Bobbity Books teams that have moved forward to the Douglas County Library Battles. Good Luck!




Taking Care of Every Panther

PGE works hard to ensure all students have the support they need to be successful at school. This system of support is called MTSS or a multi-tiered system of support. Teachers and school staff provide support in many different ways to ensure all student needs are met in a positive and supportive way. Take a look at all the different supports here at PGE!

<p>Academic Supports</p> <p>Every Pine Grove student receives a rigorous, relevant, and level-appropriate academic experience at PGE. All students have access to extra support during Panther Time. Immediate and responsive interventions are available for students in need of greater academic support (RTI, Gifted & Talented, Personalized Learning). All students have the opportunity and the resources to learn.</p>	<p>Behavior Supports</p> <p>Every Panther knows what behavior is expected in every setting through our Positive Behavior Support System. Behavior concerns are addressed in a way that encourages self-reflection, self-regulation, restoration of relationships, and improved behavior in the future.</p>
<p>Mental Health</p> <p>All Panthers deserve a safe and secure place to learn and grow. Prevention-based and proactive mental health programming will pair with appropriate interventions to ensure an emotionally healthy environment.</p>	<p>Family Engagement</p> <p>We encourage every PGE family to participate collaboratively and actively with the Panther community. Students, staff, families, and community members work together for the betterment of the whole school as well as the individual student through events like Curriculum Night, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and PGEA activities.</p>
<p>Health & Wellness</p> <p>Every PGE student receives proactive, research-based programming that promotes healthy choices and focuses on celebrating and improving their quality of life. Health and wellness initiatives encourage school attendance, resilience, and academic success.</p>	

Parent Academy - Digital Safety

**Parent Academy
for
Digital Safety**



Please join us
for this
Pine Grove SAC
sponsored event.

Learn how to keep
our elementary
aged children safe
online and become
responsible digital
citizens.

**Thursday
February 23
5:30-6:30**
**Pine Grove Gym
10450 Stonegate Pkwy
Parker, CO**

Presented by
Deputy Sean Heidman
 (Y.E.S.S. - Youth, Education and Safety in Schools Program)

Due to the nature of content,
 we are requesting adults only.

Colder Weather Reminders



With colder weather upon us, we have more drivers during morning drop-off. Please help us keep everyone safe by not dropping students off while stopped on Stonegate Parkway or making U-Turns in the school zone.

As a reminder, students are let into the building no earlier than 8:10 am. The first bell is at 8:20 and the tardy bell is at 8:25 am. If your student arrives after 8:25 am, it will be necessary for a parent/guardian to enter the building and sign their student in at the front office.

In the event of a delayed start due to weather, Pine Grove Elementary begins at 9:50 am. Beginning at 9:40 students may enter the building as part of the soft start. Students who arrive after 9:50 am will need to be signed in at the front office.

Upcoming Dates & Reminders

February 7 - 6:00 pm PGEA meeting in Library

February 8 - 6:00 SAC meeting in Library

February 9 - PGEA sponsored "PJs & Pancakes"!

February 17 - No school for students - Staff PD day

February 20 - No school - President's Day

February 23 - 5:30 Parent Academy - Digital Safety

March 6-10 - Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 6-8 - 6th grade at Outdoor Education at Stone Canyon

March 13-17 - Spring Break

Thank you for sharing your student with us!

Kelly Coonts

Principal

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