



Principal's Message

Thank you Douglas County Voters for your support in passing 5A! This is a tremendous boost for the employees of DCSD schools and will assist with retention and hiring of new staff. In addition, the monies from 5A will allow every elementary school to hire one, full time Campus Security Specialist. This position is an unarmed security specialist who will be at our school on a full time basis to help with security measures. We are still fortunate to have a School Resource Officer who is assigned to our school, so this new position will be an extra added layer of security support. The position for Pine Grove is currently posted on [DCSD's Website](#). Please feel free to pass along to anyone who might be interested

in working at our school!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

~Kelly



National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS)

NEHS collected 314 donated food items that were delivered to Parker Task Force! Love the community spirit of giving back!



Coding with Ms. Block

Spere BOLT coding robots visited the Tech Lab. Students were able to be creative and test their knowledge using their coding skills.



Kindergarten Around the World

Kindergartners packed their suitcases and grabbed their passports and traveled around the world to learn about different cultures and holiday traditions. So much fun!

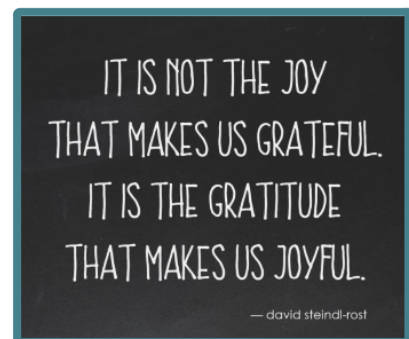
PGE Mental Health Team News

PGE students are encouraged to take time to recognize what they are grateful for, even the small things in life. During health and wellness classes, most grade levels have created gratitude journals.

Why GRATITUDE? Research suggests that grateful kids are happier [and] more satisfied with their lives. Jeffrey Froh, an assistant professor of psychology at Hofstra University who focuses on the topic, states having gratitude might encourage students to:

- Have better relationships with friends and family
- Higher GPAs
- Less materialism
- Less envy and less depression
- Desire to connect to their community & to want to give back.”

[Click here to find other ways to encourage gratitude at home.](#)



PGE Apple Award Winners

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Kim Lee and Mrs. Lynn Rich as PGE's Certified and Classified Apple Award winners! Both of these ladies exemplify excellence and passion for our students and their well-being and growth! We are proud of you Kim and Lynn! ????????





Elementary Progress Reports (EPRs)

Your student(s) Elementary Progress Report (EPRs) from this first semester will be available 12.23.23 through Parent Portal. As a reminder, the login process for parents to access the EngagED Parent portal has changed. The [EngagED Parent Portal](#) is the tool families use to access Express Check-In, Elementary Progress Reports, SMARTag passes, view enrollment status, and more. Parents will need to add “@p.dcsdk12.org” to their current user names when logging into EngagED. For example, when you log into EngagED, if your current user name is absmith, that will be changed to absmith@p.dcsdk12.org. Your password will remain the same.

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