

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Michelle Sojka

I can hardly believe that the end of the second nine weeks is fast approaching! By now, I am confident you have received a full report of how this school year has been going so far by some of the most important people in the world – our students! On behalf of the faculty and staff here at Pine Trail, I hope you are hearing positive feedback and that you feel that your child is having a great experience so far this year!

It seems to us at Pine Trail that classes began smoothly, and everyone settled in to a comfortable routine very quickly. Our Kindergarten students adjusted easily to their new surroundings—many thanks to our parents for providing our students with such solid preparation and to our amazing Kindergarten teachers who welcome them every day with open arms, provide a positive classroom space, and encourage them all through the day to do their very best! Our First – Fourth grade students have enjoyed reconnecting with friends from last year and becoming part of a new classroom family. Finally, our Fifth grade students have taken their place as the oldest students in the school, and they could not be prouder. As they prepare for middle school, they are definitely “pioneering the path for others to follow” regarding academics and overall behavior. They truly are working hard to be shining examples for our younger students, and we appreciate them.

Over the last few weeks, Mother Nature threw us a couple of curve balls. Of course, we are back on track now, and we are ready to finish this semester strong! Our Second grade class is working hard on a special holiday show under the direction of our Music teacher, Ms. Ray, and our PTA Holiday shoppe and Winter Break are just around the corner. Please be on the look out for details on both!

In closing, I would like to thank you for choosing to part of our Pioneer family and for trusting us with your students each day! We will continue to partner with you to ensure your child has a positive and productive year this year. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you ever have questions or concerns about your child’s education. Your child’s teacher, his or her Guidance Counselor, our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Whittley, Mrs. Ingram, and I are all eager to help.

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Principal

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Raelene Blake

My name is Raelene Blake, and I am your 2022-2023 PTA President. This year, I have a fourth grader and her name is Amelia Lackemacher. My oldest daughter, Hannah, went to Pine Trail years ago and is now a freshman in college. I had always wanted to be a part of the PTA when Hannah was at Pine Trail, so I feel very fortunate to be able to volunteer and be your PTA president, while Amelia is still a Pioneer!

Thank you for all who have joined and supported our organization. To become a member, remember that there is no time commitment, just fun and unique ways to support your Pine Trail community. Your \$8 investment helps us fund our exciting projects and events like this weeks Donuts for Dads and our Halloween Movie night last month It also gets you priority to volunteer for events like our Fun Run and Holiday Shop. Please reach out to join us, it's not too late!

Our Silent Auction committee will be looking to pass the torch after this year's event and we are looking for volunteers to shadow them and take on this great fundraiser next year, please let us know if you would be interested!

Please reach out to me at ptepta1@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns this year.



TECHNOLOGY REMINDER

Take Technology with you during the break!

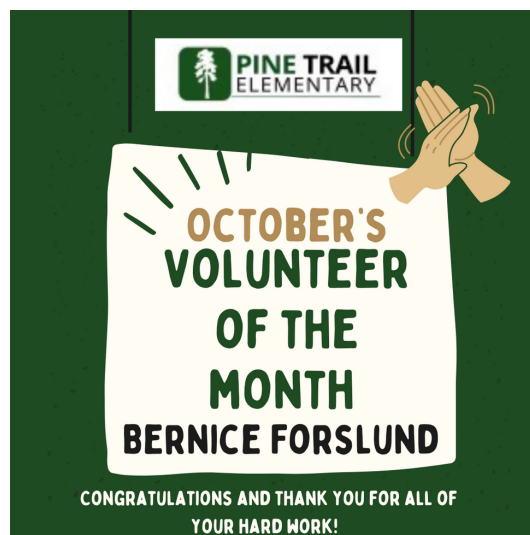
Don't forget that students can access many website resources that we use in Technology Class at ptetech.weebly.com.

THE PIONEER MILE

Save the Date for the Pioneer Mile February 10th!

The qualification time for boys is 1 mile in 8 minutes and girls 1 mile in 9 minutes. See Coach Wingard, Coach Vollinger or Coach Evans for more info!

CONGRATS TO PINE TRAIL ELEMENTARY VCS TEACHER OF THE YEAR MR. WITTER (KINDERGARTEN)



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Remember there are no early dismissals through the end of the year. Regarding Hurricane Nicole, there has been no decision made yet how these dates will be made up.

- December 7-13 Pine Trail PTA Holiday Shoppe
- Monday December 12 Pine Trail SAC Meeting
- Monday December 19 Holiday Break Begins
- Monday January 2 Teacher Duty Day/Student Holiday
- Tuesday January 3 Classes Resume
- Monday January 9 Report Cards on Parent Portal
- Friday February 10 The Pioneer Mile
- Friday March 3 Fun Run
- Friday March 24 Slime the Principal

HOLIDAY SHOPPE



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ART ROOM UPDATE

In Art we are continuing to work on the Pop Art Pumpkins and dressing in bright neon/florescent colors, so we glow with our artworks in the blacklight!

SECOND GRADE HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE

It is with great excitement that we announce the return of our annual holiday musical production. Our second grade students will perform "Celebrate With Joy" three times this December. There will be two in-school performances on **December 8th & 9th** for our PTE students to attend. PTE family and friends are invited to attend our evening performance on **December 9th at 6:30pm.**



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