

Greetings, Pine Grove Elementary School Parents!

We are very excited about the 2023-2024 School Year, and hope that your students feel the same! Our faculty and staff members continue to work very hard throughout the summer with setting up classrooms, attending workshops and trainings, making time for self-care, and much more. We are accomplishing a lot to level up for the new school year.

- **Meet the Teacher:** Our Meet the Teacher for K-6th is scheduled for August 7th, 3:00pm to 5:00p.m. During this event, you can learn answers to any questions you may have about transportation, schedules, new teacher(s), new classroom(s), the After School Childcare Program, and all other areas. Ms. Amanda Means is our After School Child Care Manager this year. She is extremely knowledgeable and will be available in the cafeteria to answer any questions. PTO members will also be in attendance and can answer questions you may have about volunteering and joining our PTO Board. All of this and more will be in our school cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you then!
- **PTO:** Please follow / like our PGS PTO Facebook Page to learn more about PTO membership, projects, and ways you can help serve our students. Please remember to also follow Pine Grove Elementary on Facebook for information, announcements, and celebrations.
- **Registration:** If you have not already done so, please register your student(s) for the 2023 – 2024 School Year as soon as possible. While doing so, please be sure to confirm or update your email address, so you will be automatically included in our email distribution list for communications that are emailed. The BCBE Online registration option closes on July 20th. This is the link on our district website to get you started: <https://www.bcbe.org/registration> We are available to assist M-TH, 6:00am – 4:00pm, throughout the summer months.
- **Homeroom:** Homeroom Listings will be posted on the doors of our school gym on Thursday, August 3rd by 4:00PM. If your child's name is not on a class list, please call us the following Monday morning, and we will try to get things sorted out in time for Meet the Teacher. Typically, we'll just need some missing documentation. No worries!
- **First Day of School:** The 1st day of attendance for students is August 9th. We will have all hands-on deck to help our students find their homeroom and answer any of their questions. We understand that you would likely enjoy walking your child to their beautiful classroom on the first day of school. If you must, we ask that you please plan to park on the grass in front of our school and make your visit as brief as possible to allow our students an opportunity to quickly adjust to their learning environment and begin the school day. By the 2nd day, we humbly ask that parents allow students to walk to their classroom on their own.

- **My School Bucks:** Please create a My School Bucks account by going to www.myschoolbucks.com If you already have an account, you do not need to create a new one. My School Bucks will be used throughout the year for field trips, spirit shirts, breakfast (\$2.00), lunch (\$3.00), and more. **Reminder:** Please complete the online application for school meal benefits, even if you think your family may not qualify. This helps our school to receive additional, needed funding for those that do qualify. The free and reduced lunch form link opened July 1st and can be found here: <http://www.bcbe.org/applyforlunch> It only takes a few minutes to complete!
- **Supply Lists:** The 2023-2024 Supply Lists are posted on our school website and FB pages. If you need an additional copy, please contact, or come by the school during regular business hours.
- **Uniform Policy:** The BCBE uniform policy can be found on our district website, school website, and FB Page. At PGES, we also allow black or orange polo shirts. Students may wear any school approved shirt on any day of the week. We allow all prior school year shirts to be worn as well. Here is the link to our online store to purchase PGES Spirit Shirts: pges.costaprints.com

Thanks for all you do!

Respectfully,

Pam M. Moorer, Ed.D.
Principal
Pine Grove Elementary School