

Greetings, Pine Grove Parents!

- Happy New School Year! To our new parents, WELCOME TO THE GROVE, and to our returning parents, WELCOME BACK!
- Thank you for participating in our Meet-the-Teacher Event. By some accounts, we had a record number in attendance. We invite you to please keep this same level of energy and involvement throughout the school year. Our students need it, and we love it!
- Tomorrow morning, August 9th, is the 1st day of attendance for our students. We will have all hands-on deck to assist every child with any unmet needs.
- For our K-6 Students, the 1st bell rings at 7:40a.m., and the tardy bell rings at 7:45a.m. daily. The car rider line starts in front of the entrance door to our building, and students may exit their car at any point before the mailbox. For safety reasons, please do not pass in the car rider line. To save time, we ask students to have all belongings ready to quickly unload.
- Our Pre-K Parents should drop off students between 7:45a.m. and 7:55a.m. in front of the gym. Please remain in your car and wait for a teacher to bring the clipboard to you. The same is true for afternoon dismissal.
- Breakfast will be served each morning, including the 1st day of school, from 7:10a.m. – 7:40a.m. in the cafeteria.
- Upon arriving to school, students should report to the cafeteria for breakfast if they are eating, or to their grade level hall to wait with a supervising teacher if they are not eating breakfast.
- Kindergarten Parents, it is okay, but not required, for you to walk your student(s) to class on the 1st day only please. If you are doing so, please plan to park on the grass in front of our building, and to hold your child's hand when crossing in the pedestrian mark. Additionally, we ask that you make your visit to the classroom very brief, so our students can start their day, and so you can attend a special event planned with you in mind by Ms. George, counselor, and Ms. Lee, social worker. Your child's teacher will provide you with more details tomorrow morning.
- We ask that all parents pack extra patience tomorrow, as we will likely have more car riders and direction-seekers than normal. Please keep your speed down and attention up. Things always become more settled and much faster as we progress.
- The 1st dismissal bell rings at 2:40p.m. Please prepare for a longer dismissal on the first

few days of school, as we make extra sure that all students' modes of transportation are accurate, and they are in the right place at the right time.

- Our team of teachers and support staff have worked extremely hard to ensure a great year for our student(s). I thank you in advance for your positive partnership throughout the year.
- Last year was my 1st year as principal of Pine Grove Elementary School. I thank God for allowing me this opportunity to transfer home and serve the students / families where I live. The focus last year was C & C: Climate and Culture, and I truly believe much progress was made in this area. This year, Year 2, the focus is A & A: Attendance and Academics. We need our students to be at school on time every day in order to teach them. Therefore, I am humbly requesting everyone to do even more this year to help our students arrive on time and achieve more. We have a highly qualified staff in place to give your students the quality, rigorous, research-based education they deserve. Please accept joint ownership in making sure our students are present daily, homework is complete, papers are signed, and support and respect are reciprocated to our teachers and support staff. We want our students to produce results on the state assessments, report cards, and in life that reflect their excellence. We are one!
- I have 2 assistant principals, Ms. Sellers and Mr. Wiley. We work very closely together and share a common vision for our students – Excellence! Though you are encouraged to make your child's teacher the 1st point of contact, please feel free to reach out to one of us at any time you have questions and / or concerns.
- I am excited about the new school year, and I can't wait to see the new goals we will achieve, together.

Respectfully,
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