

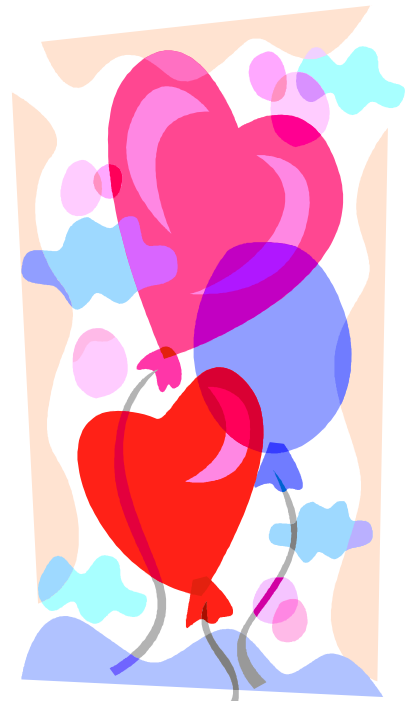
Pinedale Newsletter



TO: *Pinedale Parents and Students*
FROM: *Rick Owen and Staff*

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| February | 2 | PTA Board Meeting – 12:15 |
| | 12 | Valentine’s Day Parties – 2:15
AM Kindergarten – 10:30 |
| | 15 | Presidents’ Day – No School |
| | 18 | Parent Teacher Conferences
4:00-7:30 p.m. |
| | 19 | PTA Skating Night – 4:45-6:45 |
| | 23 | Variety Show Tryouts – 3:30 – Gym |
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| March | 2 | Variety Show Dress Rehearsal-3:30-Gym |
| | 4 | Variety Show – 9:00 - Gym |
| | 4 | 2009-2010 Fall Kindergarten Call-in
Registration-8:00 a.m. (Kindergarten
Screenings will be March 18 & 19) |
| | 5 | No School – Staff Inservice |



A SPECIAL REQUEST

We are again requesting that students not hand out birthday party invitations at school or receive floral or balloon bouquets from parents. This has caused hurt feelings as well as an interruption to classroom instruction. Thank you for your understanding.

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Basketball

Our boy's basketball program is progressing very well and will conclude the end of March. We have approximately 60 boys participating. The boys are presented skills, and then finish up by playing games. Our 3rd, 4th & 5th graders are also participating in several festivals. The boys are coached by: George Elliott, Jason Olson, Chris Brown, Randy Probst and Sam Zimiga.



Thank you for calling the school office to let us know when your child is sick or if they will be late for school. If your child will be late, it is important to call us, especially if your child needs a hot lunch – we order those from Stevens High School by 9:00 a.m. Remember - the bell rings at 8:15 a.m. and they will be counted tardy at 8:20 a.m.



Thank you for letting us know of any change in address, phone number, place of employment, emergency number, etc., so we may put it on your child's directory information.

Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization that inspires students to value free enterprise, business, and economics to improve the quality of their lives. JA programs offer kindergarten through 12th graders an educational experience that combine sequential curriculum with the leadership of a community volunteer to make education and economics relevant to student lives and future success. Many schools invite business and community leaders into their classrooms to conduct hands-on activities to show students how business works. Junior Achievement Volunteer Consultants for Pinedale:

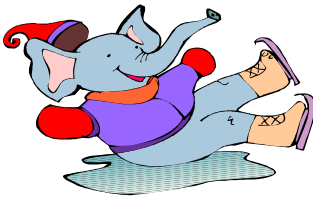
TEACHER

Mindy Chappell
Ashley Riter-Collins
Kelly Banning
Amanda Dzintars
Bethany Lundin
Shelly Carlson
Peggy Hunt
Drew Foley
Averie Georgas

JA VOLUNTEER CONSULTANT

Cal Sievers, Thrivent Financial
Carey Hansen, Bath & Body Works
Malcom Chapman, The Chapman Group
Julie Martinez, Ketel Thorstenson
Pat Hamilton, American National University
Don Policky, Big D Oil
Kitty Kinzman, President K Group
Susan Hincey, Western Dakota Insurors
Bob Riggio, KNBN News Center 1

SKATING PARTY



**Come one, come all to the Pinedale PTA
Ice Skating party!
Place: Roosevelt Ice Skating Arena
Date: Friday, February 19th
Time: 4:45-6:45 p.m.**

Cost: No cost for admission to the arena or skate rental, as the PTA will be paying for those two fees for all students and their families! So plan now to come and have a fun time with your friends and family! See you there!

Character Counts

The Character Counts pillar for December was Trustworthiness. The following students received t-shirts, thanks to our Character Counts partner – Moyle Petroleum. Also grades 1-5 were treated to lunch from Shooters - courtesy of Moyle Petroleum with Steve Hendrickson from Moyle delivering the food. Students whose names were drawn for exemplifying Trustworthiness and who received t-shirts were: Tate Gease, Tylar Schoonover, Mattie Tschetter, Ethan Dragoo, Caleb Lockhart, Anabelle Bowers, Tyson Elliott, Cameron Kokesh, Miles Massey, Anabelle Seyersdahl, Jared Doyle, & Tori Schon.

Parents,

Please remind your students that if they get to school prior to 8:05 in the morning that they are to come inside and wait in the gym until the 8:05 bell rings. As per district policy, students are not to be unsupervised in any setting (this includes the playground) upon their arrival at school. We have two teachers supervising kids in the gym beginning at 7:50 and let the kids go outside at 8:05 which is usually when the bus students arrive. With all of the ice accumulating on the playground, I fear that a child may hurt themselves and we wouldn't know about it until the kids and teachers get to the playground at 8:05. Thank you for your help making our school a safer place for our kids.

Miss Dzintars – 3rd Grade

Greetings from Room 16! The students have been busy at work learning a variety of different things! In Math, we finished up our measuring unit. The students had fun measuring their height, how far they can jump, and their foot length. They even got to compare Shaquille O’Neal’s foot length to their own. They found out that two of their feet will fit inside one of his! We recently started a new unit titled Landmarks in the Hundreds. In this unit, the students have been working with factors and multiples, and they have started to work with numbers bigger than 100. Thank you for making math binders a priority at home!

The students worked hard at writing a personal narrative in Writer’s Workshop. They were asked to write a true story about a personal experience. They did a great job of adding detail, dialogue, and hefty verbs to their stories. Next, we will be embarking on our animal research project. The students will be asked to choose an animal and research specific information about that animal. We will be doing research at school, but I also welcome you to help your child navigate the internet and find even more information at home.

Questioning has been our focus in Reader’s Workshop. The students have been learning the difference between thick (meaningful) and thin (not meaningful) questions. They have also been exploring the different approaches we can use to search for the answers to our questions. Please continue reading 15 minutes every night.

Thank you for a great year so far! I am looking forward to the months ahead!

Mr. Foley – 4th Grade

We have already reached the half way point of the school year and have been keeping busy with many things in and out of the classroom. The first half of the year we had a student teacher, Mrs. Logue, and the students really enjoyed having her a part of the classroom and they learned many things from her. Together, our class came up with some highlights from this year so far:

- Having Mrs. Logue as our student teacher
- Our field trip to the Tennis Center
- Completing our Animal Booklets
- Christmas and Halloween Parties
- Meet the teacher night
- Listening to the Black Hills Symphony Orchestra
- Free Writing Cycle in Writers Workshop
- Pizza Party for Mrs. Logue
- Science Experiments
 - Moldy Bread
 - Earth Worms
 - Oreo Moon Phases
 - Study of the Planets



We have many more things to learn through the end of the year. Right now we are finishing our 1,000’s Booklet and will be working on a 10,000’s Booklet as a class in helping us with our skip counting and identifying factors. Our room is full of fourth graders who are getting real close to becoming fifth graders and we are working our best to make sure we are ready for next year.

Heigh Ho! Heigh, Ho! It's back to work we go...

After our lovely Christmas break, we are back to tackle the new tasks set before us in 2010. Thanks to Mrs. Waldie, Mr. Foley and Mr. Blaha in the Technology Department there will be a DVD in the school library soon of our latest Christmas Program - check it out to see your budding stars.

We have some intriguing projects this spring in the Music Department, two that are unique this year and some that we see annually.

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!

Pinedale has been chosen to receive over \$1000 as a grant from the Rapid City Public School Foundation. The grant is to be used to purchase thirty pocket-sized Lakota Courting Flutes to use in the Fifth Grade music classrooms. As a flute minor in college, I have such an interest in world fluting and this will be an educational culminating activity for three years of playing the recorder. I anticipate being able to introduce more of the theory and culture of the Lakota into our school. **THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE COMMITTEE THAT CONSIDERED OUR PROJECT WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION!**

Our second unique experience is that we will be piloting a new music program beginning in February with the Fourth Grade. It is our turn in the rotation for new curriculum so the students will be helping me decide which curriculum would work best for us.

The Fourth Grade took a field trip to the annual Black Hills Symphony Concert on Wednesday, January 13. Don't forget to ask them about the experience. Last year one of our Pinedale students, Logan Horsley, got the opportunity to actually conduct the symphony.

The Variety Show is coming up this month with tryouts on Tuesday and Wednesday the 23rd and 24th of February, a dress rehearsal on Tuesday the 2nd of March and the show on Thursday, March 4th. This is a great opportunity for you to encourage your child's creativity. Remember to check out the content; don't let your child be turned down because of objectionable lyrics.

We will now begin in earnest to prepare for the Music Memory Competition which is coming up in April. Pinedale has a history of performing well in this event. Last year, every one of our team members received a medal and our third/fourth grade team received a trophy. Third, fourth and fifth grade students may bring home a CD to listen to with the selections from the competition. In March there is a school-wide test which determines our ten team members; five from the third and fourth grades combined and five from the fifth grade. These students must identify the ten composers, the names of the selections and the major works from which they come by listening to short phrases from the piece. It is amazing to see these students work.

Well, that's it from the music department - we'll be keeping busy! Don't forget to keep singing!

Mrs. Roberts

