



“Tis the Seasons of Moments”

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

As we draw near to the end of 2021, and break for the Holiday, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your overwhelmingly positive support since the start of school. This year our school theme is, “Every child matter, and every moment counts” and there have been many high points credited to you and lots to celebrate. Let’s embrace the moments that we have each day with our children.

Having said that, we still have much to do. We must continue to sustain these improvements by building on our successes and focus on improving the quality of teaching, learning, progress, and achievement for each student. We encourage you to take the time to listen and “Listen earnestly to anything your children want to tell you, no matter what. If you don’t listen eagerly to the little stuff when they are little, they won’t tell you the big stuff when they are big, because to them all of it has always been big stuff,” (Catherine M. Wallace).

In the spirit of this holiday season, I want to extend my thanks to all of you for everything that you do for our school. As we enjoy the upcoming holidays, it is my fervent wish that each of you receives the seasonal abundance of joy and good tidings that make these days truly special.

We wish everyone a safe and jovial holiday season.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- SAC/SAF– December 15th
- Winter Break– December 20th-January 3rd, 2022



PINE RIDGE SAFETY PATROLLERS

The Safety Patrols are hoping to travel to Washington, DC in May to experience a memorable and educational opportunity, but we need your support TODAY. We invite you to pay a nonrefundable deposit of \$150 as soon as possible. We are almost out of luck for receiving the lower end of the

payment. The total cost of the trip ranges from \$875-\$1200 depending on participation. So, we need your participation.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DEPOSIT TODAY!!!

For more information contact Ms. R. Davis at 754-321-7274.

“The Safety of Children Always Comes First.” - Andres Alonso

ELA/MATH UPDATES



ELA/MATH INFORMATION UPDATES

ELA CURRICULUM CORNER

BAS Assessment AP2 (Running Records Assessment) Nov 15-Feb 18.

The first assessment we use is called “Running Records”. Running Records are a one-on-one reading comprehension assessment that we use to determine the perfect reading level for your child. This assessment grades fluency, accuracy and comprehension. All this information is scored and analyzed to help us pinpoint your child’s perfect reading level. Please refer to the chart to assist you in understanding your child’s current level. The first letter next to each grade level is where your child should be at the beginning of the year. The last letter is where they should be towards the end of the year.

MATH MATTERS:

Here is a friendly reminder of how you can help your child become fluent in math:

1. Initiate math conversations about the calendar, about money spent/saved, about miles driven to/from the store, and/or about the start and end time of something.
2. Ask questions that require your child knowing addition facts and times tables. For example, adding the same digit to itself or reciting times tables i.e. (6+6, 8+8, or 5×5, 4×3, etc.).
3. Allow your child to follow directions from a recipe to become fluent with measurements.

Remember: Learning at home makes learning in school matter and with math fluency, your child’s math understanding will be easier to gain.

Have a MATHEMATICALLY wonderful day!



Wishing You All The Best This Season and Always– Happy Holidays

ANGEL TREE MOMENTS

This year for Angel Tree we are asking for any amount of gift cards, or any gifts that anyone would like to donate. It is as simple as that. Any gift or donation will be given to one of our Pine Ridge students. Gift wrapped toys such as: remote control cars, basketballs, footballs are just a few suggestions. Gift cards for Amazon, Walmart or Target of any amount would be greatly appreciated.

Safety Patrol is also collecting "Sweet Treats for the homeless to be distributed on Christmas morning. (Individually wrapped goodies such as, Little Debbie's, Hostess cakes, Individually wrapped cookies, potato chips, individually wrapped snacks etc. We will be taking snacks and gifts until December 15.

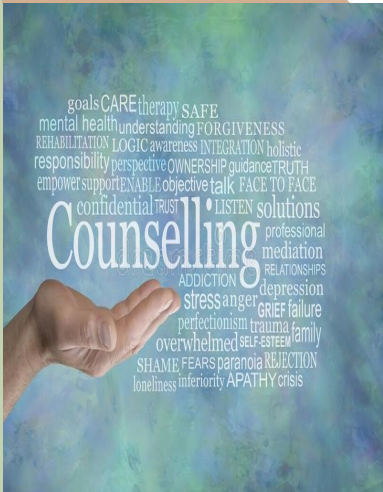
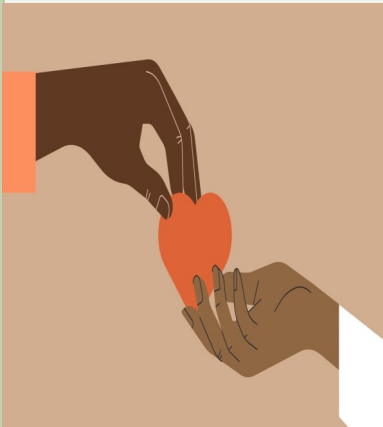


PARENT TIPS

Internet Safety

- Use the internet with your children.
- Teach your children never to give out personal information.
- Instruct your child never to plan a face-to-face meeting with online acquaintances.
- Establish clear ground rules for internet use with your family.

Tell your children not to respond if they receive offensive or dangerous emails, chat requests, or other types of communication; and to tell you.



BULLDOGS PARENTS CORNER

I-Ready Diagnostic #2 Testing-- --January 9-February 9

I-Ready for Donuts Challenge

Each lesson passed with 70% or higher on their I-Ready ELA/Math lessons counts as 10 points. Students that achieve 150 points by December 10th will celebrate with Ms. Davis & Ms. Thomas.

I-Ready Standards Mastery

Assessment administered bi-weekly (Fridays)

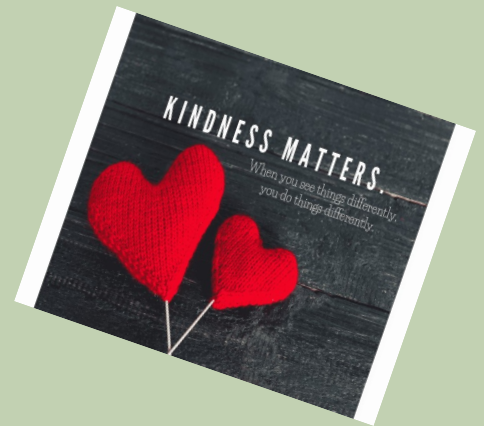


Knowledge is Power-Unknown

GUIDANCE CORNER

December Character Trait is Kindness

Kindness is the character trait for December. Kindness is being helpful, thoughtful, caring, compassionate, and considerate.



FAMILY COUNSELING

- Praise is the number one way to change behavior. If you see behavior that you like praise, praise, and PRAISE some more! Rewarding (bribing) a child to stop a behavior causes them to do it more often.
- After a punishment is all forgiven? Pressing restart and beginning again is critical to change. Children thrive on love, tolerance, and acceptance. Bonus: They will feel safe which also increases self-esteem and confidence.
- Our emotions are mirrored by our children. If we yell at a yelling child to stop yelling, they may do so temporarily or they may yell louder. Ultimately, they learn that yelling solves the problem. All of our actions are copied by our "little mirrors." When they go high, it is important to go low in tone of voice and posture to communicate effectively and to stop the acting out and start the positive interactions.

SAC/SAF MEETING DATES

Pine Ridge appreciates Parent Involvement and the SAC/SAF meetings are to inform parents what is happening on in our school and keep them abreast of upcoming activities, festivities, and academic goals for the upcoming school year.

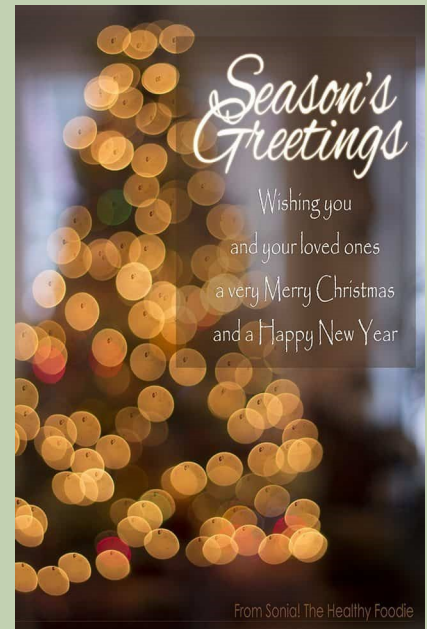
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December 15th,2021

January 25th,2022

February 24th,2022

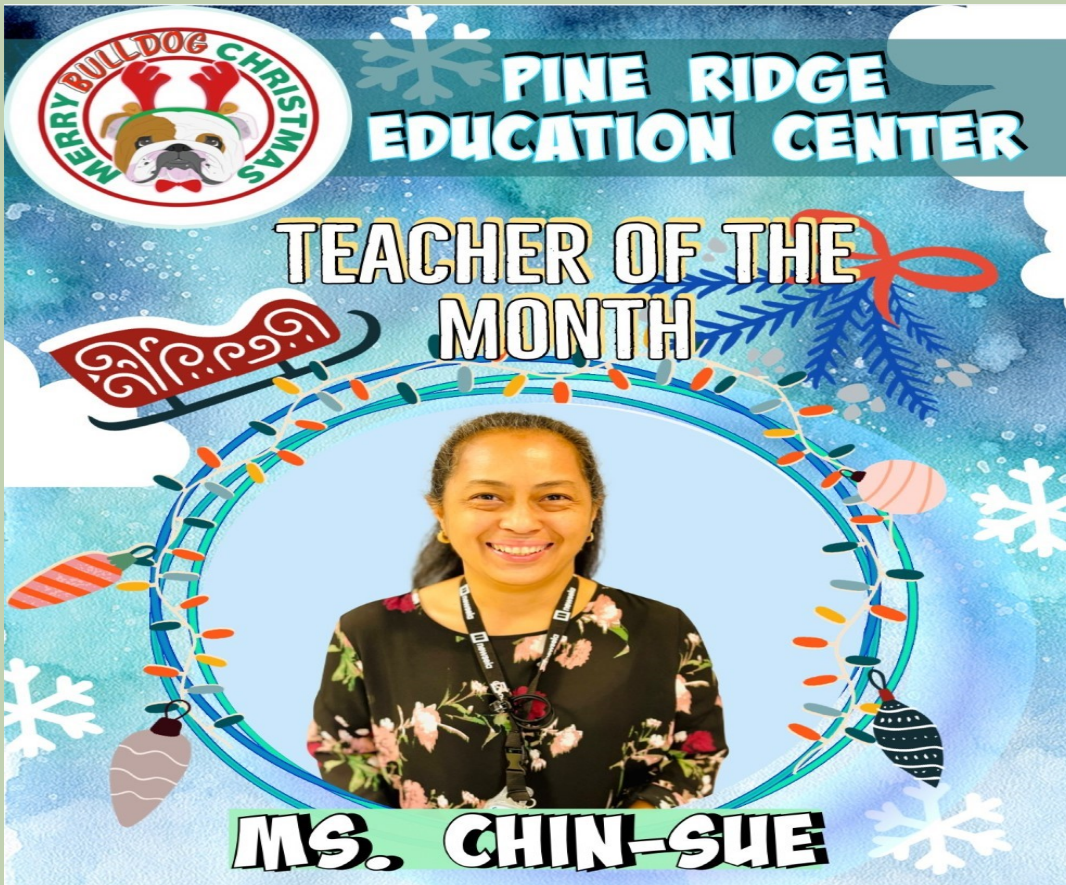
March 30th,2022



“Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast.”

- William Shakespeare.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH



**PINE RIDGE EDUCATION
CENTER**

**THE POWER
OF
MOMENTS**



Pine Ridge Education Center is a school where second chances are given. We're the only Alternative Center for grades K-6; we also house the Promise Program (K-12), The R.I.S.E Program (7), and the AES Program (K-6). Even though we are an alternative center, we have high expectations for our students as it relates to academics and behavior. Our curriculum is the same as every other elementary school in the District, but we do implement the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) standards through our Life Skills class. We teach our students if no one else believes in them, they have to believe in themselves first.



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