



Principal’s Message“

The Pine Ridge family believes that establishing positive relationships with the students will create a positive culture and climate in our school. Aristotle once said, “Educating the mind and not the heart We are fortunate to have the K-6 behavior change, PROMISE program, AES (Alternative to Suspension), and RISE program. These

programs are not only preparing the students academically but socially. We have counselors, volunteers, partners and community leaders vested in changing the lives of our most precious resource – our future generation.

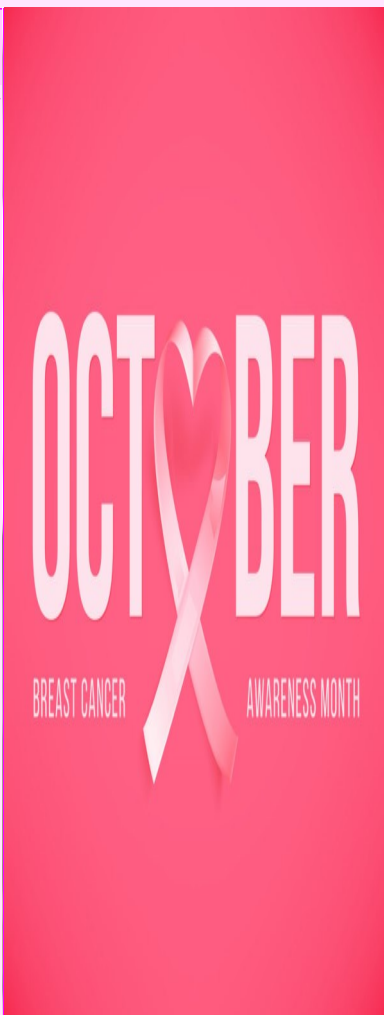
We are excited to welcome our students back to the school. Our theme this year is: “Every Child Matters, Every Moment Counts”. Our teachers and staff are prepared to create positive moments for each child entering our school. We value our parents and your commitment to assist us with preparing our children for success. In addition, we welcome you to join our family through volunteering, mentoring or tutoring programs. Please feel free to give us a call, our friendly staff will address any questions you may have regarding our programs. Educationally Yours,

Educationally Yours,

Dr. Henry L. Brown, III

SECONDARY STORY HEADLINE

The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department & District’s Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321- 2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158. Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine.

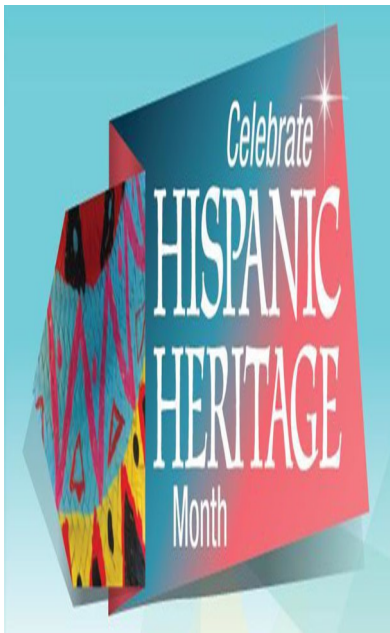


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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Pink vs. Wink– Oct. 22
- Nov. 11th– No School
- Trick or Treat– Oct 29th
- Nov. 22-26– No School



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President

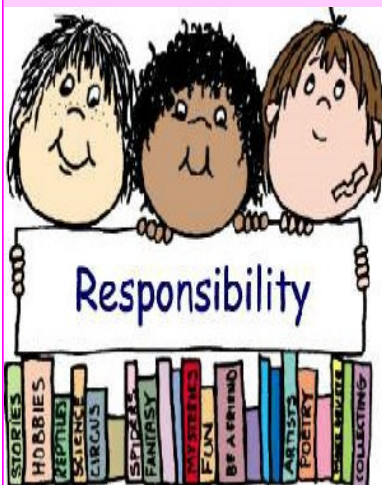
Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15.

“Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means.” Ronald Reagan

INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

Special Thanks

A special thanks to Ms. Mogul for all of the fun activities during Peace Week. The students had an amazing time learning a lot thru hands-on-projects to fully understand what Peace week means throughout the world.



GUIDANCE CORNER

The character trait for October is **Responsibility**.

A list of how to show Responsibility:

- Accept responsibility at home and school.
- Help someone in your class who needs it.
- Show you care for others by looking out for them.
- Learn how to solve conflict in a positive way.
- Perform a community service.
- Make sure to go to bed and get up on time.

October is...



**BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS**

Month

until there is a cure... there is hope

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM)** is a partnership of national public service organizations, professional medical associations, and government agencies. These organizations work together to promote breast cancer awareness, share information on the disease, and provide greater access to services. It accounts for nearly 1 in 3 cancers diagnosed in women. By the end of 2013, an estimated 232,340 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. An estimated 39,620 women will die from breast cancer. The risks generally increase with age. Almost 8 of every 10 new breast cancer cases are in women 50 years old and older. They also account for almost 9 of every 10 breast cancer deaths. Pine Ridge is going to honor Breast Cancer by having a Pink Vs. Tink, which is a walk that will take part in on the October 19th.

PINK VS. WINK

PINE RIDGE BREAST
CANCER WALK

OCTOBER 22ND

Breast Cancer

WARNING SIGNS

Symptoms

- a firm or hard lump in the breast
- a lump in the armpit
- changes in the shape and size of breast
- changes to the nipple
- discharge/blood from the nipple

Late Symptoms

- double vision
- muscle weakness
- headache
- nausea
- cough
- shortness of breath
- jaundice
- loss of appetite
- weight loss
- bone pain

Source:

www.cancer.ca/en/cancer-information/cancer-type/breast/signs-and-symptoms

Spectrum
HEALTH CARE



NEW TEACHERS/STAFF

We would like to welcome our new staff to Pine Ridge Education Center. We're glad you chose to help us make "Every Child Matter, and Every Moment Count."

Mrs. Solomon– Science 4th-6th

Mrs. Cooper- Ela/Language Arts– 5th, 6th



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TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Mr. McGauley for being nominated and selected "Teacher of the Year." You're the epitome of an exceptional teacher. Pine Ridge is extremely proud to have you on our team. We know wholeheartedly you believe in "Every Child Matters, and Every Moments." Moments are very critical in a child's life; I know you will make each moment count because every child matter.



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Ms. Alfaro for being nominated and selected "Employee of the Year." You are the true definition of an excellent employee. Pine Ridge is extremely proud to have you on our team. We know you passionately support "Every Child Matters, and Every Moments." Moments are very critical in a child's life; I know you will make each moment count because every child matters.

RAFFLE WINNER 2021

We would like to congratulate Artavis Hughes and his family for coming out to our Open House on September 29th. Pine Ridge takes pride in parent-involvement, it's critical in building a relationship with our parents. Pine Ridge believes in having a village to make "Moments" and ensuring our students "Matter."



Family is not an important thing . It's everything. Michael J. Fox

FAMILY COUNSELING

Counselor's Corner – BF. Skinner, Operant Conditioning Week 1

At dinner time, a child pouts and refuses to eat her vegetables for dinner. Her parents quickly take the offending veggies away. Since the behavior (pouting) led to the removal of the aversive stimulus (the veggies), this is an example of negative reinforcement.

Some experts believe that negative reinforcement should be used sparingly in classroom settings, while [positive reinforcement](#) should be emphasized.

While negative reinforcement can produce immediate results, it reinforces behaviors that are negative causing them to continue!

For positive reinforcement to be

effective, it needs to involve a reward that the individual wants or needs. **PRAISE IS** the #1 positive reinforcement for students.

For best practice avoid TAKIS or Fast food to calm down as this reinforces acting out behaviors. ALSO, many parents do not want their children to be eating foods that are not healthy. Let's praise our way to great behavior!



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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MATH Information

2021-2022 MATH GOALS

50% of our Behavior Change students will demonstrate Math Improvement on 2021-22 Math FSA.

35% of our Behavior Change students will make Learning Gains on 2021-22 Math FSA.

To support our school's vision that "Every Child Matters, Every Moment Counts", our Safety Patrol program will begin on October 1, 2021. We will create an important and memorable moment in our students' lives by hosting an induction program for selected students to officially become Safety Patrols. We will design "A Moment of Pride" by pinning our Captain, Lieuten-

