## Pine Ridge Education Center

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### Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2021-22 School Year,

It is with great honor to be the proud Principal of Pine Ridge Education Center. As a former at-risk student, I can identify with the children attending – "I Am Pine Ridge."

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, PROM-ISE 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,

Dr. Henry L. Brown, III

#### **Broward County Schools Disclaimer**

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.

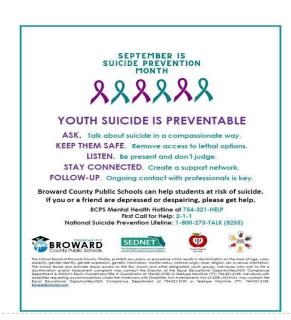


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# SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Interim Reports- Sept. 20th
- Open House- Sept.29th-6:00
- Early Release- Oct.19th
- Employee Planning— Oct.20th



### SEPTEMBER NATIONAL SUICIDE

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

If you or a friend is depressed or despairing, please get help.

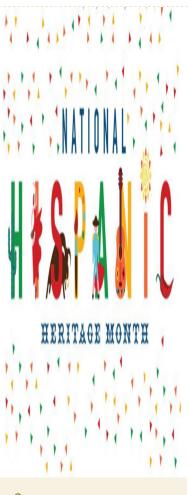
• First Call for Help: 2-1-1

 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Crisis Text Line: Text "TALK" to 741741

Broward County Public Schools can help students at risk of suicide.

Every day begins like a blank chalkboard, on which each one of us can write the poem of our present and our dreams for the future. Ricky



## NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Pine Ridge Education Center and Broward County Schools take pride in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Florida Statute 1003.42 requires that the history and contributions of Hispanic Americans be included in K-12 instruction.

The 2021 National Hispanic Heritage Month theme is "Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope." 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.



We're Making Moments here at Pine Ridge Education Center

#### WELCOME TO THE "RIDGE"

Every Child Matters, Every Moments Count is what we strive to do here at Pine Ridge Education Center. Making meaningful moments begins with great teachers, we would like to welcome our new teachers this school year. We would like to formally introduce our new teachers this year:

Ms. Terra Van- K-1

Ms. Fairclough- 3rd

Ms. Cooper-

Ms. Solomon-

Mr. Gray- Promise Middle

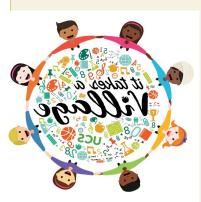
Ms. Flint- 2<sup>nd</sup> (Returning Teacher)

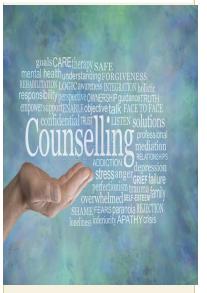




#### VILLAGE TIPS

Pine Ridge believes it takes a village to raise and educate children. We strongly believe that includes supporting our parents, guardians, or caregivers of our students. Each month we will be giving tips, information, and resources for parents, guardians, or caregivers to help and ensure a successful school year for our students.





## **BULLDOGS PARENT CORNER**

- Interim Reports– September 20th,
- Open House-September 29th, 2021
- September is Suicide Awareness Month
- September 15th-October 15th Spanish Heritage Month



## **GUIDANCE CORNER**

Ms. Mogul is our Guidance Counselor and she will share upcoming events and our Character Trait for each month.

Cooperation is the character trait for September. Cooperation is working with others to accomplish a common purpose.



## **FAMILY COUNSELING**

#### Why a Moment of Silence?

As of July 1, 2021 House Bill (HB) 529 was passed that required teachers to provide a moment of silence in schools in the morning. In part it states:

"... that in today's hectic society too few persons are able to experience even a moment of quiet reflection before plunging headlong into the activities of daily life. Young persons are particularly affected by the absence of an opportunity for a moment of quiet reflection. The Legislature finds that our youth, and society as a whole, would be well served if students in the public schools were afforded a moment of silence at the beginning of each school day."

At Pine Ridge Education Center, we know that students face many challenges in their daily lives. Teaching to the heart is paramount. This moment of silence begins the day with awareness, or mindfulness, self-control, responsibility, respect, and kindness – our core expectations.

# **ELA/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, Lieutenant, and all other patrol members.



#### **CODE OF CONDUCT 2021-2022**

Welcome to the new school year. Parents/Guardians can now fill out your child's back-to-school forms, online. The forms are easy to complete and all data is protected and secure. For families with multiple children attending Broward County Public Schools, some information will only need to be entered once.

Use the Back to School Wizard below to quickly step through the process. You will need your student's identification number. Forms can be filled out in English, Spanish, Haitian-Creole and Portuguese.

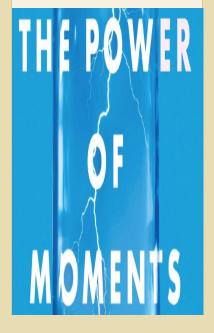
You must complete these forms at the start of each school year for each student enrolled in the District. If you are not able to complete the online forms in

one session, you can resume where you left off at another time. It is recommended that you set aside approximately 20 minutes for this process. Once you complete and submit the forms, you will receive an email confirmation. Print and return the confirmation to your child's school.

https://scaweb.browardschools.com/bts/



# PINE RIDEGE EDUCAYION CENTER





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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# EDUCATING THE MIND WITHOUT EDUCATING THE HEART IS NO EDUCATION AT ALL." ARISTOTLE

