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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE MS. TINA NELSON

Greetings Pine Grove Middle School Parents, Staff, and Students!

Welcome to spring, although it is fairly cool as I write this message. We had some very unusual weather this season, including a record wind storm. We have at this time used all of the built in snow days and are several hours over our allotment of early closing/late opening hours. As soon as the county has decided how to adjust the calendar for the end of the year, we will inform families. We know how important it is to help you make plans, and will keep you apprised.

Third quarter report cards will be distributed on April 19th, and we are now officially in fourth quarter. We encourage you to continue to use BCPS One to keep abreast of your child's progress.

The window to administer the PARCC exam opens on April 24th. Please help your student perform to the best of his or her ability by ensuring that they are in school on time during testing and preparing them with a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast each day. Also, please ensure that they bring a fully charged device each day. PARCC assessment is online and in order to administer the exam efficiently, we need to have all students able to access their device.

As the weather warms and end-of-the-year activities draw near, please help your student to remain vigilant about attending school on a daily basis, completing home and class work assignments, and coming to school prepared for learning! Continue to strive for excellence as we finish out an amazing school year.

With the warmer weather comes the time to remind everyone that students are expected to wear appropriate attire. Refer to "Appropriate Dress Reminder" in this edition for clarification.

We look forward to the rest of the year, and all it will bring.

Yours in Education,

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A LOOK AHEAD

Wednesday, April 11	Art Showcase 4:30-6:00PM
Thursday, April 12	PTSA 6:00PM Library
Thursday, April 19	Distribution of Report Cards
Tuesday, April 24	PARCC Assessment Window Opens (through June 5)
Friday, April 27	Cougar Activity Night 7-9PM
Thursday, May 3	<i>Into the Woods</i> , Spring Musical, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 4	<i>Into the Woods</i> , Spring Musical, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 5	<i>Into the Woods</i> , Spring Musical, Matinee Show, 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8	Interims distributed
Thursday, May 10	Very Special Arts Festival
	PTSA 6:00PM Library
May 14-18	Book Fair in Library
Friday, May 18	Cougar Activity Night, 7-9PM
Monday, May 28	Schools Closed, Memorial Day
Thursday, May 31	Inclusion Play Day
Friday, June 1	8 th grade Sports Day
Wednesday, June 6	8 th grade Farewell, 5:00p.m.- Perry Hall High School (Farewell date subject to change, based on the end of year calendar)



BCPS Writing Contest – Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, the Baltimore County Public Schools Office of Social Studies and the Office of English Language Arts co-sponsored a writing contest for all students K-12 throughout Baltimore County. In their entry, students were asked to choose an African American author, scientist, athlete, musician, activist, or person of personal significance in their life and describe the change and impact that this person has created.

A Pine Grove Middle School student, Allison Glaser, won the competition for the middle school category with her poem titled, “A Raisin in the Sun.” Allison was honored at a ceremony at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology on Saturday, March 10. “Congratulations, Allison!”



22nd Annual Inclusion Play Day Thursday, May 31, 2018

The 22nd Annual Inclusion Play Day will take place on Thursday, May 31, 2018. The purpose of the Annual Inclusion Play Days is for students to experience activities and situations that promote cooperation, social skills development, and increased self-esteem, as well as awareness and acceptance of the diversity among people. Students who have participated in the past have expressed a great deal of satisfaction in having been involved in activities that increased their awareness and acceptance of people with a variety of disabilities. This meets the need of teaching general education students how to more fully appreciate their peers who have physical and cognitive disabilities.

Students from Perry Hall Middle, Cockeysville Middle, General John Stricker Middle, and Parkville High School, as well as from Pine Grove Middle School will be participating in the 22nd Annual Inclusion Play Day. This day also serves as a time for students in self-contained learning environments to enjoy adapted physical activities and build positive peer interactions with non-disabled peers.



Pine Grove Middle School held its 4th annual Hoops for Heart event the week of March 26th – 28th. There were 44 students who signed up to play in the 3 v 3 tournament. First and second place finishers received a trophy and third place received a medallion. It was a hard fought win at each grade level as all three groups needed to go into overtime in order to finish their games. We want to congratulate the following students who were the top finishers:

6th Grade

Stephen Wheeler
Earl McCloud
Cameron Chin

7th Grade

Mitchell Kalu
Owen Ayotte
Sergio Sanchez

8th Grade

Kaziah Akinniyi
Jahkem Allen
Antonio Green

The adults were not as lucky this year in their basketball game against Franklin Middle School. The Pine Grove Cougars came out looking strong, but could not hold up during the competition in the second half. The final score was 45 to 41. Charlotte Harvey sang the National Anthem for us to start off the evening activities and there were a lot of give-away prizes. A good time was had by all.

The physical education department would like to thank everyone who came out to support us and play in the basketball game. We had a great time and plenty of hot dogs and chips. The final count on how much we raised is still to be determined through on line donations. Thank you for all your support.

Pine Grove Middle's 2nd Annual



When: April 11th

Where: Pine Grove's commons

Time 5-7

*Light fare and refreshments provided

*Enjoy live entertainment from the PGMS Jazz band

News from the Visual Arts Team

Please join us in congratulating our visual art students for their works at the 9th Annual Middle School Juried Exhibition at The Carver Center for the Arts & Technology. Two of our students received special recognition... Taohan W. received Honorable Mention and Charles P. received the Best in Show awards. A job well done to all of our participants.



ALSO....

Join the art department as we honor student-artists for their participation in the Love Your Tree student art Honorable Mentions were given to Royal I. and Zahra W. for their posters. And the third place middle school winner is RACHAEL WHEATLEY!!!!

Also, we celebrated greatness at the Walters Art Museum's annual student exhibit. Eight students participated. Congratulations to ALL of our young artists!



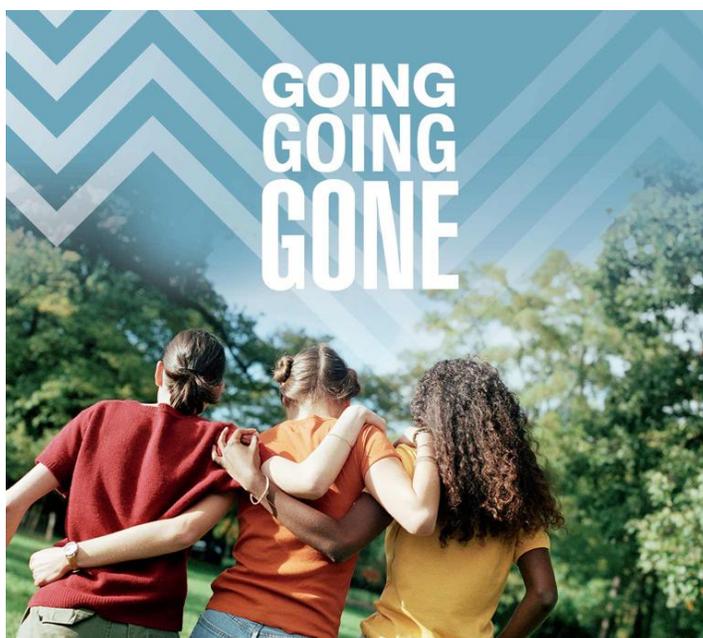


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