



PINE ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dr. Thomas Millins, *Principal*

Good Afternoon Parents, Families, and Students!

October 9, 2020

We are certainly glad our students are back in either our Face to Face or Lee Home Connect Instructional Models. The year is off to a great start and even in these unprecedented times we are very excited about the 2020-2021 school year. As we transition midway into the 1st quarter, we would like to communicate a number of upcoming initiatives and events in October and November.

END OF THE FIRST QUARTER

The last day of the first quarter is scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2020.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

A huge thank you to the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Department. They donated several bags with safety tips and goodies to our students for Fire Prevention week.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Early dismissal is scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2020 and we dismiss at 1:10 p.m.

STORY BOOK DAY

We believe that we should start bringing back many of the activities at PIE, but due to the COVID-19 restrictions we are restricted on many initiatives. Although we are not able to do a "Parent Parade," we are still encouraging students to participate in the Story Book Day on Friday, October 30, 2020. We are requesting that the costumes be very simple which the students will wear all day in the classroom. Please note that this is an early dismissal day. Individual grade levels K-5 will be sending out information in the next week about this day.

KIWANIS FALL FESTIVAL

This event is cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

The faculty and staff is dedicated to patriotism and celebrating our Veterans. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the format will be very different from previous years. The tentative date is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020. More information will be forthcoming.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Grades - K-2 Student Led Conferences / Parents will be held the week of November 2nd-6th. Teachers will conduct telephone conferences with parents. K-2 parents will have telephone conferences each morning from 7:45-8:25 a.m, during the teachers planning time, and after school from 3:15 -3:40 p.m.

Grades 3-5 Student Led Conferences will be scheduled the week of November 2nd-6th. This year, student led conferences will be held at home with their parents. Students will bring home information to share with their parents regarding their strengths and how your child is performing academically.

STAR ASSESSMENTS

Star Assessments are short tests that provide teachers with learning data. Star tests are computer adaptive, which means they adjust to each answer your child provides. This helps teachers get the best data to help your child in the shortest amount of testing time. Teachers analyze the data they get from Star Assessments to learn what students already know and what they are ready to learn next, to monitor student growth, and to determine which students may need additional help. Star Assessments are heavily researched and scientifically proven to help teachers guide each student on his or her unique path to mastery. By pinpointing exactly what your child knows, teachers can personalize your child's practice to keep them growing. Star Results for baseline and 1st quarter will be shared at student led conferences.



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HOME CONNECT UPDATES

The School District of Lee County is allowing students to transition from the Lee Home Connect Model to the FACE to FACE instructional model. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact the school at 283-0505. We would love to have your child back!!!

AFTER / BEFORE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please note the PIE family is waiting anxiously to return to normalcy. This includes activities during the school day and many other school programs such as Running Club. Unfortunately, due to the fact we are facing unique challenges we have to adhere to strict restrictions. Once the restrictions are lifted, we will go back doing all the amazing things we are used to doing at PIE.

OUT OF FIELD TEACHERS

Please note the following teachers are out of field: None at this time.

PICTURE DAY / PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Day was scheduled last week and we are still providing families an opportunity to purchase them. If you are still interested in purchasing pictures, you will have the opportunity on picture retake day on November 6th.

PICTURE DAY HOME CONNECT STUDENTS

Pictures have been rescheduled for November 6, 2020 from 8:00a.m.-9:00 a.m. It would be the parents' responsibility to have the students here between the scheduled hours for their pictures.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is October 23rd through the 31st. The 2020 theme: Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free. Red Ribbon Week is meant to bring awareness to the devastating effects of drug use. It is a way for communities to show that they are taking a stand against drugs. PIE's character education program, Learning For Life provides resources so that we can provide the "Choose to Refuse" Drug-Prevention program to our wonderful 5th graders. The Choose to Refuse program will kick off this week! All grades will participate in fun activities, a pledge to remain "Drug-Free", and dress up days that will follow this schedule:

- Monday, October 26th: Kick Off- Wear Red (students may wear any red or the their PIE spirit shirt)
- Tuesday, October 27th: Crazy Hair and Sock Day
- Wednesday, October 28th: Pajama Day
- Thursday, October 29th: Superhero Day
- Friday, October 30th: Storybook Day

VISITORS ON CAMPUS

Due to current circumstances we are still NOT allowing volunteers on campus at this time. However, we are very hopeful that could change before the end of the year. If you or someone you know is interested in being a volunteer in the future we ask that you please go ahead and submit the application attached.

Thank you for being a part of our PIE family!

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas C. Millins

Principal, Pine Island Elementary