



# PINE ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Good Afternoon Parents, Families, and Students!

September 7, 2023

Please review a couple of reminders for the upcoming weeks:

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY** - PIE will celebrate Grandparents' Day on September 11, 2023 from 8:45-10:30 a.m. The book fair will also be open at this time. We look forward to welcoming grandparents on our campus!

**CONNECT LEE** - Do your students need FREE tutoring help after school? The School District of Lee County's CONNECT WITH LEE offers FREE on-line tutoring. Days include Monday- Thursday from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Students can access this program on the student's computer Launchpad.

**FOCUS PARENT PORTAL**- All families are being encouraged to create a FOCUS parent portal account and complete the three mandatory forms located on the portal. Some services will only be granted to students whose parents complete these forms. An example of this would be care in the clinic. To create your account, add a student, or change your password, please visit the [FOCUS Parent Portal](http://focus.leeschools.net) at <http://focus.leeschools.net>.

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) DATES** All parents are welcome to attend our SAC meetings. These dates include: November 2, January 18, March 7, April 11, and May 23rd. All meetings will be held at 3:30 in the media center at PIE.

**CPTO DATES** All parents are welcome to attend our parent organization (CPTO) meetings. These dates include: September 14, October 17, November 15, December 14, January 16, February 15, March 13, April 15, and May 15th. All meetings are at 3:30 p.m. in the media center and are offered via TEAMS invites virtually which will be sent out two days prior to our meeting.

**WHERE'S THE BUS APP** - If your child rides a bus to and/or from school, please download this app. It is a GPS tracking app that will give you the location of your child's bus in real time. More information can be found using the [Where's the Bus App](#) at LeeSchools.net website and clicking on the Bus Stop Icon.

**SCHOOL MESSENGER**- School Messenger is one of the most utilized forms of communication from the district and school to home. Please be sure you have an account created and your preferences set to your liking. More information can be found using the [School Messenger Information](#) at Go.SchoolMessenger.com.

**DISMISSAL CHANGES** - For the safety of your student, please send all dismissal changes to the office electronically. Email us at [0341.staff.office@leeschools.net](mailto:0341.staff.office@leeschools.net) or head to our website and click on DISMISSAL CHANGES. Changes will not be taken over the phone.

**SAVE THE DATE / CURRICULUM NIGHT** - PIE will be hosting a Curriculum Night on October 19, 2023 from 5-6 p.m. The curriculum night is designed to provide parents and families with an overview of the academic "happenings" at PIE. More information to come.

**SAVE THE DATE / FALL FESTIVAL** - The Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island is hosting a Fall Festival at Pine Island Elementary School on Friday, October 27th, 2023 from 5-7:00 p.m. Activities include: bounce houses, games, and food. All PIE families are invited to attend this FREE event sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island.

**OUT OF FIELD TEACHERS** - A. Rigsby

**FORTIFY FL** is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. By accessing FortifyFL, students and parents can share tips and information, pictures and videos and optionally submit their contact information. Learn more at <https://getfortifyfl.com/>

Looking forward to a successful 2023-2024 school year.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Thomas C. Millins*, Principal, Pine Island Elementary School