



Let's Welcome Spring!



Spring is here at last. Warmer days are around the corner and Spring Break is almost here! Remember, Spring Break will be March 17th through March 24th. Students will return to school on Tuesday, March 25th.



The Book Fair is in town! Make sure to check in the Library for all your favorite books. Details will be coming home soon!

We have a couple of community activities that we would like to share with you.

March 22nd—Pollock Pines Community Center is having an Easter Egg hunt at Pinewood for children 10 and under, starting at 11 am. The event is free.

Also **March 22nd**—There will be a free Easter Dinner at the Pollock Pines Community Center from 3pm—6pm. This is also a free event sponsored by the community center

April 2nd—District 2 Supervisorial Candidates Night at Pinewood. This event starts at 6:30pm and is sponsored by the Pollock Pines-Camino Rotary Club and the League of Woman Voters.

These events are not sponsored by the PTC or Pinewood

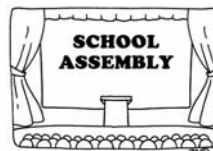
PINEWOOD PTC

Pinewood PTC News

The Morris Brothers

Carmen Burns

FINALLY, after three years of pitching the importance of Pinewood having a "BULLYING ASSEMBLY", the time is actually here.



The PTC is so excited to be bringing "The Morris Brothers" to Pinewood on Wednesday March 12th at 2:00 for a 45 minute assembly about how to make Pinewood a "Bully Free Zone".

"The Morris Brothers" have an amazing resume, having won Emmys, and working for Fox TV in Hollywood. All of their assemblies are written by licensed counselors. They have several different types of assemblies, including drug awareness, state testing, pep rally, wellness, and

bullying. Flyers will be sent home to parents from "The Morris Brothers" and we will be handing out flyers to staff and teachers so that everyone will be a part of making Pinewood a "Bully Free Zone".

The assembly will be centered around universal character traits such as, *Cooperation * Respect * Courage * Self Control * and *Responsibility*.

There will be much audience participation, laughing out loud, humor, and hopefully all of our AWESOME PINEWOOD STUDENTS will learn something that they can take with them throughout their life.

2007-2008 PTC Officers

President—Susan McVey

Vice President—Colleen Youngblood

Treasurer—Carmen Burns

Secretary—Joanie Brown

Secretary—Brenda Anderson

Mark Your Calendar

- March 10th—Minimum Day
- March 11th—Cookie Dough Distribution
- March 12th—Bullying Assembly 2:00
- March 17th—24th—Spring Break
- March 25th—Bylaw Meeting
- April 1st—PTC Meeting

Committee Corner

Teacher Appreciation

The staff room was all decked out for Valentines day. Thank you to everyone who brought candy for the staff and teachers. This month we will be treating the staff to strawberry shortcake in the teachers lounge. Contact Carmen Burns to sign up to volunteer!



Box Tops

This month there will be a box top drive. Please see the article in this newsletter for more information. There is a collection box in the office. Also, look for a collection box at the customer service desk at the Pollock Pines Safeway!



Membership

Elections are coming up! Nominations for the 2008-2009 PTC Executive Board will take place at our next meeting on April 1st. Anyone who was a member in good standing of the PTC during 2007-2008 school year is eligible to be nominated for one of the positions. Voting will take place at the May 6th meeting.

Campbell's Soup Labels

This year we are collecting Campbell's Soup Labels. Make sure you peel the labels and bring them in! A collection box is set up in the office. Please visit www.labelsforeducation.com to see all the eligible products in this program. Not only soup, but products like Goldfish Crackers, V-8, and Spaghetti O's have labels with points on them as well. Also, Cambells drinks caps are worth points as well! Check your Campbell's products for UPC's like the one below! Cut them out and send them in!



Dances

The dances will now be chaired by Carmen Burns. The Mother/Son dance will take place on April 11th and the Father/Daughter dance will be April 12th. They will run from 6:30 to 9pm at Pinewood in the cafeteria. Come join us for some fun!

Cookie Dough

The Cookies Are Coming!



We had an awesome year this year! Our students raised over \$8000.00 for Pinewood! Make sure to thank your students for all their hard work!

Don't forget that cookie dough pick up will be one day only!

Cookie Dough Distribution is currently set at Pinewood for **Tuesday March 11th** in the Cafeteria from 2 pm to 7 pm **ONE DAY ONLY**. Please look to the news notes for any changes to this date.

Bylaws

A bylaw meeting will take place on March 25th at 3:30 in the afternoon in Mrs. Brown's room. Membership in the PTC is not required to attend. Please look to the news notes for any changes to this date.

Pollock Frolic

The time has come to start planning this year's Pollock Frolic. Last year's event was amazing and we are hoping to continue the tradition. Volunteers are needed in all areas. If you have suggestions or would like to help out, please contact Jennifer Logan at

Newsletter Submissions

Your contributions to this newsletter are welcomed.

The newsletter is open to all PTC members, Pinewood and District staff.

Email your submissions to Jennifer Logan at jenn@knitwitmomma.com or put them in the PTC box in the office by the last day of the month.

Are You Connected?

Get up-to-the-"minutes" updates on our website! You can find them on the PTC website www.pinewoodptc.com Copies of the meeting minutes and of the newsletters will be available there.

The PTC email is PPTC@ppesd.org Please feel free to email us with any concerns, questions or feedback!

PTC Meeting Schedule

April 1st—Board Nominations
May 6th—Board Elections

Pinewood Elem, Room 2, 3:30-4:30

The 5 Ways To Make Your School “Bully free”

1. Show Respect by.... Treating others how you want to be treated!
2. Teamwork! How do we show it
 - * A. Do your part. Report bullying, but don't tattle
 - * B. Include Everyone
 - * C. Follow all the Rules
3. Remember: Everyone is Special
4. Stop and Think!
5. Learn Ways to Deal With Bullying
 - * Start Laughing!
 - * Start Whistling

Come check out the Morris Brother's on March 12th to learn more about making Pinewood a Bully Free School!

Just for Kids!

W B G O W H O K G Y M Q Z E
N S U D K R E U B C D N Q A
G H C J E L L Y B E A N N P
B S J W U C H B R N K I E G
K P O G B S A C K T A L Z G
H L K Q O N Y N N R S G G E
F L Z Y J U N A D U X K K C
Y G N I R P S E C Y D Y A Y

Spring Word Search:

CANDY
EGGS
FLOWER
JELLYBEAN
RAIN
SPRING

Box Top Drive

Amy Munroe

Ahoy Matey's! We are starting a Box Top 4 Education drive. The drive began March 4th and will conclude at the end of March. Every little Land Lubber (student) who turns in a collection sheet will earn a gold coin to be placed on his or her classroom chart. The ship, or classroom, with the most coins win a "treasure" of a pizza or doughnut party.

To all the pirate parents out there—Please send box tops in envelopes or ziploc bags with 10 in each. This way

teachers can staple them to the collection sheets. Also, make sure there is a valid expiration date on each box top.

Thanks to everyone and let's make some money for our school!



Got Questions? We have the answers!

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The Reading Nook

by Kim Little

The Reading Nook- by Kim Little How Can I Help at Home?

Parents often want to know how they can help their child become a better reader. To foster both skills and enjoyment I recommend you incorporate reading to your child, reading with your child, and reading by your child into your daily routine.

Reading to Your Child – Regardless of grade level or ability, it is important for parents to read to their children. By reading aloud to children, they hear reading above their level, fluency and smoothness of language, and new vocabulary. In addition, when parents assume the role of reader, the child can enjoy the story and focus on listening.

Reading with your Child – With your support, your child can become a successful reader. When reading with your student, remind them to listen and think when they read. If they do not know a word, they can use several strategies including rereading confusing sentences, using pictures for support, and making a guess about what the word can be and then checking to see if the word sounds and looks right. Encourage your child to use these skills by modeling these strategies as you read together

Reading by your Child – Your child also needs time to apply key skills on their own. Independent reading by your child is important. Parents should make sure their children read appropriate materials at their level and have the opportunity to read different kinds of texts (fiction and nonfiction books, magazines, articles, etc.).

As parents DO make every experience fun and praise your child for using strategies, expression and fluency, DO give them time to self-correct and tell them the word when appropriate. DO show your child how to self-monitor reading and apply strategies. On the other hand, DON'T stop the reader in mid sentence or when their reading makes sense. DON'T let reading become slow and labored, or unpleasant. Above all, DON'T let them, or you become frustrated.

