

PINE BUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2017



Dear Families and Friends,

As I welcome you to our final newsletter of the year, I wish to thank you for all the support and encouragement you have provided your children over the course of this school year. I reflect back on many wonderful events and several fond memories we have shared as members of the school community of Pine Bush Elementary this year. Indeed, we will continue to share such moments until the final day of school on Friday, June 23rd. Please know that it continues to be a privilege to work with such outstanding students, staff members and families.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN THE SCHOOL SIDE PARKING LOT, IT IS ILLEGAL TO PASS A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS THAT HAS ITS RED LIGHTS FLASHING.

Thank you to the generous members of the Pine Bush PTA including the many officers and committee chairpersons who have offered countless hours to ensure that so many of these wonderful events and experiences for our students were possible. A special thank you to our many parent volunteers who have generously offered countless hours working with students on class projects or helping with school events. Your time and commitment are valued and very much appreciated.

Thank you to all of the members of our staff for ensuring that the daily operations of our school continue unabated. A special thank you to our bus drivers who transport students to and from our school each day, our custodial staff for maintaining building cleanliness and decorum, and our kitchen staff for providing nourishing breakfast and lunch items. A very special thank you to our clerical staff and school nurse who consistently demonstrate the highest degree of dedication, patience and efficiency toward students, staff, families and every individual with whom they have contact through the course of any school day.

Thank you to each of our highly qualified teachers and teaching assistants who work diligently to provide a positive and productive learning environment in our classrooms. You have created a setting which promotes respect and provides opportunities for academic achievement and social-emotional growth and development for our students. You are among the most talented and dedicated educators in our profession.

Finally, congratulations to each of our students who have worked hard, demonstrated a commitment to learning, and have enjoyed personal success in many areas this year. A special congratulations to our fifth grade students who will be moving on to the middle school next year. May you continue to achieve all you hope to accomplish during your middle school years and beyond. May you always cherish the fond memories and friendships that you have made at Pine Bush.

May each of our students, staff and families find some time to enjoy the warm summer breeze and cool waters of a favorite place to swim. Have a safe, relaxing and rejuvenating summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher T. Sanita".

Christopher T. Sanita
Principal

*"Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet
and the winds long to play with your hair."*

~ Khalil Gibran

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Fifth Grade End of the Year Activities

During the last weeks of school, Pine Bush fifth grade students will be involved in a number of special activities designed to commemorate the end of their elementary school experience. These include:

Picnic and Field Day

Monday, June 12 from 11:30 am —1:45 pm, will be the Fifth Grade Picnic and Field Day on the Pine Bush athletic field. (Rain Date June 13th)

Trip to Tri-City Valley Cats Education Day

Thursday, June 15 from 10:00 am—1:30 pm
\$10.00 cost per student includes admission, lunch and game voucher

Friendship Games

Monday, June 19th, all district fifth grade students will be traveling to the high school athletic field via school bus to participate in Fifth Grade Friendship Games. These games give fifth graders from each of the elementary schools an opportunity to meet students from the district's other schools in preparation for their transition to the middle school. Students will leave Pine Bush at 11:30 am and return in time for dismissal.

Fifth Grade Breakfast

Thursday, June 22nd, fifth grade students will be enjoying a bagel breakfast in the cafeteria after homeroom. **This breakfast is for students only.**

End of Year Parent Assembly

Thursday, June 22nd, at 10:00 am. Fifth grade students will be the guests of honor at our final assembly of the year. A Board of Education representative will be presenting fifth grade students with individual certificates of achievement. Parents of fifth graders are invited to attend this celebration (doors open at 9:30 a.m.).

Final Report Cards

Report cards for the fourth quarter will be available through the SchoolTool Parent Portal on Tuesday, June 27th, at the following address:

<http://www.guilderlandschools.org/district/schooltool/schooltoolhome.cfm>

Summer Borrowing at the School Library

All library materials were due back by Friday, May 26th. *All materials must be returned in order to participate in summer borrowing.*

A permission slip will be sent home regarding our Summer Borrowing Program by Friday, June 2nd. Summer borrowing will begin on Monday, June 5th. Your child may borrow up to 10 library books to be returned to school by September 11. Fifth graders may return their books *either* to the Pine Bush Library or Farnsworth Library. FMS library staff will send the books to PBES through district mail.

Also, Guilderland School District will have a K-12 recommended reading booklist at <http://www.guiderlandschools.org>.

Have a great summer and don't forget to visit your public library, too! They will have a program called, "Build a Better World . . . Read!" Program flyers will be sent home through backpack mail.



Flag Day Concert

In keeping with school tradition, Pine Bush Elementary School will celebrate Flag Day on Monday, June 12th with a 9:00 am concert of patriotic musical pieces. The third grade chorus and fourth grade band and orchestra will perform at this assembly.

Upcoming Early Dismissal Dates

Please note that Thursday, June 22nd and Friday, June 23rd, will be early dismissal days for kindergarten through grade five students. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am on those days. Friday, June 23rd, will be the last day of school for students in grades kindergarten through five. Information concerning next year's classroom placement will be mailed home in August.

Spirit Games Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Our school wide Spirit Games event will take place on Wednesday, June 14th with a possible rain date of Friday, June 16th. This year we are combining our traditional field day activities with our Physical Education “water games” activities. Please send your child to school with a bathing suit and beach towel (*No bikinis please*), a change of dry clothes, shoes, a plastic bag for wet clothing and an extra pair of old sneakers, water shoes, sandals or Crocs. ***A pizza lunch will be provided by the PTA for all students.***

Class Schedule

Kindergarten	Field Games 8:10 -8:55 Lunch 11:00 -11:30 Water Games 12:10—12:55
Grade 1	Water Games 9:00-9:45 Field Games 10:40-11:25 Lunch 11:35-12:05
Grade 2	Field Games 9:00-9:45 Water Games 10:40-11:25 Lunch 12:05—12:35
Grade 3	Water Games 9:50-10:35 Lunch 11:45-12:15 Field Games 1:00-1:45
Grade 4	Water Games 8:10—8:55 Lunch 11:05-11:35 Field Games 12:10-12:55
Grade 5	Field Games 9:50-10:35 Lunch 11:25-11:55 Water Games 1:00-1:45



Moving???

We ask that you please notify the office if you will be moving out of the area this summer. This will facilitate the transfer of records to your child's new school.

To all families that are leaving this summer, farewell and best wishes. We wish you much happiness and success and hope that you take fond memories of Pine Bush Elementary with you wherever you go.

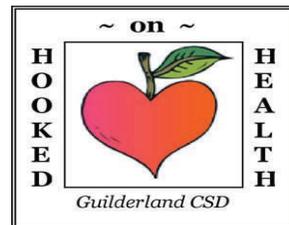
Pine Bush Elementary will also be receiving new students for the next school year. If a new family moves into your neighborhood during the summer, please encourage them to contact Zeynep Rice, School Registrar at 456-6200 x3109 as soon as possible to begin the registration process.

DID YOU KNOW?

Most kids rack up between 50% and 80% of their lifetime sun exposure before age 18.

HOOKED ON HEALTH HINT:

Don't forget to apply sunscreen to ears and lips! Wear your sunglasses!



NOTES FROM THE NURSE:

Please be sure to check your children thoroughly for ticks after being outdoors. For more information on ticks and lyme disease, go to www.health.ny.gov.

NYSED requires an annual physical exam for new students, students in grades K, 2, 4, 7 and 10, sports, working permits and triennially for the Committee on Special Education (CSE). If you need a physical form, they are on the Guilderland Web site, the Pine Bush main office and Mrs. O'Keefe's office.

Lost and Found

There are presently a number of articles of clothing in the Lost and Found and parents are encouraged to stop by and search for any items of your child's clothing that you may be missing. We have a large selection of sweatshirts, hats, gloves, scarves and lunch bags. Items that are left at the end of the school year will be donated to charity.