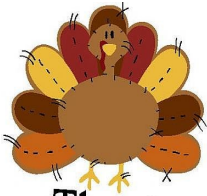


PINE BUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017



Happy Thanksgiving

**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.**

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Dear Families and Friends,

November is the only month where students will be in school for just one complete week. We will experience intermittent schedules throughout the month beginning with a full day of parent conferences on November 1 followed by half-day of conferences on Tuesday, November 14th. This is also the month where we honor our military veterans as we observe Veteran's Day. We end the month with our national celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. While this month may not be best for continuity of instruction, it does encourage us to take a moment and reflect on our values as members of a school community and citizens of the United States of America.

Parent conferences offer an opportunity for reflection and dialogue with your child's teacher. It is a time for constructive feedback and the mutual identification of areas of strength and potential growth. We encourage you to reflect on teacher suggestions and talk with your child about areas where they believe to have strengths and challenges. This can be a prime time to set short-term learning targets where your child can track signs of notable improvement.

On November 11th, we will honor the sacrifices of our military servicemen and women to preserve our freedoms and the freedoms of other world citizens by observing Veterans Day. School will be closed on Friday, November 10th in recognition of this national holiday.

We conclude our special November events as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday of the month. This is always a special holiday for many Americans as we gather to enjoy a traditional harvest feast with family, friends, food, and of course, football. Thanksgiving also reminds us to be appreciative of our personal possessions and to offer thanks to those who have influenced us in a positive way throughout the past year.

We hope that each of our Pine Bush students, staff and families enjoy a happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

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

Christopher T. Sanita
Principal

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more.
If you concentrate on what you don't have,
you will never, ever have enough."

~ Oprah Winfrey

Welcome to Our New School Nurse

Pine Bush Elementary School warmly welcomes our new school nurse, Mrs. Krystal Varrenti. Krystal has served as the BOCES nurse at Pine Bush for the past two years. She will officially begin work on Monday, November 27 following the Thanksgiving holiday. In the interim, we have contracted with a nursing service to provide continuous sub coverage in our health office from November 2-21.

Krystal will replace Mrs. Tricia O'Keefe whose last day was on October 31. We thank Tricia for her years of service to our school and wish her the best in her new nursing position with Bellevue Hospital.

Sad News

We are sorry to have to share the sad news that Miss Siggy, the first facility dog in the school district, passed away on November 3rd. She was three months shy of 14 years old. She and Catherine Ricchetti (our Social Worker) had been featured in many news stories regarding the positive impact Miss Siggy had made on our students and school community over the past 12 years. Miss Siggy worked at Pine Bush, Guilderland, and Lynnwood Elementary Schools. She will be dearly missed.



PTA Movie Night

Mark your calendars! Join us Friday, November 17th at 6:30pm to watch the Emoji movie. Bring the whole family for a night of fun. Blankets, pajamas and pillows are encouraged as we gather in the cafeteria. Popcorn, snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. The movie is **FREE**, but we are asking for a donation of one or more canned good items to be donated to a local food pantry. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.



Picture Re-Take Day

Picture retakes have been scheduled for Friday, December 8, between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Students who were absent on picture day may pick up a picture order form in the main office. Students who are having their pictures retaken must bring their original picture packet with them to give to the photographer. Adirondack School Portraits has informed us that these pictures will be back in time for the holidays.

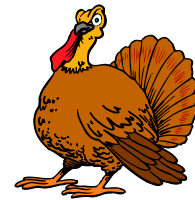
School Holidays

School will be closed on Wednesday, November 1, for Superintendent's Conference Day and Friday, November 10, in observance of Veterans' Day.



Thanksgiving Recess

School will be closed on Wednesday, November 22 Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24. We would like to wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.



Reminder: There will be no late buses Tuesday, November 21st.

School Delays and Closings

As the winter approaches, it is possible that weather conditions may require closing school on certain days. Delayed openings may also occur. Information concerning closings and delayed openings will be carried on the following radio and television stations:

Stations and Dial Positions

WGY 810 AM

WYJB 89.5 FM

WRVE 99.5 FM

WRGB (TV) Channel 6

WXXA (TV) Channel 8

WTEN (TV) Channel 10

WNYT (TV) Channel 13

Capital News Channel 9

Local Cable TV Channel 16

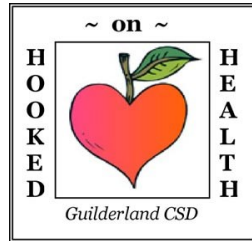
Parents please note that on days when the opening of school is delayed by one or two hours, there are no staff present to supervise children who arrive at the regular time. Please do not drive your child to school earlier than the delayed opening time expecting that someone will be available to watch him or her.

Whenever schools are closed for emergency reasons all night activities and continuing education classes are also cancelled.



DID YOU KNOW? Students who eat breakfast have higher test results, fewer discipline problems and visit the nurse less often.

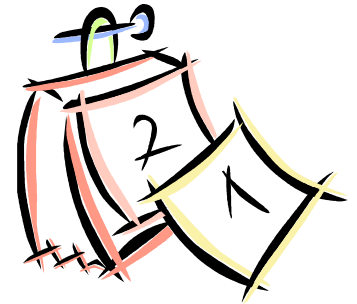
HOOKED ON HEALTH HINT: Whole grain English Muffin with peanut butter, low fat yogurt or whole grain cereal with fruit are all great choices or access our school breakfast program!



Upcoming Events:

November

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| 1 | NO SCHOOL , Superintendent's Conference Day, Gr. K-5 Parent Conferences |
| 10 | NO SCHOOL —Veterans' Day |
| 14 | 11:30 am Dismissal , Gr. K-5 Parent Conferences |
| 15 | PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| 17 | PTA Movie Night, 6:30 pm |
| 22-24 | Thanksgiving Recess |
| 27 | Classes Resume |



December

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| 6 | Pine Bush Winter Concert, 7:00 pm |
| 6 & 7 | PTA Kids Holiday Craft Fair (Snow date 12/8/16) |
| 25-1/1/18 | Holiday Recess |

January 2018

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| 2 | Classes Resume |
| 10 | PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm |
| 15 | NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| 18 | Kindergarten Information Night (Snow Date: 1/22/18) |
| 19 | PTA Winter Party, 6:00 pm |
| 1/31-2/1/18 | Kindergarten Registration |