



# The RIDGE

September 2016

Dear Pine Ridge Families,

What a pleasure it is to see your children every day! They have allowed me to give high fives and hugs and even play with them on the playground.

Thank you for coming out to learn specifics regarding curriculum and our wonderful teachers. At the K-2 Curriculum Night, you all looked fabulous/studious in the itty bitty chairs. :) I am glad you were able to spend time with our teachers.

Rangers showing: Pride, Respect, and Responsibility is growing rapidly. Students are identifying these Ranger attributes as they move about the building and campus.

Please join us if you can on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM for the PTO meeting where I will give more details about Positive Behavior Intervention Support and how you might use it at home.

As we go deeper into our academic year, I would encourage you to do two things:

Encourage your children to give great effort every day and to understand that if they make a mistake while on the road to learning, it is completely a part of the learning process. Growth mindset is so important for life in general. It is certainly important to separate the child's intelligence from grades! Grades have to do with effort and being smart means you studied, did your best, gave great effort.

- Mistakes are proof that you are trying.
- Its ok not to know, it's not ok not to try.
- If plan A doesn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters to try!

#WEarePR #WinorLearn

Tamasha James



"If we only did things that were easy, we wouldn't actually be learning anything. We'd just be practicing things we already knew."

— David Dockterman

## Coming Up



Sept. 16	Picture Day!!
Sept. 19	Board of Education Meeting EMS, 7:00 PM
Sept. 23	Kindergarten to Klackles Orchard
Sept. 26	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade to FAC - Author Visit
Sept. 29	General PTO Media Center, 9:00 AM

## Looking Ahead



Oct. 5	Student Count Day
Oct. 6	Culver's Night - 5-8:00 PM
Oct. 7	Ranger Rally!
Oct. 10	Title 1 Information Night 6:30 PM - Media Center
Oct. 17	Board of Education Meeting CMS - 7:00 PM
Oct. 21	Picture Retakes
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade at 9:45 AM, Parties to follow Students Dismissed at 11:55 AM



## Principal Text Messages!

How to join "Pine Ridge Remind" -

- Prepare to send a text message
- In the "To" field enter: 81010
- In the "Message" field enter:
- @cf492g



Don't have a smart phone? Go to [rmd.at/cf492g](http://rmd.at/cf492g) on a computer to sign up for email messages.

## School Delays or Closings

When the weather conditions or utility problems dictate a delay of school opening or other changes in the school schedule, local TV stations are notified immediately. District policy requires that when school is closed, all after-school events are also canceled. If we have a two hour delay, school doors open at 10:30 and classes begin at 10:40. All buses run exactly two hours later than normal.



## Transportation

The transportation office works very hard to ensure the safety of your children. If you have a concern their phone number is 493-8785. Their office is open from 6:15

a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Sign-In

ALL visitors to Pine Ridge are required to stop at the Main Office and sign in when they enter the building. This includes ALL parents, volunteers, substitute teachers and service providers. We have sticker badges that are dated and ready to go each day. Please be sure to "grab a badge" and put it on! Thank you for your cooperation.

## Lockdown Drills

Legislation requires that all schools annually conduct three lockdown drills: In situations involving violence and/or shootings, experts believe it is generally safer to keep students locked in classrooms. Teachers, along with Mrs. James, will review the steps to be taken in a lockdown drill prior to one being held. Lockdown drills are scheduled for the weeks of October 3, November 14, and January 16 at an unannounced time. If you have any questions about this requirement, please contact Mrs. James at 493-8910.



## Medications

If your student may need any medication at school, please make sure that the office has the prescription in its original container as well as the required medication form.

## Attendance



**Please** remember to call the attendance line anytime your student will be absent or even late. We spend a lot of time checking on students who are not in class and that have not been excused. Call the attendance line anytime day or night to report an absence or tardiness. 493-8916

### Notice of Nondiscrimination Policy

Forest Hills Public Schools is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, height, weight, marital status, genetic information, or any legally protected characteristic in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities. Any questions concerning compliance issues with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, including athletic issues, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, or inquiries related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap, should be directed to:

Christine Annese, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

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Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
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# *The Art Corner*

## **Welcome Back!**

After weeks of preparation the school year is finally under way. Supplies are purchased and stored, the Art Room has been deep-cleaned by our amazing custodial staff, signage updated, lesson plans critiqued, etc., etc. The first week with students is dedicated to making portfolios and name cards. Even more importantly, we review the guidelines and expectations for both Pine Ridge and the Art Room. This week began the first real assignments. Here's what to expect this year:

## **Original Works**

Every year we participate in a fund raiser with a company called Original Works. Simply put, they can take your child's artwork and print it on almost anything, from a t-shirt to a coffee cup to a mouse pad. These are very popular as holiday gifts. In order to get them back in time the artwork must be done ASAP at the beginning of our year.



**First Grade Original Works project**

## **Shows**

Pine Ridge participates in two Art Shows over the year. Opening night and reception for the **Pine Ridge show** is set for February 28, 2017. Every student in the building participates in this one. It's a lot of fun, with refreshments in the cafeteria and all of our families admiring halls filled to the max with beautiful artwork. Don't miss it!

Student reception for the **FHPS show** will be held on April 20, 6-7:30 PM, at the Fine Arts Center. Space is very limited, so only a few PR students will be entered. If you get an announcement that your child is in the show, be sure and come. The district show hangs for about a month. The precise dates are not available at this time. You can check the FAC website for updates, and I will be sure and post them here when I hear something.

## **Featured Artist**

We will once again have the Featured Artist program in operation. From time to time the pictures in the halls and the office are changed. If your child is chosen for exhibit, you will receive a note home and a certificate. We also have a frame at the Administration Building that is included in this program.

## **Reminder**

The Art Room is a dangerous place for clothes! Every student should have their own paint shirt, which is kept in their classroom and brought to Art with them. We prefer not to share Art shirts for health reasons. One of Dad's old t-shirts is perfect.

-Mr. Donohoe