



Pine Trails News

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to March! We have many activities this month and it is also **READING** month. The reading committee has planned several activities for our students all with the point of encouraging our students to read. Having students see you read and reading with them is a great way support a healthy habit. The weather has been problematic but we still are requiring boots and jackets until announced otherwise. Thank you for sending your student prepared for the day. ☺ We are also sending information about the upcoming school election with the renewal of the 18 mills non-homestead and school bond. Please read the information carefully and get all of your questions answered before the May 8th election.

MARCH CALENDAR

March 1st	5th Grade to Grand Rapids Symphony Field Trip 8:25-1:00pm
March 2nd	Professional Staff Development-No Students
March 5-16	4th grade Swimming
March 5-9	Math-A-Thon
March 6th	PAWS Monthly Activity/March is Reading Month Kick off
March 7th	Mrs. Baker & Mrs. Miller and 5th graders to K-Wings
March 11th	Daylight Savings time (Spring Ahead)
March 12th	School Board Meeting at Admin 7:00pm
March 13th	5th Grade Parent Orientation at Middle School 7-8pm
March 15th	Band Fitting 5th Grade 12pm at Pine Trails
March 17th	Happy St. Patrick's Day!
March 17th	Allegan Education Foundation Cash Party at the Silo
March 19th	PTO Meeting 6:30pm With Superintendent Harness concerning Bond
March 19th	Middle School Counselors visit Pine Trails
March 20th	Ukulele Orchestra assembly 8:30 am
March 21st	Muffins for Moms 7 AM Pine Trails Cafeteria
March 22nd	Brainstormers 1pm
March 26-28th	5th Grade Camp
March 27th	Spring Concert PAC Grades 1-4 6:30 PM
March 30th	Career Day
March 30th	Middle School Schedules Due
April 2nd-6th	Spring Break! Returning April 9th

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFO:

On May 8, 2012, the district will be placing two ballot issues before the voting public. Proposal #1 is a renewal of the 18 mills of non-homestead property tax (on businesses, second homes, etc.). Proposal #2 is a bonding issue to raise \$18.5 million to improve facilities, technology, and health & safety district-wide. ***Please read the attached information on what this bonding issue would entail, if passed by the voters.*** Also, if you are not currently registered to vote, you have until Monday, April 9, 2012 to do so. Contact your township clerk or the Michigan Secretary of State office. Due to a change in state law, election of school board members will now take place in November of even numbered years.

Music News!

Pine Trails' 2012 Concert "Pirates All Are We"

Featuring Pine Trail's students

Grades 1st through 4th

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

6:30 pm

Allegan High School Performing Arts Center

Students are encouraged to dress up in pirate garb if they wish

Families can arrive at 6:15 pm so that students can go to their assigned seating areas. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders will sit with their class in the first balcony. Fourth graders will gather in the 2nd balcony. At the conclusion of the concert, fourth grade students will return to the Green Room (signs will direct you). First grades will be next to the wall by the foyer in the lobby. Hoving/Wildeboer students will be next to the wall at the base of the stairs.

Janke/Morgan students will remain on stage.

Kindergarten Registration 2012 - 2013

**ALLEGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Students who will be 5 years old before
December 1, 2012 will be eligible to enroll**

All Elementary buildings will hold

Kindergarten registration in their buildings on

Tuesday, April 10th at 9:30 am

If you are unable to attend the 10th in the morning, there will be an evening session.

Thursday, April 12th (5-7pm)

Allegan High School Media Center

What you will need to bring to Kindergarten Round Up:

- 1. Valid Birth Certificate (not hospital certificate)**
- 2. Immunization Records**
- 3. Proof of Residency (i.e., tax receipt, utility bill with your current address)**
- 4. Vision Test Results**

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Allegan Education Association through its Scholarship Foundation has elected to award scholarship toward Academic and fine arts enrichment opportunities for Allegan Public School students in grades K-8. The

deadline for filing a completed scholarship application packet is April 1, 2012. . Applications are available at each of the Allegan Public elementary buildings and the Middle School Counseling office.

Fifth Grade Field Trip News!

Fifth graders will attend a concert by the Grand Rapids Symphony at DeVos Hall on Thursday, March 1st. Students need to bring a sack lunch or money to purchase a fast food lunch after the concert.

Pine Trails Career Day

Pine Trails Career day is scheduled for Friday, March 30th. There are still openings for presenters. If you are interested in presenting your career to our Pine Trails students, please contact Jennifer Miller at 673-5379 ext. 3113. We appreciate all of the presenters that have committed to the day so far. Our students look forward to hearing about the careers of individuals in our community.

Calling all Talented Pine Trail Students!

Start practicing your act for the *Annual Pine Trails Talent Show*, which is scheduled for the morning of Thursday, May 31st. Tryouts will be held the first week of May during Mrs. Seymour's music and art class times. Mrs. Miller will also be helping. Students must turn in a completed parent permission form in order to try out. Permission forms will be available in April.

New for 2012 if your talent is SINGING then your CD must be a karaoke version. Many karaoke songs can be found online, but don't wait until the last minute. GOOD LUCK!!

PTO DATES THAT RATE

Muffins for Moms, Grandmothers, Aunts March 21 7 a.m.

Donuts for Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles April 18 7 a.m.

Walk-a-Thon May 16 Time TBA

Carnival May 18 Time TBA

5th Grade Salute May 29 Time TBA

We always are in need of people to volunteer for our events, we appreciate your willingness to make these events possible for our children!! If you are interested in volunteering, please email the PTO at

pinetrailspto@alleganps.org

Please make sure that you have filled out a CRC Background Check 3 business days prior to the dates listed above. Did you receive a gift during the holidays or for your birthday that you are not going to use? Would you like to re-gift it to the Pine Trails Raffle Table? If so, please let us know. These items must be new in the box. Students will have the chance to earn raffle tickets based on money raised during the Walk-a-Thon on May 16th. We are also in need of baked goods for the ever popular cake walk!! These may be dropped off the week of May 14th in the school office.

Thank You!

It is the policy of the Allegan Public School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color national origin or ancestry, religion, sex, age, height, weight, marital status, political belief, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and investigate complaints of noncompliance: Superintendent, 550 Fifth Street, Allegan, MI. 49010