

PINEHURST PIPELINE

Pinehurst School District
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"WHEN EDUCATING THE MINDS OF OUR YOUTH WE MUST NOT FORGET TO EDUCATE THEIR HEARTS"
-DALAI LAMA

Smarter Balanced Testing

This month all 3rd—5th grade students will be taking the Smarter Balanced Standardized Test in English language arts and math. All 5th graders must also take the Smarter Balanced science test.

Smarter Balanced Testing is the system that was adopted by the state of Oregon to test of student proficiency in Common Core State Standards. We realize that one standardized test does not tell us accurately what a particular child has learned in a year. It does indicate progress, however, and it reveals areas of relative strength and weakness. The state uses the results of the tests to measure student achievement in the state of Oregon.

It is very important for your child to get plenty of rest and arrive on time during the weeks they will be taking the standardized tests.

At Pinehurst, we will start practice testing on Monday, May 6 and begin the official Smarter Balanced Tests on Monday, May 13. Students will continue working on state testing, each morning, until all students have finished. If your child finishes their tests before other students, they will be given an independent assignment to complete.

If you have any questions or concerns about your student or their performance on the tests, please arrange to talk with Kerry, our district's testing coordinator.



Science Fair

Please join us on Wednesday, May 29 from 2:30-3:30 for our student led Science Fair.

Pinehurst 2nd-5th grade students are working hard on their science projects and will be sharing their findings using interactive stations and hands on demonstrations at the fair. All parents, younger students, siblings and community members are encouraged to attend.



Awards and prizes will be presented to participating students at 3:30.

Teacher Appreciation

In May, we honor teachers nationwide. At Pinehurst, we honor our amazing teaching staff: Kerry, Rebecca, Pearl, Desiree, and John. Thank you for arriving each day with an open heart and treating each student with the utmost respect. We are so grateful to have you. THANK YOU!!

End of the Year Events

It's hard to believe that we have only 26 more days of school! We have a lot to fit in before we say good-bye for the summer. Be on the look out for news about :

- Science Fair
- Family Literacy Night
- A trip to Lava Beds National Park
- Volunteer Thank You Party
- Field Day
- Graduation



There will be a lot of opportunity for parents help with these events. Please stay tuned about dates and times.

Reminders:

- 5/10: Last Scratch Jr. coding workshop
- 5/10: PSF Meeting at 1:00 at the GSI
- 5/13: State Testing Begins
- 5/15: Budget Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5/15: School Board Meeting 8:00 pm
- 5/27: Memorial Day Holiday
- 5/29: Science Fair
- 5/31: Planning Day, No School
- TBD: Lava Beds National Park
- TBD: Family Literacy Night
- 6/5: Volunteer Thank You Party
- 6/10: Field Day
- 6/11: Last Day of School/ Graduation

