



# Piney Ridge Elementary School

**August 2011  
Newsletter**

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IT IS THE MISSION OF PINEY RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO DEVELOP STUDENTS AS THINKERS, PROBLEM-SOLVERS, AND COMMUNICATORS. ALL WILL WORK TO ENSURE MAXIMUM ACHIEVEMENT FOR EVERY CHILD IN ALL CURRICULAR AREAS.

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*Please check the mailing label on the front of this newsletter for the name of your child's teacher.*

Dear Piney Ridge Families,

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over and our students will be returning to us soon. We hope that each of you has had a safe and restful summer with lots of family time. This is our first and most important newsletter of the school year as it contains lots of information to make the beginning of school smooth and stress-free. We hope you will take a few minutes to read it carefully and save it as a reference. It contains your child's teacher on the label as well as information about Back to School Night, Open House, and Kindergarten and New Student Orientations.

We are pleased to welcome several new staff members; Mrs. Judy Reed (Grade 1), Mrs. Beth Robert (part time resource), Mrs. Melissa Baccula (part time speech/lang.) and Mr. Garry Warner (custodian).

We are sad to say goodbye to the following staff members: Mrs. Debbie Winson, who was promoted to Assistant Principal at Hampstead Elementary, Mrs. Chris Holmes-Forshee who transferred to another school, Mrs. Debbie Fournier, who transferred to another school, and Mrs. Teresa Walking, who remains on leave of absence. We will miss them and wish them much success in their new positions. Two of our staff members have changed grade levels: Mrs. Baldwin (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Mr. Fosnot (4<sup>th</sup>).

Our clerical, custodial and maintenance staffs have been working hard over the summer to prepare our school for the arrival of almost 600 students. The building is shiny and clean and we are looking forward to another successful school year. We hope you will continue to be involved in our school through our PTA or our Volunteer Program. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, concerns, or affirmations. We anxiously look forward to the first day of school on August 30th.

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## AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August 24

**Volunteer Training 5:15-5:45pm**

### **Back to School Night (Parents Only)**

\*Parking is available in St. Joe's parking lot and a shuttle will be running from 5:00-9:00pm

**6:00-7:00pm Grades 3, 4, 5**

**7:00-7:30pm Band Meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents**

**7:30-8:30pm Grades 1 and 2**

### August 29

### **Kindergarten Orientation 1:30-3:00pm (Cafeteria)**

\*Please make sure that your child wears his/her name tag. You may bring your child's supplies.

### **New Student Orientation & Tours**

2:00-3:00pm (Media Center)

### **Open House-Meet Your Teacher**

3:00-3:30pm

### **PTA Social**

3:30-4:00pm (Playground Area)

### August 30

1<sup>st</sup> Day of School for all Students

## SCHOOL HOURS

**The regular school day is 9:00-3:30pm.**

- Students should arrive at school between **8:30-8:45AM**. There is **NO** supervision before **8:30 AM**.
- Announcements will be at **8:55 AM**.
- Instruction will begin at **9:00 AM**.

The parking lot will not open for **car riders** until **8:35 AM**. Please do not block traffic on Freedom Avenue.

Parent pickup and walkers will be dismissed at **3:30 PM**. Unless it is an emergency, please do not ask to get your child from class before **3:30 PM**. Instructional time and announcements may be missed.

**Students who are car riders at the end of the day must bring a note in the morning from a parent or guardian. The note must include the name of the person who will be picking up the child. All persons picking up children should be prepared to show ID.**

### School Lunch Menu for August (\$2.00 for Students)

#### August 30

Hamburger or Cheeseburger  
on a Roll  
French Fries  
Green Beans  
Watermelon

#### August 31

Chicken Nuggets  
w/ Choice of Sauces  
Baked Beans  
Roll  
Fresh Veggies w/Dip  
Cantaloupe



All students are provided bus transportation. We strongly encourage parents to make use of this service, as it is the safest way to get students to and from school. The bus routes will be published in the Carroll County Times on **August 23rd**.

**CCPS policy EEAC** limits each child to (1) morning and (1) afternoon bus route. Children are not permitted to ride another bus to and from school except in **extreme** emergencies. Should an emergency arise, all changes must be approved by an administrator.

**Parents Responsibility:** Be certain that your children arrive at the bus stop on time and are dressed properly for weather and safety conditions. Help your children develop a safe walking route to and from the bus stop. Encourage your children to obey all traffic rules, signs and signals. The best instruction is often a good example. Accept responsibility for the proper conduct of your children before they board the bus and after they are discharged. Make every effort to cooperate with those who have the important job of getting your child to and from school safely. Remind your child to walk ten feet in front of the bus and to look both ways when crossing. Help your children have a safe day.

### EMERGENCY CARDS

Your child will be bringing home ONE emergency card on the first day of school. It is extremely important that you return a fully completed card the next day. We depend on this information to contact you regarding your child. Keep in mind that throughout the year, if you should happen to change jobs, get a new address or phone number, you need to inform the office staff in writing. We want to be confident that we can contact you in case of an emergency. **NOTE:** Only the custodial parent/guardian can sign the emergency card.

### STUDENT HANDBOOKS

The Piney Ridge Elementary Student Handbook will be in the agenda books for grades 1-5. Kindergarten students will receive a printed copy. The county handbook is available online at <http://www.carrollk12.org>. Please read the handbook as it will prove to be an informative resource for you throughout the school year.

### MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

Our September Newsletter will go out on September 1st. Each family will receive a printed paper copy this month only. Our monthly newsletter will be posted on our website [www.carrollk12.org/pre](http://www.carrollk12.org/pre) for all students. Watch for them at the beginning of each month. The next newsletter will be available on the website the beginning of September. Printed copies will only be sent home if requested.

### MEDICATION REMINDER

Please remember no student is allowed to bring medication to school. A parent must bring and pickup medication from school. This information is in the student handbook and on the Emergency Procedure card.

All medication must have a permission form signed by a parent. A physician's signature is needed for all medication (cold, Benadryl, allergy medication) except Tylenol or Advil in age appropriate doses (generic is allowed). Any questions please contact Mrs. Yetman, the School Nurse.



### CONSENT AND RELEASE

#### Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video, a photograph, or the school website, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

#### Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites or in publications unless such notification is received. 7/8/09

### SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School supply lists for all grades are available throughout various stores in Carroll County including Walmart, K-Mart, Target, Office Depot, Walgreens, Staples, Learning How and the school website [www.carrollk12.org/pre](http://www.carrollk12.org/pre)



#### Back to School Social

Join your Dalmatian friends at Piney Ridge on Monday, August 29th from 3:30 - 4:00p.m. for our Back to School Social.

**Please bring a goodie to share!**

Drinks will be provided.

See you at the playground!

# PINEY RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

One of the most challenging things for students the first week of school is managing and remembering their transportation arrangements to and from school. It is very helpful that from the very first day, your child get used to the bus he/she will be riding. When students are driven to school for the first few days and then have to switch to riding the bus, it can often create confusion. **We strongly urge that you put your child on the bus from the very first day of school to avoid the confusion.**

To help us have accurate information with regard to your child's transportation arrangements, please get a copy of the Carroll County Times on August 23rd when they run the "Back to School" issue where you will find lists of all the bus stops and bus numbers. It is very important that you figure out the bus stop and bus number prior to the first day of school so that your child feels comfortable and confident in knowing the transportation arrangements.

## **PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY.**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>At dismissal <b><u>on the first day</u></b> of school, my child:</p> <p>_____ should go home on Bus # _____</p> <p>_____ should be dismissed as a parent pick-up student *will be picked up by: _____ _____</p> <p>_____ should be dismissed as a walker</p> <p>_____ should go to ABC Care</p> <p>_____ should go on a Daycare Van</p> <p>Which daycare van: _____</p>	<p>At dismissal <b><u>during the 2011-2012</u></b> school year, my child:</p> <p>_____ should go home on Bus # _____</p> <p>_____ should be dismissed as a parent pick-up student *will be picked up by: _____ _____</p> <p>_____ should be dismissed as a walker</p> <p>_____ should go to ABC Care</p> <p>_____ should go on a Daycare Van</p> <p>Which daycare van: _____</p>
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- ◆ **Parents may select (1) A.M. bus and (1) P.M. bus and must adhere to these choices. (Students will not be given permission to ride another bus to or from school simply by bringing a note to school.) Changes can be made only in cases of emergency or extenuating circumstances and only with the principal's approval.**
- ◆ **FOR SECURITY REASONS, PARENTS WILL NO LONGER BE PERMITTED TO CALL THE SCHOOL TO MAKE TRANSPORTATION CHANGES UNLESS IT IS AN ABSOLUTE EMERGENCY.**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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