Dear Parents and Family Members,

It is hard to believe that we are already eight weeks into the school year. We have many great events we have celebrated such as Open House, All Pro Dad’s breakfast and PTA Bingo Night and we look forward to more upcoming fun. We thank staff, families, community members and PTA members for such a successful opening of the school year.

In October, you will receive progress reports from the iReady reading and math assessments and district progress reports based on the year-long standards. Your children have been working hard at school and there are many ways you can support at home as well. One of the best things you can do is to read with your child. Just like any sport we play, the more we practice, the more success we experience. Along with reading nightly is the opportunity to use the iReady reading and math instructional programs at home. The website is: https://cainc.i-ready.com/ and you can contact your child’s teacher if you are unsure of your child’s log in information.

Here are some additional resources that may guide you as you help your child at home:

**Just Take 20 (JT20)** is a Florida initiative to improve student achievement in reading and literacy by recognizing that literacy begins at home. [http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/just-take-20/families/](http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/just-take-20/families/)

**Just Read, Florida!**

**FloridaStudents.org**, your source for Florida Standards Student Tutorials and Resources
[http://floridastudents.org/](http://floridastudents.org/)

Pinewood supports National Bullying Prevention Month and will be encouraging students to be respectful, responsible, safe, and positive citizens. Here are some resources that you may find useful:

**FLDOE Bullying Prevention**

**PACER**

We thank you for your continued support and appreciate you allowing us to spend our days with your children.

Jennifer Radcliff
Greetings Pinewood Families and Staff!

A full month has already come and gone here at Pinewood Elementary as we are already into October. Time flies when you are diving into learning as all of our great students, teachers and staff are! The PTA has also been very busy, with signing up a ton of new memberships and getting many new volunteers involved. Our school thrives on parent involvement and Pinewood Elementary is second to none when it comes to parents stepping in and volunteering their time and resources. Investing into our children’s lives and in this amazing school yields many, many returns that are beyond measurable. September was filed with some awesome events, like the monthly All Pro Dads breakfast, our first of many planned Family Fun Game Nights and our first Chick Fil A Spirit night. Thank you to everyone who came out to be a part of these fun events. Pinewood Elementary PTA is all about connecting families together while having a great time doing so. We have many more fun-filled family events planned so make sure you are connected to our Facebook page and that you are receiving those PTA text message reminders.

Here are some events we have planned for October:

- October All Pro Dads Breakfast – Thursday October 13
- Chick Fil A Night – Thursday October 20
- PTA Board Meeting – Monday October 26

Another great event we have to look forward to is our annual Square 1 Art project fundraiser! Be on the lookout for a package of information to come home with your child about this. He or she has been busy creating a magnificent piece of art for you to be able to give as gifts to family and friends during the holiday season. It’s a great way to take care of your holiday gift shopping and support the PTA. For any of our fundraisers, 100% of all funds go directly back to our school.

The mission of our PTA at Pinewood Elementary is to:

1) Provide support and to speak on behalf of the children in our school
2) To assist parents in developing skills needed to raise and protect their children
3) To encourage parent and public involvement in our school
4) To foster an atmosphere in which parents and teachers can develop and secure the highest educational advantages for our children.

If you would like to join us please consider coming to our next monthly meeting. Our board is filled with an amazing group of people all focused on the same mission. Also please check out our fantastic website http://pwe.martinschools.org/pages/Pinewood. And check out our Facebook page and “like” us!

Sincerely yours,
Robert Guest
PWE PTA, President 2016-2017
CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to, the following winners of our PTA Membership drawing. These parents joined our PTA in the month of August and were entered for our prize drawings!!!

**Courtney Chastain** - Winner of the Nick Cannon NCredible 1 Bluetooth headphones donated from Radio Shack of Stuart.

**Ashley Nelson** - Winner of a $15 gift card to Lunas Italian Cuisine, Downtown Stuart

**Deena & Jim McGrew** - Winner of a $20 gift card to Zachary’s Cafe, in Wedgewood Commons Plaza

**Cecilia & Candida Mendez** - Winner of Ice Cream for Two at Kilwins, Downtown Stuart

**Chris & Val Thomas** - Winner of 1 annual physical exam with vaccines for a dog or cat donated by Stuart Sound Animal Hospital, 3689 SE Cove Rd, Stuart

It’s never too early to think about holiday shopping! Pinewood PTA is making it a little easier for you by partnering with Square 1 Art to transform your child’s artwork into beautiful keepsakes that will be treasured by your entire family AND benefit our school! Square 1’s products are perfect for any occasion – key chains, coffee mugs, stationery and more! Order forms will be going home with your child in November.
Hello PWE Parents, Families, and Volunteers!

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Volunteer Orientation Breakfast and who have signed up to be a PWE Volunteer! It was so great seeing many new faces and returning volunteers as well. If you haven't signed up yet to volunteer, it isn’t too late! Just contact us or head to the Volunteer Services page on the district website (www.martinschools.org) to fill out your volunteer registration form. It only takes a couple of minutes!

Please remember, if you plan to attend a field trip with your child this year, you must be registered as a level 2 volunteer. If you have any questions regarding volunteering guidelines or registering, please contact us at pwevc1@gmail.com

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

* Glow Stick Dance - Friday, October 28
  If you would like to help at this fun event please let us know!

* Annual Book Fair - Setup and Sales - Friday, October 28th (set-up) and Book Fair Saturday 10/29-Monday 11/7
  We will need volunteers 7:30 am-2:00 pm everyday of book fair, so mark your calendars to see when you can help out.
  This is a fun event for our kids and our volunteers!

* PACK (providing teacher support such as cutting, gluing, stapling etc.)
  Meet every Monday morning at 9 a.m. in the front office conference room.

If you would like to help with any of these events/opportunities, would like to be on the volunteer email list, or have any questions at all, please email us at pwevc1@gmail.com. Get involved and make a difference for your child and for Pinewood!

PWE Volunteer Coordinator
pwevc1@gmail.com

ALL PRO DADS BREAKFAST
October 6th
6:30am
PWE Cafeteria

Keep Up With the PWE PTA on Facebook
www.facebook.com/pages/Pinewood-Elementary-School-PTA/168478699856937
PTA helps parents, students, school, staff and communities work together to share ideas about programs and activities that benefit children. Our PTA provides information and resources that strengthen the connections between children, parents, schools, and the community. Our affiliation with the National PTA also helps us work toward our goal of becoming a FIVE Star School.

Please join by filling out the attached membership form and returning it along with the appropriate membership fee to your child’s teacher. In return, you will receive a personalized PTA membership card for each person that joins.

If you would like more information, please contact the PTA membership Vice Presidents, Shana Bruno or Heather Rogers at pwemembership@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Shana Bruno & Heather Rogers
Pinewood Elementary School PTA

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**Pinewood Elementary 2016-2017 PTA Membership Form**

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**** Make Checks Payable to PWE PTA ****
Don’t’ forget to check out our school website for the latest updates!!

It is our goal to provide our families of Pinewood Elementary School students, an informative place on the Web to learn more about our school. We believe that good communication is a key to our students’ success, and the website is an integral tool that will help us achieve our goals. You’ll find information for parents under Parents or PTA section, so you know how you can make a difference in your child’s education.

Our website is updated frequently to list the latest events and school information. You can view the Back to School Information, School Calendar, Announcements, Newsletters, Frequently Asked Questions and much more.

2016 – 2017 Information on the website

- Supply Lists
- School Calendar – Yearly, Monthly
- Dress Code
- [Type a quote from the document or the summary of an interesting point. You can position the text box anywhere in the document. Use the Drawing Tools tab to change the formatting of the pull quote text box.]
- Student Code of Conduct

You can choose to subscribe to our Internet School Calendar, by clicking on “Subscribe” button on our Monthly Calendar page.

Visit and bookmark us at
http://pwe.martinschools.org

4 C’s: Caring Children Clothing Children

Attention Parents:
Do your children need clothing and you are wondering how you are going to afford it? 4C’s in Stuart has been providing clothing and literacy services to children who need assistance since 1997. Contact Ms. Eva Anderson at (772)219-1595 ext. 112 to obtain a voucher to shop
Also, if you have any clothing to donate please remember we have a 4C’s drop off box out in the parking lot (end of our car line drop off/pick up). The donated clothing is collected by volunteers weekly from 11 donation bins around Martin County schools and then refurbished by volunteers. 4C’s is grateful for any help they can receive in order to help out our community.
KINDERCERTEN
Kindergarten is off to a great start! We love coming to school to learn and have fun! We are still working on being respectful, responsible, safe, and positive at school. These school-wide expectations do not need to end when school ends. Please encourage your child to continue these expectations both in and out of school. We have a lot of fun activities and events coming up soon! Please check your child’s Take Home Binder, Wednesday Folder, PTA website, and other information sent home in order to participate in all the fun! We will be learning about fire safety, during Fire Safety/Prevention Week and we hope to enjoy a visit from the Martin County Fire Department. During the month of October, we will definitely hear all the excitement about Halloween. This is a great opportunity to incorporate learning activities with your child. Count and sort your child’s candy, find letters and sounds on the wrappers, and count how many pieces of candy they received. Here at PWE, kindergarteners will participate in a Book-a-ween Character Parade, more details to come! Kindergarten wants to remind you that learning is always FUN!

SECOND GRADE
Here in second grade we are moving right along...we continue to practice with place value to the hundreds, and also working on our basic math facts. Please continue to point out larger numbers and ask them to add and subtract numbers whenever possible. We have started learning about characters in our stories-what is about them that we like, what they do in their stories, how they act, comparing ourselves to them and noticing how the author creates their character. We are also continuing to write personal narratives focusing in on a specific moment and learning how to add details to make our story interesting! Our Science curriculum focuses on Matter-what is it, where is it...we have been scientists are conducting experiments to test our ideas about matter. In Social Studies, we are learning about our Government and what it is to be a good citizen.

FIRST GRADE
First grade is off to a wonderful start as we have had time to get to know all of our classmates and classroom procedures, and have finished all of our beginning of the year assessments. We now have the opportunity to expand our learning experiences by working in small cooperative groups based on individual levels. In reading, we are continuing to build great reading habits to make us stronger readers and writers. In math, we are continuing to focus on solving addition and subtraction word problems with sums up to 20. Please keep working on recognizing and counting numbers 1-120. After reviewing the applications of our five senses in science, we learned about what a scientist is, what a scientist does, and what tools a scientist can use to conduct observations and perform experiments. We are excited to introduce our upcoming science unit: concepts of matter. Students will use their science skills to investigate solids, liquids, and gases.

THIRD GRADE
It sure has been a busy start to the school year for our third grade students. Our field trips to the Environmental Studies Center were so educational and fun! The students absolutely loved seining in the Indian River Lagoon and collecting specimens. Back in the classroom, we are settling into our new routines and are continuing to develop our growth mindsets. During Readers’ Workshop, we have been learning to ask questions of ourselves while we read. This is so important to fully comprehend what we read. In Writers’ Workshop, students have been writing personal narratives about people and places that matter to them. This has been a hit since there is nothing more they enjoy doing than to talk and write about themselves! In Math, we have been learning about estimating (by rounding numbers) while continuing to sharpen up our basic addition and subtraction facts. Look for teachable moments in your own home lives that require all of these skills. We know that real world experiences are the best teachers!
**Fourth Grade**

Fourth grade has gotten off to a fast and furious start! We are wrapping up our first literacy unit all about characters. The students have been making inferences about characters based on the things they say and do. We have been working on envisioning the story to better understand the choices a character makes. The students have also been focusing on character as they compose their first papers of the school year. They have considered a character’s struggles and motivations as they determine how their character will react to situations. We have completed our first math unit as well: identifying place value, comparing numbers, rounding (estimating) numbers, and adding and subtracting larger numbers. Students also completed their first PBL of the year, “Building Bridges”. Students worked in groups to construct a bridge out of toothpicks. They had specifications as to the construction of the bridge and the goal was to construct the bridge that could hold the most weight. The next unit of math contains a lot of problem solving with the application of all four operations. Quick recall of multiplication facts will increase the odds of success in this and future math units. Please practice multiplication facts with your child on a regular basis. Short, five minute practices can be done in the car, before bedtime, or even during commercials of a favorite television show.

**ART NEWS**

What a great start to the new school year! All students have been busy in the art room. Kindergarten and 1st grade learned about the symbol of the Olympics and made their own printed rings art project. 2nd and 3rd graders also learned about the meaning of the Olympic rings, but used their knowledge of overlapping when drawing while making their version of the rings. 4th grade worked together to make (and still making) their collaborative circle project. It’s coming together in the media center, be sure to check it out. 5th graders spent the first couple weeks preparing and designing their sketchbooks. The entire school is working on the Square 1 projects for the PTA. You will soon receive a packet with their artwork and an order form to purchase items with your child’s art printed on them.

**Fifth Grade**

Believe it or not, the arrival of October means more than pumpkin spiced everything and excessive amounts of sugary treats. Here in 5th grade, we are working hard and learning new skills every day. Due to the amount of information covered in our curriculum this year, it is very important that your child is here every day and ready to learn before 7:40am. DARE has officially kicked off and is going great! Officer Minella is busy teaching students how to resist drugs and alcohol, identify bullying, and be good community role models. Have you asked your child about his or her “Dream Vacation”? Students have worked extremely hard on their PBL’s in STEM block and should be excited to explain their project. Fifth graders are also working hard to analyze literature and find themes throughout their novels. As the year progresses, students will be asked to work more diligently in order to meet expectations for promotion to middle school. Please encourage good work habits in school as well as home.

Thank you for all that you do,
Fifth Grade

**K-Kids Club**

Our first meeting was a success! Our Kiwanis sponsor presented us with a trophy for the Soap Box Derby that we won in the spring. We held our officer elections and are looking forward to planning a great year. This year’s clubs officers are:

- President - Journey Jones
- Vice President - Emily Canales
- Secretary- Eduardo Yanez
- Treasurer- Gisela Lindsey

**MUSIC**

The music program has had a great start this year. We were adopted by the Bruno and Mikati family and we would like to thank them for their generosity. This extra funding enabled us to expand and upgrade the keyboard lab to support our growing class sizes. We have space to add one more keyboard in the lab and we hope to get the funding soon for another expansion. Pinewood had a record setting 89 students audition for the Performing Panthers! 37 students were invited to call backs and the rest were invited to join other youth choirs in our community. In class, we have been focused on improving vocal technique. All students should now know and be able to use both parts of their singing voice. It’s encouraging to see all the students who have improved their singing skills since the beginning of the year. We’re looking forward to another great month in music as we begin diving deeper into the basics of music theory.
Thank you to the following companies for supporting our first PWE PTA Family Bingo Night!

Vakani Orthodontics  
Stuart Ceramics  
Edible Arrangements

Are you a Mom, Dad, Aunt, Uncle, Grandparent, etc that shops online with Amazon? If so, use the following link to select our school as your charity of choice and as you shop, a percentage of your total spent will be deposited to benefit the Pinewood PTA. It’s sometimes the little things in life that can have the biggest impact. Remember once you have selected our school’s PTA as your charity of choice, to always start off your shopping experience with the smile.amazon link. Thank you in advance for taking part in this little step to big accomplishments.  
https://smile.amazon.com/ch/65-0780457
MS. Morris’ Growth Mindset Moment
Did you know there are two types of Mindsets? Which one are you?

- Fixed Mindset, a belief system that suggests that a person has a predetermined amount of intelligence, skills, or talents.
- Growth Mindset, a belief system that suggests that one’s intelligence can be grown or developed with persistence, effort, and a focus on learning.

When we focus on learning we understand that...

Students just aren’t there YET!

After reading the charts above you probably thought about different situations you face daily and how your mindset might change with each. Therefore you have figured out most of us have a combination of both. It is important for us to realize when we have a fixed mindset so we can use strategies to change our mindset to develop our intelligence, skills and talents. **How do we do this?**

Tune in next month and learn how to “Change your words to Change your Mindset”.

ADOPT A CLASS

All classroom adoptions are submitted online through the Education Foundation of Martin County. Please go to the site below to find a listing of all teachers that could benefit from your generosity. Thank you for supporting the children and staff at Pinewood Elementary.

http://www.educationfoundationmc.org/p/272/pinewood#.Vc5FcPlVhBc

The following teachers are out of Field for their ESOL Endorsement. They working on achieving their certification in this area: Stephanie Champion, Diana Kurzmann, Lauren Lacey, Holly McArdle, Lynn Munroe and Dylan Parrish.
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