

PGMS Week of October 7

Home of the Cougars

Mark your Calendars!

Wednesday, October 9

Yom Kippur -No School for Students

Thursday, October 10

PTSA Meeting 6:30 PM in Library

Grade 8 Students: Grade 8 Students that are starting to do Shadow Days at local private schools. These students are eligible for **2 days as excused absences. These are coded as “Work Approved”**. The student must provide documentation that they attended a shadow day. The private schools are usually happy to provide a note for this; this documentation should be given to your child's homeroom teacher.

Grade 6 Students: Please look for information coming home this week regarding the Grade 6 field trip to the National Zoo. The date of this trip is November 25th, the cost will be \$25.00 per student. You can pay for the field trip online beginning Monday, October 7th. You will still need to send your signed permission slip in after paying online. Please see the flyer for more information.

Vision and Hearing Screening: All 8th graders will have their hearing and vision tested during the week of October 14th. This is a free service from Baltimore county. If your student does not pass either test, the Department of Health will send you the report with a request for a follow up by your doctor. I have vouchers for free glasses to those who qualify. If your child wears glasses, please make sure he/she brings them the entire week of October 14th.

If you are a parent of a 6th or 7th grader and would like to have them screened, please send an email to Nurse Rudolf. erudolf@bcps.org

Transportation Updates: Please be assured that we are working daily with BCPS transportation to address issues and concerns. We are aware of our overcrowded buses and are working with transportation to address this specific issue as quickly as possible.

PTSA Upcoming Event: The PTSA has planned a Spirit Night at Chick Fil A on Joppa Road near Perring Parkway for Oct 22 from 5pm – 8pm. Please mark your calendars!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EMERGENCY BUCKETS:

We need flashlights, batteries for the flashlights, white towels and duct tape for our classroom emergency buckets. Donations may be dropped off at the school or sent in with your child. Any donations would be appreciated.



Chaperones will be needed for field trips. Sign up to be a PINE GROVE MIDDLE Volunteer/ Chaperone

Thank you for your interest in volunteering in Baltimore County Public Schools. Our schools depend on volunteers and value their contributions to enhance the programs and services provided for students. Volunteers are important members of Team BCPS and help our staff sustain effective learning environments, chaperone field trips, assist with PTSA events, assist in the library and more. Please visit the BCPS website for volunteer information:

http://www.bcps.org/community/volunteer_info/

Directions for Online School Payments for PGMS Parents

1. Log into BCPS One
2. Click the Online School Payment Tile



3. This will connect to the Baltimore County Online School Payment Page.
4. Click on Middle- Select Pine Grove MS



5. Select the item(s) you wish to purchase.
6. Click add to CART.
7. Click CHECKOUT. First time users will be prompted to create an account and link your students' name to the account. Add all your child(ren) to this account even in other schools. (If you purchase items for your other student from their "web store" you will use this same Online School Payment Account and select their school). After creating an account, you will then select the student for whom you are purchasing item(s)
8. Enter payment information (VISA or MASTERCARD Accepted)
9. Click PLACE YOUR ORDER
10. The sponsor for this item will receive an email that the purchase has been made. (Example- If you purchase a Physical Education Uniform, the teacher will receive an email to give you a new uniform). You will also receive an email with your receipt.

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