



# Patriot Pamphlet

Pine PTO Monthly Newsletter

Dear Pine Families,

Our technology drive is well underway and we have exciting news to share! A very generous family anonymously donated funds to cover all 17 of the LCD projectors on our wish list – thank you!! It's great to be able to use the active boards again!!

Through our fundraising efforts, we have been able to fund a laptop cart which will benefit all Pine students. The cart with 30 laptops is worth approximately \$15,000.

We would like to thank Great Full Gardens for working with us to fundraise for our technology fund. At last month's Mardi Gras celebrity chef night, we were able to raise \$1000 for computers for our school. Special thanks to Cyndi and Juli from Great Full Gardens for the delicious food and help planning, and to our wonderful celebrity chefs, Jake Dalton and Joe Hart to help to make the evening extra fun. Thank you to all who came out to support us!

Here's something to smile about!! For the month of April, for any Pine student, staff, or family member getting braces at Leland Orthodontics, Leland Orthodontics will donate \$500 towards the Pine technology fund! If you have been considering improving your smile, please follow this [link](#) to set up an appointment and mention "Pine Technology" in the comments section or call Dr. Leland's office at [775-900-9070](tel:775-900-9070) to set up a free consultation.

We would still like to fund one more laptop cart in the near future. Stay tuned for information on a fun run on May 19<sup>th</sup>! Save the date!

Thank you for your participation in PTO. We truly appreciate your involvement in any capacity.

## SBAC Testing is Coming Up!

We are in testing season! Remember to get proper rest, eat healthy food, and arrive at school on time. Studying is also important. Follow this link to take the [SBAC Practice Test](#). We wish all students success in their academic endeavors. Parents, if you can spare an hour to help monitor hallways during testing, please follow this [link](#).

## Upcoming Events

**April 17-18**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science SBAC

**April 22-26**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA/Math SBAC

**April 23**

BJ's Fundraiser 4-10pm

**April 29-May 3**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA/Math SBAC

**May 6-10**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA/Math SBAC

Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 8**

Yogurt Beach Fundraiser

**May 10**

Dance 2:15-3:30pm

[Sign up to help](#)

**May 16**

New Student Orientation 6pm

**May 19**

Fun Run 1pm

**May 21**

PTO meeting 1:00pm

Chipotle Fundraiser 4-8pm

**May 27**

Memorial Day – no school

**May 30**

Spring Concert 7pm

**May 31**

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration

[Sign up to help](#)

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Night (by invitation only) 7pm

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Last Day of School and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony (students only)

**July 30 & 31**

Back to School Days



Did you know that Pine dances are LIT? Our next dance is **Friday, May 10th** from 2:15-3:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 or \$4 with 5 Pine Bucks. To sign up to help at the dance, please follow this [link](#). This is the last dance of the year – we need your help to make it great!! Thank you very much to the dance committee for all of your hard work!

### COURSE REQUEST FORMS

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students must complete course request forms for next year's electives by MAY 17<sup>th</sup> so students may be scheduled into appropriate classes. Questions regarding elective options may be directed to Ms. Lujan, Ms. Knowles, or Mrs. Knecht. Students who have not filled out their forms **may not** participate in the fun activities on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Parents, please remember to enroll your students for the 2019-2020 school year! Log in to Infinite Campus Parent Portal and select "Online Registration" on the left side of the page. If you need help with registration, please see Carolina Urizar in the office.*

### SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

Pine Middle School was lauded for their great parent participation in last year's survey and we are hoping to have a LOT of contributors this year, too! Please follow this link <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/6424> and take the school climate survey. We appreciate you taking the time to give feedback. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Knecht. **If we have at least 75% of our families respond, students will earn a FREE DRESS DAY!** The survey closes May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*The 2019-2020 uniform policy passed with 78.7% approval on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The main differences from the current policy are:*

- *Royal blue or black polo shirts for opt-out*
- *Khaki or black pants or shorts or black jeans*

*To view the full policy, follow this [link](#).*

*If you have questions regarding uniforms, please contact Ms. Lee.*

**Your positive action  
combined with positive  
thinking results in success.**

Shiv Khera

## WATCH DOGS NEEDED

Watch DOGs, please feel free to sign up for a day at school! We have many opportunities for you to help. Please contact Mrs. Knecht at [gknecht@washoeschools.net](mailto:gknecht@washoeschools.net) if you are interested in becoming a Watch DOG or to set up a time to come in!



May 31<sup>st</sup> will be a fun day at Pine! 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will have a field day, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will start with a breakfast and then a field trip to Coconut Bowl for go karts, bowling and mini golf. If you would like to be part of the fun, please follow this [link](#) to sign up to help with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade breakfast.

## PTO needs YOU!!

Pine Middle School PTO enhances our students' experience by arranging fun activities for students and fundraising for our school. If you would like to be on the board, help with dances or fundraising, or coordinate student or teacher appreciation, we would LOVE to have you! Contact [pinemspto.com](http://pinemspto.com) or come to the May 21<sup>st</sup> PTO meeting.



### Front Office Request

Our front office blinds could use some updating – does anyone have a contact who could help us out with a deal? Or can you recommend a great place? Email [pinems.pto@gmail.com](mailto:pinems.pto@gmail.com) with suggestions.

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*Remember, all volunteers are required to have [this form](#) on file at the office, and if you plan to volunteer more than four times per month, the school district requires fingerprinting. Follow this link for details on [fingerprinting](#). Thank you for giving your time to make Pine the BEST SCHOOL IN THE UNIVERSE!*

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## PTO Contacts – 3 Ways to Stay Informed!

PTO Email [PineMS.PTO@gmail.com](mailto:PineMS.PTO@gmail.com)

PTO Website <http://pinepto.com/>

PTO Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/413124969118506/>

President: Karen Serink  
Secretary: Theresa Schmauder

Vice President: Hilary Vass  
Treasurer: Constance Davis-Jukes