

# Pinecrest School

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## PINECREST HEADLINES

### Communication from the Head of School – Issue 7, 2017-18 – Wednesday January 3, 2018

Happy New Year! :)

#### News and Notes

We were very excited and honored to be featured in the Nov. 2017 issue of Northern Virginia Magazine in a piece called "Independent Schools Foster Critical Thinking, Creativity & Calm." Our part of the piece is now online at [this link](#).

We also got some press for the ribbon cutting from the [Annandale Blog!](#)

Our next PPF is this Friday, January 5. If you have not signed up yet but wish to order, you can do so [here](#). If you are not sure if you are signed up, please email Ms. Sambro and she can help you.

We are looking for parents to volunteer at Pinecrest for the January – June PPFs. Please sign up at this [link](#). All of the PPF dates are there. Thank you to the parents who have already signed up! **\*\*\*We need one more person for January (this Friday).\*\*\***

Family Bingo Night will take place on Friday, January 19. This is always such a fun family event! You can sign up to attend [here](#). Registration is also accepted at the door but we prefer to know in advance for planning. Hope to see many families there. (This is the first of two Family Bingo Nights we are having this school year; the second one is in May.)

Our next open house for prospective families is Saturday, January 20, from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We look forward to welcoming more prospective families to our school and showing off our new campus! Please consider sharing this with friends, family or neighbors who may be interested. The best form of promotion is word-of-mouth. We will have a Facebook graphic to share when it gets closer.

Monday, January 22, is Pinecrest's next fundraising night at Ledo Pizza in Falls Church. We hope you'll consider joining us on the dining room side or for take-out anytime from 5-10 p.m. Pinecrest will receive a percentage of the profits from that evening (from both dine-in and take-out); please mention Pinecrest School to your server or the cashier. The Ledo atmosphere is very kid-friendly, the prices are affordable, and our Pinecrest evenings there are usually a lot of fun!

Thanks to all who came to our last Ledo Pizza fundraising night in November – we earned \$448.22!

Thanks to all who used our code with Minted in November for cards or photo gifts. We were notified that we will be receiving a check this month for \$163.00!

As part of our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we are collecting 60 reasons why we love Pinecrest School all throughout this school year! You and/or your child(ren) can submit responses [here](#).

Faculty and staff members engage in regular professional development throughout the year. In November, the teachers and I had a book discussion about an excellent book we have been reading called The Gift of Failure by Jessica Lahey. We highly, highly recommend this book for all parents. I am currently in talks with the author about possibly hosting her for a presentation here – or working with another school to co-host her. I also would like to do a parent book discussion group with the book this winter or spring. More details to follow!

If you read this newsletter and respond by email by Friday morning at 10 a.m., you will be entered in a drawing to win a "retro" Pinecrest shirt for your child (or maybe you!).

#### Camp – Pinecrest Pavilion

Thanks to all who participated in our winter break camp!

Mrs. Perricone is in the process of planning for summer camp! We are running 9 weeks of camp this summer beginning Monday, June 18 and ending Friday, August 17.

Summer information will be distributed by email and on our website towards the end of January. Our registration timeline is as follows:

Monday, February 5 – registration begins for current school families with a special password

Friday, February 9 – registration begins for past camp families with a special password

Wednesday, February 14 – registration begins for the general public (no password needed)

If you have friends or family who are interested in our summer camp (again, word-of-mouth is the best form of promotion, and we always appreciate you talking us up!), please send their email addresses to me. We can add them to our camp Google Groups list so they will get the information when everyone else does.

We will also be offering spring break care from Monday-Friday, March 26-30. More details will follow as it gets closer.

## FYI

Whenever there are relevant speakers or programs coming to our area (or accessible online), we often share that information if we think the message is a match with the Pinecrest School message and philosophy and/or we think parents might be interested in attending and/or participating. To that end, I want to share this as FYI:

**Help Your Child with ADHD and Yourself - Fresh Approaches to Better Parenting:** In this interactive session, you will explore key themes that arise for parents of children with ADHD and use coaching strategies to identify ways to strengthen your approach to parenting. You will gain insight into your own parenting style, and see new possibilities for bringing more ease and satisfaction into your and your kids' lives.

*When:* Tuesday January 9th 7:00-8:30 p.m.

*Where:* The Sycamore School, 4600 N. Fairfax Drive Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203

*Parking:* Our building shares a parking lot with the Holiday Inn. Enter using the Holiday Inn gated entrance on Fairfax Drive. You'll take a parking ticket and we'll validate your ticket.

*RSVP:* This lecture is open to the public. Click here to [REGISTER](#).

## Photos

Album and videos:

[Ribbon Cutting Photo Album](#)

[Video - Welcome, Pause Plus Five, Supervisor Gross' Remarks, Board Chair Nick Wakeman's Remarks](#)

[Video - Ms.McDermott's Speech - "Five Things That Are True"](#)

[Video - Cutting the Ribbon!](#)

*Thank you to Alice P, Andrea S, Bill H, Gavin B and Scott L for these photos and videos!*

We are also sharing this very cool construction video:

[Construction Video 2016-2017](#)

*Thank you to Past Pinecrest Parent Scott L for creating this for us!*

From Facebook:

Scenes from Our Classrooms: New Student Donors to the Capital Campaign [1/2](#) and [12/15](#), [12/14](#), [12/8](#), [11/19](#) (includes 5th/6th medieval feast!), [11/10](#)

Growing Our School Updates: [First Day Back Together 12/4](#), [Various Moving Prep 12/1](#), [Firsts During Moving 11/21](#), [Moving Weekend #2 11/19](#), [Last Day in 2 Locations 11/17](#), [Moving Weekend #1 11/12](#), [11/10](#)

[Merry Christmas 12/26](#)

[Winter Concert Rehearsal 12/14](#)

[Happy Hanukkah 12/13](#)

[New K-Kids Officers 12/13](#)  
[2nd/3rd Grade Class Presentation 12/9](#)  
[5th/6th Grade Field Trip 12/7](#)  
[First K-Kids Meeting 12/5](#)  
[Ribbon Cutting 12/3](#)  
[Happy Thanksgiving 11/23](#)  
[RunFit Kidz 5K 11/18](#)  
[K Field Trip 11/16](#)  
[Ledo Pizza Fundraising Night 11/14](#)  
[Celebrate Pinecrest Wine Tasting Fundraiser 11/11](#)

### Upcoming Dates

More details will follow soon about upcoming events/activities if not included here.

Monday, January 1	2017-18 Tuition Installment 6 of 10 Due (A \$50 late fee is charged if tuition payment is not received on or by the fifth day of the month.)
Tuesday, January 2	School Resumes
Friday, January 5	Pinecrest Pizza Friday – sign up <a href="#">here</a>
Friday, January 6	Happy Birthday, Ms. Mitlo! :)
Wednesday, January 10	Board of Directors Meeting – 7 p.m. – upper school building
Monday, January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Holiday – No School
Tuesday, January 16	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Sim! :)
Thursday, January 18	K Field Trip – Hidden Pond Nature Center
Friday, January 19	K-6 Quarter 2 Ends (42 days)
Friday, January 19	Grade 5/6 Class Presentation – 9 a.m. – multipurpose room
Friday, January 19	Family Bingo Night – 7-9:30 p.m. – multipurpose room – sign up <a href="#">here</a>
Saturday, January 20	Open House for Prospective Families 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Monday, January 22	K-6 Quarter 3 Begins
Monday, January 22	Ledo Pizza Fundraising Night – 5-10 p.m. – 7510 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church
Wednesday, January 24	K-6 Quarter 2 Report Cards Distributed Via Wednesday Envelopes
Wednesday, January 24	Preschool Mid-Year Narratives Distributed Via Wednesday Envelopes
Friday, January 26	Preschool In-house Field Trip – Kaydee Puppets
Monday, January 29	No School / Care Offered – a sign-up link to follow
	Quarter 3 Faculty Development Time
Tuesday, January 30	Preschool Field Trip – Theatreworks Show at George Mason University
Wednesday, January 31	2018-19 Re-enrollment Forms Distributed

Friday, February 2	Pinecrest Pizza Friday – sign up <a href="#">here</a>
Monday, February 5	Summer Camp Registration Begins for Current School Families
Wednesday, February 7	K Field Trip – Theatreworks Show at George Mason University
Friday, February 9	Grade 4 Class Presentation – 9 a.m. – multipurpose room
Friday, February 9	Summer Camp Registration Begins for Past Camp Families
Sunday, February 11	Open House for Prospective Families – 1-4 p.m.
Monday, February 12	100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School Celebration (date will change if inclement weather)
Wednesday, February 14	Summer Camp Registration Begins for General Public
Thursday, February 15	Board of Directors Meeting – 7 p.m. – upper school building
Monday, February 19	Presidents' Day Holiday – No School

### Calendar Changes / Additions

- *Change:* Friday, December 8 – Grade 2/3 Class Presentation (will not take place Friday, December 1 as originally planned)
- *Change:* Friday, December 8 – December Pinecrest Pizza Friday (will not take place Friday, December 1 as originally planned)
- *New:* Sunday, December 3 – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Pinecrest, 2 p.m.
- *New:* Monday, November 27-Friday, December 1– No School for the move / care offered
- *Change:* Tuesday, November 21 – Thanksgiving Feasts canceled / will not be rescheduled
- *New:* Monday, November 20 – Tuesday, November 21 – No School for the move / care offered

- *New*: Saturday, November 11 – Celebrate Pinecrest Wine Tasting – this is a new event that has been added to the calendar – an adults-only night of fun and fundraising for our school at Total Wine in Alexandria
- *Change*: Friday, October 13 – K-6 Color Run will not take place on October 13; this is going to be rescheduled once we are all back together on one campus; new date TBA

## Celebrations/Appreciations

THANK YOU to everyone who helped us move – what a tremendous outpouring of support and what a difference all of the volunteers made. We are truly so grateful.

Thanks to all who attended our inaugural Celebrate Pinecrest Wine Tasting event on November 11 and also to everyone who bought and promoted raffle ticket sales – the event was great and we appreciate the support. A tip of the hat to Aimee M and Erin J for their organization and effort to make the event happen!

We are grateful to everyone who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on December 3. It was such a special day. What I said is still true – I'll never lose the picture in my heart or mind of so many people joining together to celebrate our school and its future. This is community! Thank you also to those who worked behind the scenes to ensure a successful event: Aimee M, Erin J, Jaime K, Katrina H, Manisha and Sanjay B, Nick W and Somer C!

We so appreciate the many parents who have volunteered for recent field trips! We can't do field trips without you – thank you!!

Kudos to Kelley C for volunteering at our last PPF – such a big help to us to have you here!

Three cheers for Shaun K for taking [this new campus photo](#) – my breath still catches sometimes when I am on Facebook and see this. So beautiful – thank you, Shaun!!

Happy Belated Birthday to Mrs. Giacomani, Ms. Serven and Mrs. Salisbury who celebrated birthdays during winter break! :)

Congratulations to Mrs. Edwards and family on the birth of her first grandchild, a beautiful baby girl named Caroline, on December 21! :)

## 60 Reasons We Love Pinecrest

#3: "I love Pinecrest because I have awesome friends there. I also have nice teachers." (current student)

#60NeverLookedSoGood #ThisIsCommunity :)

(You and/or your child(ren) can submit responses [here](#).)

## Piece of Light

I use this space to share articles or pieces that I love or that I feel are thought-provoking, valuable or useful – or some combination of all of those factors.

[When a Child has to be FIRST or be BEST at Everything - by Dr. Rene/Parenting Playgroups](#)