

Pinecrest School

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PINECREST HEADLINES

Communication from the Head of School – Issue 18, 2017-18 – Wednesday May 30, 2018

Preschool Year-end Reminder

The last day of school, before-care, and after-care for all preschool students is Friday, June 1.

On Friday, June 1, at 11:15 a.m., there will be a Preschool Ceremony. The ceremony will be in the multipurpose room and it should last about 45 minutes. Parents and family are invited to attend. Please remember to be a good neighbor and park only on Pinecrest School property.

There is preschool after-care as usual until 6 p.m. if needed on Friday, June 1. (This is also [the last Pinecrest Pizza Friday.](#))

K-6 Year-end Reminder

Last Full Day of School for K-6: Tuesday, June 5

(K-6 report cards will come home via backpack on this day. Summer reading information will be included in report card envelopes for rising 2nd-6th grade returning students.)

Last Day of K-6 After-care: Tuesday, June 5, **until 5 p.m.**

Last Day of K-6 Before-care: Wednesday, June 6

K-6 Spring Concert & Sixth Grade Graduation: Tuesday, June 5 – 6 p.m. – same location as our winter concert (Annandale United Methodist Church on Columbia Pike in Annandale) – the expectation is that all K-6 students will attend this, and families and friends are welcome! Dress is “concert attire” please (this means dressing a little nicer than we usually dress because it’s a special occasion).

Last Day of School / K-6 Field Day: Wednesday, June 6 – 8:35 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. – this is a half day for all students, and no after-care is available – the expectation is that all students will attend Field Day *(Remember, if your child needs a color shirt you do not have, let Ms. McDermott know – there is likely a “retro” Pinecrest shirt s/he can have!)*

If your child(ren) will not be participating in either the concert or Field Day, please let us know as soon as possible.

News and Notes

Pinecrest School is now on Instagram! Follow us at @Pinecrest1957.

The last Pinecrest Pizza Friday (PPF) is this Friday, June 1. Remember, the sign-up link closes at 2PM the day before: <https://fs9.formsite.com/pinecrest/PPF/index.html>

Thanks to everyone who came to our recent Chipotle fundraiser – we earned \$380.70!

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations for our big K-Kids food drive! We are packing the meals this afternoon. Additionally, thanks to everyone for being flexible and open about the Kiwanis filming and photography taking place today. It has been a fun and unique day with more to come this afternoon at the K-Kids project. I think the students in K-Kids had a great time being photographed with the Read and Lead books.

K-6 Field Day is on Wednesday, June 6. This is a GREAT day! This is the last day of school with 12:05 p.m. dismissal for all and there is no after-care afterwards. (We will have before-care that morning as usual.) Thank you to the parents who have signed up to help at Field Day! We could not run this event without you.

Join us after K-6 Field Day for an end of year celebration at Glory Days in Barcroft Plaza on Columbia Pike in Falls Church! This is a chance to come together with friends and family to celebrate a great year in community at Pinecrest! Be sure to save your itemized receipts (these are the receipts that list all of your purchases, not the credit card slip you sign) and submit them after your meal for our fundraiser. (Pinecrest receives 10% back from your entire order at Glory Days through June 6.) Support our school while we celebrate the end of the school year with friends - WIN-WIN! We hope to see you there starting at 12:15!

When you dine at any Glory Days Grill location between now and June 6, Glory Days will contribute 10 percent of the total food and beverages purchased to Pinecrest. You must ask your server for the itemized copy of your receipt (not the credit card receipt - the one that shows all the items that you purchased) and then submit that receipt to Pinecrest. We do need the actual receipt (scans not accepted). You can find a Glory Days location [here](#). The closest one to Pinecrest is a new one that just opened [on Columbia Pike in Falls Church!](#) A flyer on this went home recently in Wednesday Envelopes. Please share this with local family, friends and neighbors who may patronize Glory Days and also want to support Pinecrest. You can also share it on Facebook [here](#).

Our Pinecrest Run Club will be running as a group at a local 5K in June. A couple of families have asked us which one so they can also participate. Here are all of the details: Sun., June 10, 8AM start time, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035. Each family is responsible for registering its own participants at [this link](#). Additional race details can be found [here](#). More details will follow about the Pinecrest plan to meet up etc. If you register, please let me know.

Our recent experience with moving inspired us to create an [Amazon Wish List](#) for anyone who is so inclined. Any items purchased from the list would be tax-deductible donations to our school. The list will be updated regularly as different needs and wants arise. Thank you to those who have already sent us gifts!

As part of our 60th 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](#). Thanks to the responses we have already - it is awesome to read through them.

Our Annual Fund Campaign is in progress and will go through August 31, 2018. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 and achieve 100% current parent and staff participation, although we have many alumni families and grandparents who give generously each year as well. All independent schools and non-profits run annual fund campaigns each year. You can donate online [here](#). The importance of Pinecrest Annual Fund cannot be overstated; it helps us close the gap between tuition and the actual operating costs of the school and is completely separate from the capital campaign which is for the new lower school building. Thank you to the many families and staff who have already given!

June Care

We are offering June care from Monday-Friday, June 11-15. This is part of the period of time between the K-6 last day of school and the first day of summer camp. (Note that there is more of a gap for preschoolers as the preschool last day of school is June 1 and June Care does not begin until June 11. All of these dates were on our original calendar.) The June Care registration link is now open at <https://fs9.formsite.com/pinecrest/junecare2018/index.html>. You can sign up for all 5 days or pick and choose what you need per day. Space is still available.

Summer Camp – Pinecrest Pavilion

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for camp! A mailing will be sent to all families registered for camp prior to June 18.

We are running 9 weeks of camp beginning Monday, June 18 and ending Friday, August 17, and all details are on the website [here](#). Registration is now open to the public with no password needed. The registration link is <https://fs9.formsite.com/pinecrest/summer2018/index.html>.

Please continue to share the information with local friends, family and neighbors (Next Door sites, neighborhood Facebook groups and similar) – in particular [this graphic](#). Word-of-mouth is always our best form of promotion. Thank you in advance.

Photos

From Facebook:

- Scenes from our Classrooms [5/21](#) and [4/23 - 5/14](#)
- [Behind the Scenes - Kiwanis K-Kids Photoshoot 5/30](#)
- [Video - K-6 Concert - Amaris Trio 5/29](#)
- [K-6 Concert - Amaris Trio 5/29](#)
- [Authors' Showcase - 5th/6th Grade 5/24](#)
- [K Field Trip 5/23](#)
- [Authors' Showcase - 4th Grade 5/23](#)
- [K-Kids Officers 2018-19](#)
- [Authors' Showcase - 2nd/3rd Grade 5/22](#)
- [Chipotle Fundraiser 5/21](#)
- [Authors' Showcase - 1st Grade 5/21](#)
- [Spirit Week - Spirit Day 5/18](#)
- [2nd/3rd Grade Field Trip 5/18](#)
- [4th and 5th/6th Grade Field Trip 5/17](#)
- [Spirit Week - Sports Day 5/17](#)
- [Glory Days Flyer](#)

Upcoming Dates

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

Wednesday, May 30	Special K-Kids Service Project at Pinecrest (putting together Power Packs for local hungry kids) – 4-5 p.m. – sign up to attend here
Thursday, May 31	Class of 2018 Challenge Trip with Ms. Mitlo & Ms. McDermott – Aerial Forest Adventure Park at Sandy Spring, Maryland – Use this link to register and pay: Sixth Grade Challenge Form
Thursday, May 31	Grade 1 Field Trip – Udvar Hazy / Air and Space Museum

Friday, June 1	2017-18 Tuition Installment 10 of 10 Due (A \$50 late fee is charged if tuition payment is not received on or by the fifth day of the month.)
Friday, June 1	Preschool Last Day of School, Before-care and After-care

Friday, June 1	Preschool Year-End Ceremony 11:15 a.m.-12:05 p.m. – multipurpose room
Friday, June 1	Preschool Year-End Narratives Distributed Via Backpack
Friday, June 1	Pinecrest Pizza Friday – sign up here
Sunday, June 3	Ice Cream Social – 2-4 p.m. – playground
Monday, June 4	Grade 4-6 Science Fair
Tuesday, June 5	K-6 Last Day After-care – After-care ends at 5 p.m.
Tuesday, June 5	K-6 Quarter 4 Ends (49 days) / K-6 Quarter 4 Report Cards Distributed Via Backpack
Tuesday, June 5	Class of 2018 Clap Out – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 5	K-6 Spring Concert & Grade 6 Graduation – 6 p.m. – Annandale United Methodist Church (same location as Winter Concert in December)
Wednesday, June 6	K-6 Last Day of School & Last Day of Before-care K-6 Half Day – 12:05 p.m. Dismissal / No after-care
Wednesday, June 6	K-6 Field Day
Wednesday, June 6	End-of-year Party at Glory Days Grill, 6341 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041 – starting at 12:15 p.m.
Thursday-Friday, June 7-8	Faculty Workdays / no care
Monday-Friday, June 11-15	June Care – sign up here
Monday, June 18	Summer Camp Begins and runs until Friday, August 17 (9 weeks) – space still available in many great classes – all details here

Calendar Changes / Additions

- *Change:* Saturday, May 19 – Bingo Night canceled
- *New:* Friday afternoon, May 4 – K-6 Color Run
- *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

60 Reasons We Love Pinecrest

#22: "I love Pinecrest because my kids are smiling and happy every morning on their way to school!" –current parent

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

FYI – Upcoming Parent Programs

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 these upcoming events as FYI:

An Evening With Jen Cort (clinical social worker & former middle school principal): It's Not Your Imagination, Kids are Different Now!

Wednesday, June 6, 7-9PM

John Calvin Presbyterian Church on Columbia Pike in Annandale

Presented by MSNV

Please RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4faca2c7-community>

There are many upcoming programs by Dr. Rene/Parenting Playgroups on relevant topics such as talking to children about school shootings, children's anxiety, physical and social aggression, positive discipline and more. All details are at [this link](#).

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.

[Six Words You Should Say Today](#) by Rachel Macy Stafford

(from The Huffington Post on September 11, 2013)