

# PINECREST HEADLINES

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## *News and Notes*

Yesterday we celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school! K-5 classes got together for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 100 penny relay race with all pennies being donated to Pennies for Patients afterwards. It is a fun activity that also provides great exercise and community-building. Congratulations to the students on the winning team – Christine Castro and Kevin Muir (5<sup>th</sup> grade); Molly Allis (4<sup>th</sup> grade); Scott Becker and Anna Ngo (2<sup>nd</sup> grade); Anastasia Jakub and Owen Treharne (1<sup>st</sup> grade); and Eli Burke, Tyler Kim, Gerik Trevisan and Aleyna Yozgat (K) – and thank you to all for good sportsmanship and teamwork!

Date change: K-5 Pennies for Patients began yesterday, and will run until Friday, March 7. This is a community service outreach with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The goal of this program is to teach children the value of helping others in a way where they can contribute – their own pennies as a tangible gift. This is truly a children-helping-children effort as all of the money raised goes directly to local children battling leukemia and to cancer research. There is a collection box in each classroom for any funds your child(ren) and family want to donate. Although it's called Pennies for Patients, donations in all forms are accepted.

In the interim office transition, Mrs. Paula O'Grady (parent of Freya, Preschool 4, and James, 2nd/3rd grade) and Ms. Karen Tamayo (alumni parent and former Board member) will be helping out in the office. On most days, Mrs. O'Grady will be in until 12 noon, and Ms. Tamayo will be in from 12 until 3-3:30 p.m. Thank you to both Mrs. O'Grady and Ms. Tamayo for their assistance and energy during this time!

The second, third, fourth and fifth graders, along with Ms. Bleggi, Mrs. O'Hara, and Mrs. Hodgkins, went to the National Cathedral last Monday for a "stories and symbols" art field trip. Thank you to Susan Akers (parent of Ellie Hohenstein, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Karen Dabney (parent of Maggie, 5<sup>th</sup> grade), Kathy Ginsberg (parent of Max, 4<sup>th</sup> grade), Monique Nguyen (parent of Kaitlyn & Angelyn, 5<sup>th</sup> grade & K) and Val Treharne (parent of Jonny & Owen, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade & 1<sup>st</sup> grade) for attending the trip and driving!

Mrs. Ferrier attended a "puppet play" workshop on February 11 at Wolf Trap.

Mrs. Hodgkins and the fifth graders will go to the Freer Gallery of the Smithsonian on Tuesday for a field trip.

The week of March 10-14 will be our annual Spirit Week! Each day will be a different theme, and children and staff can dress as desired for each theme, i.e. Pajama Day, where we all wear our pajamas to school! Here are the themes:

Mon., March 10 – Pinecrest Spirit Day – wear your school spirit wear and/or Pinecrest's colors (blue/yellow)

Tues., March 11 – Caribbean/Tropical Day – dress in appropriate Caribbean/tropical-themed clothes and/or accessories!

Wed., March 12 – Class Dress-Alike Day – teachers and students decide their own class theme and dress accordingly

Thurs., March 13 – Sports Attire/Team Day – represent your favorite sport(s) and/or team(s) with your clothing and/or accessories. Hats are okay on this day!

Fri., March 14 – Pajamas Day – appropriate pajamas/slippers welcome; shoes must be worn to/from school and for recess

## *Auction Update*

Invitations to Pinecrest's fabulous Golden Gala Auction will be arriving in your home mailboxes soon. Don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5, and reserve your babysitters! This is an adults-only evening of fun and fundraising to benefit our school community. To make the auction as successful as possible for the school, and for the benefit of our children, we need every family's help. If you haven't yet considered what your family might donate to the auction, please try to do so by the end of February. (You can pick up more donation forms in office and also return

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completed donation forms to the office or through your child's Wednesday Envelope or backpack.) You may also buy an ad for the catalog to advertise your business, thank your child's teacher(s), or print a special message from your child. The Auction Committee and I look forward to seeing everyone on April 5! Please feel free to invite grandparents, friends or neighbors too for what will be a great evening.



## Pinecrest Summer Pavilion

There are 120 Pinecrest Summer Pavilion campers as of today! The following classes have already been closed due to full enrollment: Week 3 (a.m.) – Kids' Café; Week 6 (p.m.) – Baker's Dozen; and Week 8 (p.m.) – Webkinz Wonderland. Mrs. Hartzler and I strongly encourage you to register as soon as possible to be sure your child can take the classes in which s/he is most interested. Although only three are full, many other classes are very close to capacity. Please email Mrs. Hartzler ([summercamp@pinecrestschool.org](mailto:summercamp@pinecrestschool.org)) if you are interested in a closed class or to check the status of a class. Your name will be placed on a waiting list, and, depending on how many people are interested, future sections of the same class could be added.



## Upcoming Dates

Fri., Feb. 22	First Grade Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building
Tues., Feb. 26	Fifth Grade Field Trip – Freer Gallery at the Smithsonian
Fri., Feb. 29	Auction items and donation forms due
Sat., March 1	Open House for prospective families – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Mon., March 3	Dr. Seuss's Birthday (March 2) / Read Across Pinecrest Celebration
Fri., March 7	Fifth Grade Assembly – 9:15 a.m. – multipurpose room, newer building
Mon.-Fri., March 10-14	Spirit Week
Mon.-Fri., March 17-21	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
Mon., March 24	School Resumes

## Celebrations/Appreciations

A round of applause for Val Treharne who spent the day at Pinecrest last Wednesday photographing the children for our Auction Birthday Photos! More details about this will be made available when it is closer to the auction. The photos are truly brilliant though – wait until you see them! Thanks also to Vicky Carmody (parent of Brooke, 1<sup>st</sup> grade), Paula O'Grady and Sherry Nicewonder (parent of Nicholas Ozioli, 1<sup>st</sup> grade) for assisting with the photo shoot and birthday props!

Another thank you (in advance) to Val Treharne who will join Mrs. Browning on Friday for P.E. classes to teach British playground games!

A tip of the hat to the volunteers at our February open house for prospective families – Susan Cohen (parent of Libby, 5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Agustin Martinez (parent of Claudio, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade).

Thank you to the parents who participated in the classroom Valentine's Day celebrations whether by being here in person or by sending in goodies or other items – we are always heartened by your involvement!

## Thought for the Day

"In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins – not through strength but by perseverance." (H. Jackson Brown)