

February 2012

Pine Hill School

Parent Newsletter

Parent Educator

Greetings to all Parents, Grandparents, Foster Care and relatives;

For the month of February we extend our Valentine's day and wish all previous great leaders of America a Happy Birthday. According to our school schedule we will have a Holiday on "President's Day" on February 20, 2012 and there will be no school on that day.

The highlight of the new month will be the school homecoming which is scheduled for February 4, 2012. We will have a home game with Tse Yi Gai starting at 2:00 pm. The Varsity Boys and Girls will be playing, so come out and support the "Mighty Warriors" game on that day.

The plans for homecoming will start on Monday, January 30, 2012 and end on Saturday February 4, 2012 with a homecoming dance. Parents, please support your children who will be involved and make it fun!

Our Parent center is almost ready to be opened and once all the walk through inspections are made, then we get a green light to move in. Right before occupying the Center, we will have a dedication of prayers and short presentation with a meal to serve. We will keep you informed, parents, so you can come and join us.

The next SAC (School Advisory Committee) meeting has been

scheduled on Wednesday evening on February 8, 2012 at 4:30 in the Library. If the Parent Center is open prior to the meeting we will have the meeting in the new Parent Center. The meeting is open to all parents to attend.

Our next General Parent training will be in on February 15, 2012 on Bullying. We invite all parents to come and learn about bullying and the effects it causes on students who are bullied. Parents and caretakers all need to know the signs and prevention of this chronic emotional hazard. We will send out information and post up posters when the speaker and presenters are confirmed. We also will share the changes the students are encountering such as the new dress code. Parents, we will need your input on this change so we need your involvement and attendance.

We have a new committee that will be serving as planners for the Johnson O'Malley funds and these parents that have been notified to serve are:

Cecelia J. Dooley

Lula Kelhoyouma

Jennie White

Ira Burbank

Sarah Secatero

Once the confirmation to serve is received, a meeting will be

scheduled to start planning and budgeting for the students of Pine Hill.

Some of the students have been coming down with the flu, colds, and illness during this time. Parents, please dress your child in warm clothing during this cold season. Have them wash their hands daily, and not share school essentials such as pencils, scissors, and rulers. If your child is sick and staying home, please contact your child's teacher and request for any homework. Always, bring in notices when your child is sick, especially during testing time.

The Elementary building is currently under renovation and the contractors are doing a good job. The building has been gutted out and roofing will be replaced. We hope to move the elementary students back next school year.

Lastly, we will continue to work with you and share with you all projects we have going for our/your school. Thank you for sharing your child with us and we hope to increase their knowledge and become future leaders.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Gilbert Maria,

Parent Educator

Pine Hill School K-12

MS/HS 1st Semester Recognition of Honors

Our school has been conducting awards day for all students who do well on their semester grades, testing results, and honor where it's due. These presentations of awards are new this year and added to the Student Handbook. The most recent program was on Wednesday, January 25, 2012. There were more students acknowledged and we are all proud of their achievements. Parents continue to support your children and help improve

their skills, talents and learning. Pine Hill School is a great school and we all need to start believing, to further expand our children's knowledge. Remember, it starts from your home! Talk with your child and ask them what do they want to be, or what is their future interest. The opportunity is here now, ask the question and help lead. When we observe the current status of the school, it would be great if we had more local, home grown teachers teach-

ing our children. We lack teachers who come from this community who are bilingual. These are just some professions that might be of interest to some of our students. We hope you are more aware of the functions of Pine Hill School through this Newsletter. Remember, you are always welcome to visit the campus, the classrooms, and speak with our teachers, and administrators, etc.

Gilbert Maria
Parent Educator

Transportation Department

February 14, 2012

Valentine's Day

February 20, 2012

President's Day

February 29, 2012

Leap Day

Important Notice from the Transportation Department; Ms. Pat Nez is the Supervisor for the Transportation personnel, has requested that all parents please be informed that when the rural roads become impassible please bring your children to the highway. Parents, once

again, your assistance and help with the transportation fleet, would be appreciated. We definitely do not want any students missing school. This notice has also been put on the air waves for your information and help.

Gilbert Maria, Parent Educator

Testing Information

Testing for all students will start February 6, 2012 for most of the month. However, how can you help? Parents can help by preparing your children each day with a good breakfast, and plenty of rest. Students should be at school

every day and not miss a single day for the testing, especially when the State Exams start in March 2012. The NWEA Testing is very important and from the results the teachers will know what grade level and if improvements are being

made since school started. If you want more information on this, please come by the library anytime and someone will be able to help explain the NWEA testing.

Gilbert Maria
Parent Educator

English Month Celebration - February 1-29, 2012

OBJECTIVES:

1. To engage students in learning experiences that promote creativity, critical, and divergent thinking;
2. To design opportunities for students to apply, practice, and demonstrate knowledge and skills based on knowledge of learning modalities, style preferences, and intelligences; and
3. To develop students' self-esteem, motivation, character, and sense of civic responsibility.

Employee of the Month - February 2012 *Congratulations!*

*Our February Employee of the Month is:
(drumroll . . .)*

EUGENIA CHARLEY - RN Head Start Staff

As a new staff member, Eugenia is doing quite well in her position as Assistant Teacher. Since our last interview with her, she has received her CDA in Early Education. She likes her job with Ramah Navajo Head Start and has learned a lot since she started with Head Start. She

learned how important it is to work with little children and that we as adults need to be careful how we speak to little children because this is the beginning of their educational development.

She likes all the people she works with and encourages them to continue working together. "Teamwork is what makes things happen" she said.

A leap year consists of 366 days, as opposed to a common year, which has 365 days.

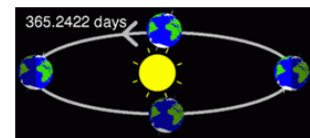
During Leap Years, we add a **Leap Day**, an extra day on February 29. Nearly every 4 years is a Leap Year in our modern **Gregorian Calendar**

Why do we need Leap Years?

Leap Years are needed to keep our calendar in alignment with the Earth's revolutions around the sun.

It takes the Earth approximately 365.242199 days (a tropical year) to circle once around the Sun. However, the Gregorian calendar has only 365 days in a year, so if we didn't add a day on February 29 nearly every 4 years, we would lose almost six hours off our calendar every year. After only 100 years, our calendar would be off by approximately 24 days!

Note: The illustration is not to scale.



(<http://www.timeanddate.com/date/leapyear.html>)

Visit the "Warriors" website
www.phwarriors.cc



Education Is Our Strength

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Our Vision

"To Develop Lifelong Learners To Become Productive Citizens"

Our Mission

"Our Mission is to collaborate with all stakeholders in providing a well rounded education with opportunities that enhances lifelong learning"

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