



MAY 2025

Message from the Principal

Dear Pinewood Family:

Wow! Welcome to May! This is an exciting and busy time of year. I encourage you to look closely at the calendar for special events this month. Even as we are wrapping up the school year, we will continue to have our focus on learning and growing. Teachers will be planning meaningful learning activities, as well as some fun ones, right through the last day of the year. Let's continue to focus on good attendance, respect for self and others, and being on time (8:50 a.m.) to school each day

Upcoming Events-

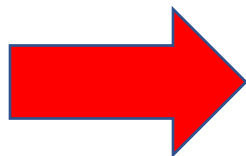
May 2nd - Going the Extra Mile for Pinewood FUN RUN- Details on next pages. Wear Pinewood green!

May 19th- 5th Grade Signing Ceremony at 3:00 p.m. Parents/families of 5th grade students should watch for invitations to our Signing Ceremony. Just as athletes sign letters of intent for their college choices, our students will sign letters of intent to graduate from high school. We hope you will be able to join us at this important event.

May 21th is the last day of school for 2024-2025. We will celebrate all our learning this year.

Thank you! I have truly enjoyed learning and working with you and each of your students this year at Pinewood. I look for our progress to continue through May and into next fall. Please do remind your students to continue following all school rules and demonstrate their best citizenship through May. Excellent citizenship will ensure that the fun events that are planned will be enjoyed by all. Enjoy your summer and keep reading and learning!

Kristi Reinsch



First Day of School 2025-2026

Kdg-Wednesday, August 13, 2025

1st-5th – Thursday August 14, 2025

PreK- Wednesday August 20, 2025



SAVE THE DATE!

THE FIFTH GRADE SIGNING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT PINWOOD ON MAY 19, 2025, AT 3:00 PM. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION SOON!

From the Library

Pinewood library shelves are a little light. Please check around your house for any Pinewood library books. Notices have been sent twice but we are still missing over **150** Library Books! Please ask your Pinewood Panther and help our lost library books find their way home.

Student Dress Code

A reminder as the weather gets warmer that Pinewood is an air-conditioned building, and clothes need to be appropriate for a learning environment as stated in our family handbook. Shorts or skirts may be worn to school but need to be "fingertip" length. Tank tops need to be worn with a shirt under or over them. Students may need to bring a sweater or sweatshirt as the temperature does fluctuate in different areas of the building during the day. Fridays are always Pinewood Spirit Day, and we encourage students to show their pride by wearing a Pinewood shirt or wearing green.

Lost and Found

If your child is missing a jacket, shoes, or maybe a lunchbox, please remind your child to check the school's lost and found, located in the main entry of the school. The lost and found bin is under the calendar in the lobby. Uncollected items are donated at the end of the school year so please have your child check before May 21, 2025, if you think they may have lost an item.





HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED??

Please be sure that the office has your current address before the last day of school. Correct addresses are **extremely** important for bus routing for the new school year. The district also uses these addresses for very important mailings that happen over the summer months. You will need to provide proof of address for the change to be made.

Not sure if your address is correct? Please contact the school office at **531-299-1940**.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE....

OPS medication policy states no medication can be given at school, even over-the-counter medication, without a licensed health care provider's written order. Please provide the written physician's order and the medication (in the pharmacy labeled container or labeled over-the-counter bottle) to the health office, so we may safely administer the medication to your child. All medications should be picked up by the parents and taken home at the end of the school year.

You may now start scheduling your kindergarten physicals and immunizations. Upon completion, please bring your child's immunization record and physicals to Pinewood Elementary. These are important documents to have on file prior to the first day of kindergarten. If you should have further questions, please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Kroeger at 531-299-1941. Thank you! We can't wait for you to join our Pinewood Panther Kindergarten family!



Omaha Public School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, age, genetic information, citizenship status, or economic status in its programs, activities and employment and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following individual has been designated to address inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Superintendent of Schools, 3215 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE 68131

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Parent Voice Survey

Parents and guardians, please help our district hear your voice. Scan the QR code below or click the link to access the Parent Voice Survey. Your responses are very important.



www.TinyURL.com/OPSParentVoice

LIBRARY NEWS

Pinewood Panthers we are so excited about our summer reading opportunity we couldn't wait to share.

All our Pinewood Panthers will be allowed to check out books to take home and read over the summer. If they finish the book early, they can come up any Wednesday in June between 10:30-12 and exchange them for different books! We are thrilled all our library books will be visiting homes this summer and will share their stories with our Pinewood Families.

Students will bring books back in the fall when we start another Adventure in Learning here at Pinewood. Students who sadly leave Pinewood can return the Pinewood library books to any Omaha Public School and they will be sent back to us.

Please talk with your Pinewood Panther about picking out wonderful books your family can share. All Summer Library Books will be coming home **Monday, May 19th**.





2025 Pinewood Fun Run

Donation Form

Thank you for choosing to help Pinewood by supporting our fundraiser this year! Your donation will motivate students to run a mile around Pinewood. Please fill out the form below and submit payment by sending cash/checks to the school

or using the payment service listed below.

1. What is your name?

2. What is the first and last name of the student(s) you are supporting with your donation?

3. What grade is the student in? If you are not sure, you can skip this question.

- ☐ Kindergarten – Parks
- ☐ Kindergarten - Weiss
- ☐ 1st Grade - Keith
- ☐ 1st Grade - Gutierrez
- ☐ 2nd Grade – Fox
- ☐ 2nd Grade - Kennebeck
- ☐ 3rd Grade – Bradford
- ☐ 3rd Grade - Wolfe
- ☐ 4th Grade –Dugan
- ☐ 4th/5th Grade - Chambers
- ☐ 5th Grade – Human

4. How much would you like to pledge in support of your student for running a mile around Pinewood? _____

5. How do you want to submit your donation?

- ☐ Cash or Check Send to the School
- ☐ Venmo @OmahaPinewoodPTO

6. This event is sponsored by the Pinewood PTO. We work hard to support the students and staff but we need your help to succeed. If you are interested in getting involved with the PTO next year, please provide your contact information below. You can participate as much or as little as your schedule allows. We appreciate any help you can give!!!

Thank you for your support!!

Omaha Community Voices Partnerships

This program brings together providers, parents, and community stakeholders to strengthen early childhood care and education in North and South Omaha. Participants will explore strategies to build meaningful partnerships, access valuable resources, and develop innovative solutions to address local challenges.

This event is open to:

- ✓ Family Child Care Providers
- ✓ Center Owners/Directors
- ✓ Early Childhood Educators
- ✓ Parents
- ✓ Community Stakeholders

We especially welcome those who reside in North or South Omaha and/or Spanish-speaking providers.

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
(Dinner begins at 6:00 PM)

Location: Kids Can
4768 Q Street, Omaha, NE 68117

Dinner, Spanish interpretation, and childcare will be provided.
15 hours of in-service will be awarded.

Please scan the QR code below to confirm your attendance by Friday, May 9, 2025.



Why attend?

This event is an opportunity to collaborate with early childhood professionals, parents, and community stakeholders, ensuring diverse voices contribute to meaningful solutions. You'll gain access to specialized resources designed to address the unique needs of North and South Omaha, enhancing the quality of early childhood care and education.

By joining this solution-focused community, you'll be able to share ideas, overcome challenges, and work together to create a lasting impact for children, families, and early learning environments.

?Questions?

Contact: Tierra Harper
tharper@nebraskaeearly.org

Summer Activities in Omaha

Omaha Public Library (Omahalibrary.org)

Omaha Public Library locations offer a variety of events, resources, and activities (i.e. Storytime) for children of all ages. You can complete a custom search for events by visiting <https://omaha.bibliocommons.com/v2/events>

Omaha Public Library also has Partnership Passes that available for:

- The Durham
- Fontenelle Forest
- Heartland Bike Share
- Kiewit Luminarium
- Lauritzen Gardens
- Omaha Children's Museum
- Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium
- The Rose Theater
- Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum

Please visit <https://omahalibrary.org/discovery-pass/> to learn more.

Reading Challenge to qualify for a prize: <https://omahalibrary.org/reading-challenge/>

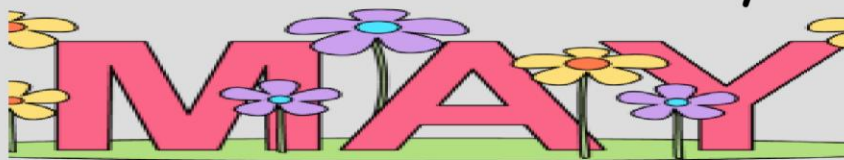
Below is a list of Libraries in our local area:

- Milton R. Abraham Branch, 5111 N 90th St., 402.444.6284
- Benson Branch, 6015 Binney St., 402.444.4846
- Charles B. Washington Brance, 2868 Ames Ave., 402.444.4849
- Florence Brance, 2920 Bondesson St., 402.444.5299

Family Fun in Omaha:

- Follow on Facebook: Family Fun In Omaha, Omaha Events, City of Omaha Parks & Recreation
- Follow 'Learning Express of Omaha' on Facebook, they put out calendars on Facebook monthly for free community events.
- Free Kid's Programs: <https://familyfuninomaha.com/free-kids-programs/>
- Family and kid Programs: <https://theomahamom.com/in-around-omaha/family-summer-bucket-list/>

Pinewood's School as Hub Calendar- Play and Learn



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Play & Learn * 9am-10am*	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Play & Learn 9am-10:30am	9	10
11	12 Family Socialization 3pm-4pm	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Last Day of School	22	24	25
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28 Next Level Learning Starts	29	30	31

Free Early Childhood Program for Families/caregivers of children ages 0-5

Play & Learn/Family Socialization Groups: Parents and caregivers of young children(birth-5)are invited to bring their children to our group to play, read, create, and explore! Parents/caregivers stay with their children to play with all the toys & activities in the Pinewood Panther Den.

Come join us and meet other families at our school.



SUMMER GROUP INFORMATION

Summer Groups starting the Week of June 2nd.

*Tuesday mornings at Pinewood 10am-11:30am

*Wednesday mornings at Mt. View 10am-11:30am

DeeDee Thakolo
Home Visitor

Mary Ellyn Dunn
Family Facilitator

Claire Cordes
Community Facilitator

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1 st grade to Zoo	2 Fun Run! 9:30 Pre K 2:00 2 nd & 3 rd 2:30 4 th & 5 th 3:00 K & 1 st	3
4	5 Volleyball Tech Club	6 LAST TUTORING	7 Rose to 4 th & 5 th VB vs Mountview	8 2:30 PreK celebration	9 Human & Chambers to Luminarium NO Pre K	10
11	12 Choir Tour Tech Club VB Practice	13 5:00 VB at Springville	14 3:00 Sensations Musical	15	16 Field Day	17
18	19 5 th Grade Signing Celebration 3:00	20	21 Last student day! Report cards go home	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	
<p>Have a great</p> 						