

# PINEWOOD POST

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## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Pinewood Families,

Winter Break is fast approaching and soon it will be the end of second quarter. Can you believe it!? Our focus continues to be on high student achievement and having a greater increase of our students reading on or above grade level at the end of the year. Our School Improvement Plan has been posted on our website (<http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/pinewoodES/Pages/Default.aspx>), so please stop by, take a glance and be reminded of our goals for this school year.

Please know that you play a significant role in your child's academic success. Research shows that when families are involved in the school and a strong partnership is developed, there are significant gains in student academic performance and behavior. If you have not taken the opportunity to get involved, it's not too late! Join our PTA, register and volunteer to read with a child. You can also show your support by making sure that your child arrives to school on time and is prepared for learning. Also, making sure that your child is completing their nightly reading homework and tracking the books that they read. Remember, the only way for your child's reading to continually improve is if they are practicing the strategies that they are learning on a daily basis at school and at home.

You are your child's best advocate and we want you to be involved, communicating to your children's teachers regularly, so that each child can make great academic gains this year.

I LOVE THIS SCHOOL,

Natashia Pegram, Principal



## GENIUS HOUR

Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> was our final Genius Hour session for this half of the year. Look out for information after the New Year about another session!

We are so thankful for our wonderful volunteers that led our clubs, as well as our participating families and parents for bringing your scholars every session! We had so many wonderful memories including science projects, harvesting crops, cooking, meditating, learning new sports, playing chess, creating art, and exercising! We were also able to give back to the community with service projects such as: SUMC medal preparation, PB&J's for Urban Ministries, and holiday cards for those serving overseas.

## MAPS TESTING

Students in grades 3-5 will begin MAP testing December 1<sup>st</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in reading and math.

This computerized test lets teachers know how their students are performing compared to other students their age. Results will be sent to parents at the end of testing.

## HOME CONNECTION

Have an extra few minutes during the Winter Break? Here are some websites that are educational and interactive! Check with your child's teacher if they have a special username and password.

<http://solveme.edc.org/>

<http://play.dreambox.com/login/dspq/pinewoodq>

<https://xtramath.org/singin/student>



## PTA

The PTA is holding a basket raffle the on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Three baskets will be raffled off and each ticket is \$5.



## REMINDERS

- ★ **December 3:** Ms. Davenport, Ms. Flye, and Ms. Shah's classes perform at SUMC
- ★ **December 4:** PB&J Service Project 5-6
- ★ **December 4:** Genius Hour 6-7
- ★ **December 11:** Newton Memorial Park Opening Ceremony 11:00 
- ★ **December 11:** Winter Holiday Program (Grades 3-5) 6:00
- ★ **December 18:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Human Timeline
- ★ **December 22-January 2:** NO SCHOOL – Winter Break!

## THANKFUL!

'Tis the season to be thankful and boy does Pinewood have a lot to be thankful for! We have wonderful scholars, staff, families, volunteers, and partners that all work together with a joint mission! We are grateful for everyone working endless hours to prepare for our students and teach our students. We are also grateful for our parents and families, getting the students here on time and ready to learn. Your support is greatly appreciated. We are mostly grateful for our scholars bringing their best every day and working their hardest! Thank you!

## HELP NEEDED

**Interested in volunteering at Pinewood?** There are many opportunities from tutoring, mentoring, working in the office, putting away books in the library, and so on! We are so grateful to our many volunteers! Your first step to becoming a registered volunteer is to visit [www.cmsvolunteers.com](http://www.cmsvolunteers.com) and register! If you are interested, please contact Ms. Trill or Ms. Scianna.