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Principal Jason Starkey

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A Message From the Principal

Hello Pine Lane Families,

I hope that the weather changes are affording you all the opportunity to get out and enjoy the weather and to hunker down and have a good movie day when it turns cold and snowy! This time of year is always interesting here in Colorado and I never know if I should plan a ski day or a day of hiking.

As we wind down the year, we continue to plan and look forward to the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. We will continue our partnership with EL Education, formerly known as Expeditionary Learning, for professional development opportunities for the next year. We are EXTREMELY excited about this partnership and how it has already affected our practices here at Pine Lane!

You may still have some questions around what EL Education is and what it will mean for our students. Here is some information to help build your background around this great approach to learning and what we will continue to focus on next year with our partnership.

This partnership will help our staff continue to dive deeper into items that we are currently working on as a school. Our Building Leadership team has established two long term goals for our school. They are:

- Create a collaborative community among staff, students, and parents to support a positive restorative environment that nurtures a growth mindset and risk taking.
- Our staff will differentiate and collaborate with students to personalize learning through the use of the Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum and best instructional practices.

In order to support this work, we have been partnering with EL Education to come to our school and provide professional development and coaching sessions for our staff around two of their modules. This year, we have focused our learning around Management in the Active Classroom. Next year we will focus our learning on our second module of Assessment in the Daily Classroom while still growing and revising our practices in Management in the Active Classroom ideas and approaches.

These two modules will support our goals in numerous different ways. The Management in the Active Classroom Module has supported our staff to deepen our toolboxes around protocols and approaches to make our classroom and school culture safe, supportive, and inclusive for anyone who walks through our doors. Data has shown that the learning this year has supported growth in our school culture and climate. Like any new initiative, it will continue to take time for us to refine our practices to get to our desired state, but we have noticed great improvements in the area of our classroom and school culture and climate. It is very exciting!

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June 11 - 15, 2018 9:00am - 12:00pm Ages 5 - 13

POWE VOLUM

BOY'S YOUTH RESIDENTIAL CAMP I

July 10 - 12, 2018 Ages 8-13

BOY'S YOUTH RESIDENTIAL CAMP I I

July 29 - 31, 2018 Ages 8-13



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Next year, we will continue to refine these systems while engaging in the Assessment in the Daily Classroom Module. This module will support our staff to dig deeper into partnering with students around their assessment data, their personalized goals and next steps, and to partner with students to ensure the highest quality of work is produced by each student.

We continue to be very excited for this adventure and how it will support our amazing students and staff!

We are almost to the end of our school year and lots of fun things are happening before our last day of school. Stay tuned for more information about these great events!

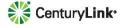
Thank you for your continued partnership and have a great month!

Sincerely, Jason Starkey Principal Pine Lane Elementary School





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Math Masters Competition

I couldn't be more proud of the 25 students who participated in Math Masters this year! What an incredible group of students!

The Math Masters competition was held at Northridge Elementary. Over 100 students competed! Our PLE team has been preparing for the competition since January and it paid off! Today was an AWESOME SHOWING FOR PLE!!! Check out the Results below.

Here is a LINK for photos. I am hopeful you all can access this google photo account.

3rd Place Fact Drill - Porter Otteson

Students on the 2017-18 Math Masters Team

Results for 6th Grade

1st Place Team Round - Team #1 (Graham Blocher, Olivia Heisler, Rachel Bloomfield, and Christian Dudnick)
2nd Place Team Round - Team #2 (Devin Ewald, Porter Otteson, Maddie Romero, Mason Smith, Arjun Tripathi)
1st Place Individual Round - Porter Otteson
3rd Place Individual Round - Graham Blocher
5th Place Individual Round - Devin Ewald
1st Place Fact Drill - Graham Blocher
2nd Place Fact Drill - Arjun Tripathi

Results for 5th Grade

2nd Place Team Round - Team #1 (Kason LeVasseur, Andrew Nohrden, Ryan Rios, Christian Ruiz, Ben Scoville)
5th Place Individual Round - Zach Teafatiller
11th Place Individual Round - Ben Scoville
1st Place Fact Drill - Srinidhi Senthilkumar
3rd Place Fact Drill Kason LeVasseur
7th Place Fact Drill - Sreejan Chinnasamy
10th Place Fact Drill - Jayden Kouts

Thanks, Stephanie Ashworth Kawamura 5/6 Discovery Pine Lane Elementary - North Campus





Destination Imagination

PLE's DI Team Heading to Global Finals!

On Saturday, April 7th, the PLE Destination Imagination team competed in the State tournament. They placed 4th in the Elementary Engineering division which earned them an initiation to compete at the DI Global Finals event! Globals takes place at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where 15,000+ students from over 15 countries showcase their creativity, teamwork and a season-long effort to solve one of six STEAM-based challenges. The team's solution this year included building a 7' tall rocket, using air pressure to simulate an engine failure, soldering LED's for Christmas lights and telling a story of astronauts running into Santa and ruining his present delivery before ultimately helping fix the sleigh and save Christmas.

Best of luck to TEAM JAMS as they resume practice and head to Tennessee to represent PLE and Colorado at the world's largest celebration of creativity!







BEAR CRAWL



Come challenge yourself on the 85 foot military obstacle course!

Only \$15 per racer, all fitness levels are welcome.

(250lb weight limit on inflatable only!!)

Same day registration available, you must be registered by 6pm!

Spectators are free!

Food available, prizes and fun



PAWsitive INFLUENCE AWARD

P**w**sitive Influence Award

Do you know a teacher, staff member or volunteer that has been going above and beyond this school year?

Nominate them for the PAWsitive Influence AWARD! Nominations will be accepted until 04/30/2018. Nominate them here!

Calling all Volunteers

Would you like to get involved and make a difference in your child's education? The Pine Lane PTO has two executive board positions open as well as many volunteer opportunities for the 2018-2019 school year and we are looking for great people like yourself to help us fill those.

Nominations for executive board positions will be accepted until 5/7.

Executive Board Position Nominations and Volunteer Opportunities





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Pine Lane's Rainforest Rescue Carnival







Mrs. Kawamura's and Mrs. Condron's classes are proud to announce Pine Lane's Rainforest Rescue Carnival!

Join us on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 as we play games, laugh a lot, and raise money to support a good cause - THE AMAZON RAINFOREST

Every Pine Lane student can participate in protecting this planet!

• Who? PLE Students, Parents, DCSD Staff

• When? Wednesday, May 9 from 9:45 am - 3:00 pm (teachers sign up online)

• Where? PLE's South Gym

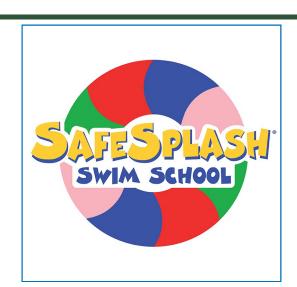
• Why? Students have been learning about issues impacting the health of the Amazon Rainforest. Feeling concerned, the students have decided to make a positive impact. All money raised will be donated to non-profit organizations who support the Amazon Rainforest.

How it works: Tickets will be sold at the rate of 4 for a dollar. Tickets may be purchased the day of the event, but pre-ordering tickets will save you time and allow for more game interaction! A few FREE games will be available. During the carnival, students will be permitted to play games of their choice. Game rates will vary between 1 - 3 tickets. Prizes will be awarded based on winning criteria.

If you would like to pre-order tickets, please print off the form below.

PLE Rainforest Rescue Carnival







Pine Lane Music



Pine Lane Parents for all of your wonderful support of our Pine Lane Music program!

You are much appreciated!

The Music Department is busy this time of the year!

Mixed Choir is busy getting cleaning up notes and words and learning moves for our last two concerts coming up QUICK!! PLEASE make sure your singer comes to school for our rehearsals!

An extra required rehearsal will be Thursday, May 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the North Music Room. Chaperones: we will hold a quick meeting soon ~ I'll be in touch with you!

Auditions have been held for the 6th Grade Talent Show and the Show has been created. Performers and Crew have been notified! We are excited for the show!

Wednesday, May 2: The 6th Grade Talent Show Dress Rehearsal (required for all participants) will be on North Stage and Band Room, from 4:15 - 5:30. Performers wear costumes.

Thursday, May 3: The 6th Grade Talent Show

2:30 p.m.: Stage Crew and Emcees meet on stage at 2:00 p.m., Performers meet in costume in Band Room at 2:10. 6:00 p.m.: Stage Crew and Emcees meet on stage at 5:15 p.m. Performers in costume meet in the Band room at 5:30.

Tuesday, May 8: Pine Lane Mixed Choir Spring Program, North gym, 6:00 p.m. Choir call is at 5:30 in the North Music Room. Concert attire: Choir T-shirt, jeans, athletic shoes, hair off face!

Friday, May 11: Elitch Gardens Music Festival trip - Pine Lane Mixed Choir: Final information coming soon! Concert attire - same as Spring Program!

Tuesday, May 15: End of the year Choir party! 8:00 a.m., North Music room...please send along a snack.

Thank you so much, Pine Lane Parents, for all of your wonderful support of our Music endeavors each year! I appreciate you so very much, love your children, and hope you have a fabulous summer! I look forward to seeing most of you next year!

Yours in music and song, Nini Walker Music Pine Lane

Call To Schedule! (720)851-7069





Health Room Needs

The South health Room is in need of boy's pants.

We could also use girl and boy underwear.

Thank you for any donations you can give us.



Student Safety

Please do not drop off children before 9:00 am as there is limited adult supervision.

We are noticing that a fair number of students are being dropped-off prior to 9:00am and this presents a number of significant safety concerns.

Please feel free to contact our BASE program if you need childcare before school at 303-387-8829.



Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found located in the Cafeteria at South, and in the 6th grade hallway at North, for any jackets, coats, hats, gloves, lunch boxes, boots, etc.

Thank you

Field Trip Updates

This year we are implementing a new Field Trip Procedure. As in previous years all our field trips are still going to be processed online.

However, our deadline to register your students will be 7 days prior to the field trip.

We will no longer accept registrations after the deadline has passed. We want all students to be able to attend so please register your student(s) promptly.



We will be holding registration for students that will be age 5 by Oct. 1st.

Please bring in your child's birth certificate, updated immunization records and proof of residency. Proof of residency will be lease agreement if you are renting and a warranty deed or deed of trust if you own your property.





Save The Date!

Tuesday	May 1st	4th Grade 17 Mile House Field Trip
Thursday	May 3rd	Condron 4/5 – Prairie Canyon Field Trip
Thursday	May 3rd	Talent Show @ North Campus Gym 6-7:30pm
Friday	May 4th	5th Grade Heart Lab DMNS Field Trip
		2nd Grade 17 Mile House Field Trip
Tuesday	May 8th	Mixed Spring Fling Choir Concert in North Gym 6-7pm
Wednesday	May 9th	Discovery Carnival in South Gym 9-4
Friday	May 11th	Choir Field Trip to Elitch Gardens
Friday	May 11th	Bear Crawl 6-8pm
Friday	May 11th	Outstanding Bear Assemblies
Monday	May 14th	Grand Finale Band and Orchestra Concert @ CHS
Tuesday	May 15th	PSA Showcase Molins and Wellen's Classes
Thursday	May 17th	Kindergarten Field Trip to Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
Friday	May 18th	Field Day South Campus a.m.
		North Campus p.m.
Monday	May 21st	6th Grade Breakfast – Information to follow
Tuesday	May 22nd	PreSchool Graduation in South Gym
Wednesday-Friday	May 23rd-25th	6th Grade PLUM Outdoor Ed
Thursday	May 24th	Kindergarten Graduation 10:30-12pm in South Gym
Friday	May 25th	Last Day of School

Jumpstreet Indoor Trampoline Parks Celebrate Kids of All Abilities



April is National Autism Awareness Month but Jumpstreet celebrates kids of all abilities *every month!*

Jumpstreets across the country host a special semi-private event on the first Saturday of every month, including Saturday, April 7. Children with special needs and their siblings are welcome to enjoy the park one hour before it opens to the public. The private hour is from 9am to 10am.

Jumpstreet COO Mark Goldman says,



Families have shared with us that their children with developmental challenges feel more confident in their play when the park is less crowded. We want all our young guests to have fun.

The special admission price for the monthly event is \$8 for kids 5 years old and older and \$4 for ages 4 and younger. The admission is for a two-hour pass.

For more info, please visit GotJump.com.



Did you Know that Pine Lane Elementary has a Mobile app?



Download our Free Mobile App





We are excited to announce that we have a custom mobile app at our school! It's never been easier to access event calendars, class information, lunch menus, bell schedules, district information, fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, and so much more! AND, by installing our app, you will receive important announcements and friendly reminders about what's happening at our school. Search for our school or use these links to download our app today. You'll have a handy icon on your phone and with just a tap or two, you can be connected to our school! Don't forget to accept push notifications so that you receive our text alerts!

Follow us on:







Taking Flight

Get Ready for Middle School!

- Meet Sierra teachers and staff before school starts
- Meet new people and make friends
- Learn how to set goals
- Learn how to log in to and use Google accounts
- Take multiple building tours and play games eliminating the fear of getting lost
- Learn about study habits and organizational strategies for multiple classes
- Learn how to work a combination lock
- Get your schedule early and find your classes!

The transition to middle school can feel scary for kids. After being in elementary school with many of the same students for a number of years, starting middle school with 400 7th graders can be daunting. Taking Flight aims to relieve that anxiety and help students feel comfortable and excited about middle school.

Cost: \$50

Session 1: July 18-20, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Session 2: July 18-20, 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Session 3: July 23-25, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Registration Deadline: July 15, but spots fill up quickly, so register now!



REGISTER NOW!

Register online at: https://dcsdk12.revtrak.net/Sierra-Middle-School/ Click on Registration and then Summer School

Only 100 spots per session, so register today!



Questions? Contact Tamra Maupin at 303-387-3844 or tlmaupin@dcsdk12.org



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