

Middle School Bulletin



October 2015

Upcoming Events

October 12th

Non Uniform Day with a \$5.00 donation.

October 14th

Early Release Day/End of Quarter 1.

October 15th – 16th

No School – Fall Break

October 19th

Annual Fund Kickoff

October 22nd

6th Grade Trip to Schiele Museum

Week of October 26th

Middle School Spirit Week

October 30th

Middle School Dance (6:30 pm – 9:00 pm)

Bright Mentors Program:

The Bright Mentors program at Pine Lake Preparatory helps purposefully pair upper schools student mentors with middle school students. Throughout the year we provide opportunities for them to meet, interact and support each other.

If you feel your child would benefit from this program and an US mentor we ask that you please reach out to Mrs. Tiffany Coscia (MS Counselor) during the month of October.

Patriots Day at PLP

On September 11th, Middle and Upper School students gathered on the turf field to commemorate Patriots Day and to remember the tragedy that took place 14 years ago. In addition to student speeches/contributions by Alexandra Drakeford (8th grade) and Luke White (8th grade), the Pride Singers (US) performed the National Anthem while the Pride Orchestra performed "America the Beautiful."

After a collective moment of silence, students were encouraged to remember those affected by the tragedies that occurred in 2001. A special thanks goes out to the Mooresville Fire Department that participated in the event.

PTO Scripps Program

We are so thankful for the efforts and contributions of the Pine Lake PTO. Through the Teacher Grants Program they have funded numerous teacher resources and growth opportunities, all of which have been made possible through programs like the Father/Daughter Dance, Box Tops for Schools, PLP Family Nights, and Parents Night Out.

This month the PTO has rolled out their latest program – the Scrips Gift Card Program. This is a no cost fundraising program that allows families to raise money for PLP by purchasing gift cards to local restaurants and retailers at face value. When you purchase a gift card

to your favorite store, the PTO will receive a percentage back on the value of that card at no additional or upfront cost to you or the school. To learn more about the Scrips Program or other ways you can support the Pine Lake Preparatory PTO we encourage you to visit their website at: www.PineLakePTO.org.

MS Recycling initiative

The Pine Lake Preparatory recycling club has adopted the Can-Do Recycling Trailer located in the parking lot closest to the Middle School and will be hosting a can drive during the weeks of October 5th and October 12th. The recycling club will be out at the entrance of the parking lot to collect cans from cars but also invite you to send them in with your child any day leading up to October 14th. The goal is to fill the trailer by the end of the month.

Proceeds from the trailer support recycling initiatives and programs at the Middle School. Last year the club helped purchase recycling bins for each classroom in addition to recycling stations in the building. The Can-Do trailer will be on campus for the remainder of the year and we invite you to drop cans in it throughout the year.

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Middle and Upper School students participate in Patriot Day commemoration at Pine Lake Preparatory on September 11th, 2015.



Mission Statement

Pine Lake Preparatory prepares individuals in a nurturing environment for leadership and academic success within the kaleidoscope of an engaging community.

Middle School Spirit Week

On Friday, October 30th the Middle School will hold their annual fall dance. The dance will be from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm in the Athletic and Community Center (ACC). The dance theme is "Magic After Midnight – Halloween" and the dress for the event is casual. Students may wear denim or khaki pants/shorts, athletic pants, casual dresses, tee shirts, polo's, etc. Please note that spaghetti strap shirts/dress and tank tops are not permitted – all tops or dresses must have straps that are at least two inches wide. We encourage all students to join us for a night of fun!

The Middle School student council will host/celebrate Spirit Week during the week of October 26th. Themes and appropriate dress are as follows:

Monday – Heros and Villains

Dress as your favorite "Hero" or "Villain." Please note that masks and face paint are not permitted.

Tuesday – TV Tuesday

Dress as your favorite television character.

Wednesday – Wacky Wednesday

Dress mix-matched and wacky on Wednesday!

Thursday – Throwback Thursday

Students are invited to travel back in time and dress from the decade of their choice (1990's and prior).

Friday – Freedom Friday

Dress in Red, White and Blue as we celebrate Freedom Friday and the United States of America.

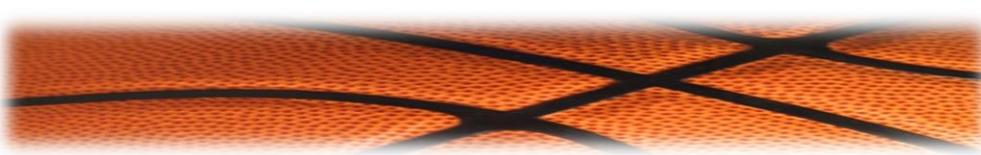
*****Please remember to be respectful of school rules related to dress on "dress down days" - students must adhere to Non-Uniform Guidelines for Dress Down Days. Guidelines can be found in the Uniform Policy at PineLakePrep.org.**

Winter Sports Tryouts – Middle School

As a member of the Piedmont Charter Athletic Conference, Middle School athletics are open to 7th and 8th grade students. During the winter season, the Middle School will field a boy's basketball team, a girl's basketball team and a swim team.

Initial information can be found on the Athletics page of PineLakePrep.org under "News and Updates" – tryouts for winter sports will be held in early November.

For details or questions related to tryouts please contact Mr. Steve Treffiletti at Steve.Treffiletti@PineLakePrep.org or Mr. Brett Hayford at Brett.Hayford@PineLakePrep.org



Davidson Run for Green



Congratulations to PLP students who participated in the Davidson Run for Green 5K on Saturday, September 19th.

Pictured above: Top – Mr. Lecher, Bronson Valley, Matthew Taboada, Nathan Kern, Mr. Mocerì. Bottom – Cassidy Frye, Ashley Jones, Mara Vicario, Benjamin Kern, Lukas Valley, AJ Das, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Kern.

Technology Tips

1.) Checking Your Child's Browsing History – In addition to utilizing the North Carolina Department of Education prescribed web-filters, PLP does its best to monitor the sites accessed by students during the school day; with that said, we still encourage families to check the browsing history of their child's computer regularly. Staff at PLP will never ask your child to delete their browsing history so families should

have access to visited sites.

2.) Care and Maintenance – The students have done a great job taking care of their computers thus far. Of the devices that have needed repair – water damage has been the most common. Please help encourage your student to refrain from eating and drinking while using their device.

Counselor Corner

October is National "Bullying Prevention Month." During the week of October 19th, the Middle School will be engaging in anti-bullying lessons and activities during their advisory period. On Wednesday, October 21st the entire campus will be celebrating Unity Day - United for Kindness, Acceptance and Inclusion. We invite our students to support this cause by wearing orange on October 21st.

The term bully or bullying has taken on many definitions; however, they all surround common themes: intimidating, belittling, embarrassment, repetition and aggression (albeit verbal or physical). At Pine Lake we strive to cultivate an environment that is nurturing, supportive and inclusive and although we cannot prevent every incident, we seek to educate and support our students on the matter. While Middle School students are often not eager to open up about social incidents or problems at school, we encourage you to speak with your child about Bullying Prevention Month in addition to their personal experiences. We also invite you to reach out to the school if we can support or drive a student out of a negative social situation at school.

You may access additional information and resources related to Bullying Prevention Month at – StopBullying.gov.

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