

Pine Crest Elementary



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Principal's Note: Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time when we give thanks for all that we have: the clothes that we wear, the food that we eat, the hugs and smiles we receive from others. Here's a holiday idea. Think of someone you care about who won't be with you on Thanksgiving. If you can, call that person on the phone. Ask what they are most thankful for. It will give them a chance to think about what is good in their life and it will give you a chance to get to know them better. If you can't call, write a letter. If it is someone special who has passed away, write down a list of all the things you appreciated most about that person. Maybe they were funny, or maybe they helped you learn to read. Share your list with someone you love. It will give you both a special chance to think about all the goodness we can be thankful for. This Thanksgiving, be thankful for the good in your life, the good you can share, and the good that is yet to come.

At Pine Crest, we are thankful for you and the amazing children you send our way each day. Enjoy the holiday!

Recess

Pine Crest is in agreement with the Montgomery County School System's policy regarding wellness through nutrition and physical activity and we want to provide our students with daily physical activity—even during the winter months. Midday outdoor physical activity helps prepare students for afternoon learning. Please be sure your child comes to school dressed for outdoor recess. Decisions about outdoor recess are made daily and consideration is given to the age of students, wind chill temperatures, and precipitation.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We are excited to report that we have just sent in our first batch of "box tops". The students and staff have collected 5,250 box tops, earning \$537.60 for our school! Our goal this year is 10,000 box tops. Look for box top coupons on hundreds of your favorite products. Each box top is worth 10 cents for our school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11.28 – 12.2	Pine Crest Book Fair
11.29	Book Fair: Breakfast and Books: 8:15 – 9 a.m.
11.30	Book Fair: Evening Browse: 4 – 8 p.m.
12.7	School Pictures: Make-up Day
12.13	PCES Chorus Concert 7 p.m.
12.22	Grade Five: Imagination Stage Field Trip
12.23	School Holiday Sing 2:15 p.m.
12.26 – 1.2	Winter Holiday
1.3	School Reopens

Stay Connected with MCPS

Want to keep in touch with MCPS this school year? Try these connections:

- ✓ **Alert MCPS**
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/emergency/sources
- ✓ **MCPS for Parents**
www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/parents
- ✓ **Twitter**
<http://twitter.com/mcps>

Save the Date: MSA 2012

March 12, 13: Grade 3 and 4 Reading
March 14, 15: Grade 5 Reading
March 16, 19: Grade 3 and 4 Math
March 20, 21: Grade 5 Math
March 22 – 28: Make-ups