

# Pine Crest Elementary



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## From the Principal

### *Welcome Back*

We are happy to be back in school...and what a great first month it has been! It is the goal of the staff of Pine Crest Elementary School to create an environment of excellence in teaching and learning where students reach high academic standards and learn to be caring and responsible citizens. We are pleased to work with your children, and we strive to provide an atmosphere in which all of our students thrive. We welcome your support and encourage you to be involved in your child(ren)'s education. The elementary years fly by, and you will cherish the memories you make here. We value our partnership with you and hope you have a rewarding school year.

## News from the Cafeteria

### *Welcome Back*

Wholesome and nutritious meals are offered daily in our cafeteria. A variety of items are offered to meet each student's needs and preferences.

Under Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, a student may be entitled to receive menu substitutions or texture modifications under the school lunch program. This entitlement occurs when a doctor determines that a student has a disability which substantially limits one or more major life activities. A signed statement from the student's doctor must verify the existence of the student's disabling condition and an indication that the disability restricts the student's diet. If the disability prevents the student from eating the regular school meals, the doctor must indicate the substitution that should be provided to the student. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please contact the main office at (301) 649-8066 and ask to speak with the cafeteria.

### **Planning Ahead**

#### **Middle School Parent Information Nights**

October 5 Argyle

October 12 Loiderman

October 26 Parkland

*See information mailed home.*

## Listen and Learn

### *A Message From Our Superintendent*

On Monday, September 19, Montgomery County's new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joshua Starr, will be holding a "Listen and Learn" event from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Albert Einstein High School, 11135 Newport Mill Road, Kensington. This event is an opportunity for parents and community members to meet Dr. Starr and to offer their views and perspective on what is working well in MCPS and what the school system can do to improve.

Dr. Starr has a keen interest in hearing directly from parents as he sets his priorities for the school system. This is also an opportunity for parents to learn more about his educational philosophy and leadership style.

I encourage all of you to attend the upcoming "Listen and Learn" event. Childcare and interpretation services will be provided. If you are not able to attend the event on September 19, Dr. Starr will be holding additional meetings throughout the fall. Times and locations are available on the MCPS website at [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9.28** Early Release Day
- 9.29** No School/ Rosh Hashanah
- 10.5** Walk Your Child to School Day
- 10.7** Grade 4 to St. Mary's
- 10.10** Columbus Day: Open House 9 – 11:30 a.m.  
HGC Parent Info. Night. (Wheaton HS) 7 p.m.
- 10.12** Grade 5 to the Strathmore
- 10.21** No School/ MD State Conference Day
- 10.27** Family Night 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- 10.28** Fall Harvest Celebration 2 – 3:15 p.m.  
Fall Dance 7 – 8:30 p.m.

