

FRIDAY FLASH

Hance Elementary School

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Message from the Principal

And... its December! This month is always one of the busiest months of the school year. You can actually feel the buzz of excitement as you walk through the halls. Our amazing PTO has some fun events planned including Parents' Night Out and a movie night next week. Our spotlight on education for November had us focusing on bringing the students to the front and center of the lessons.



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Sponsors Needed

An email was sent to all families regarding an opportunity for local businesses to sponsor shirts for our students. These shirts will be worn during an upcoming schoolwide event. If you are interested in learning more, please [click here](#) for more information. Commitments are due **Friday, December 8**, and donations must be received by the **December 15**. Our goal is \$4000 so we can provide shirts for our entire Hance family (students and staff).



Ornament Donations

The main office is looking for plastic bulb ornaments. If you have any extras laying around that you want to get rid of, please consider donating them. We are working hard to bring our vision of a winter wonderland to reality.



December to Remember Spirit Calendar

Choose one or choose them all—we hope you find this to be a December to Remember. Please download the [calendar here](#).



Thankful Thursday Videos Needed

Every Thursday in the announcements, we celebrate Thankful Thursday, where staff members explain what they are thankful for. Now, we want to branch out to families! If you would like to surprise your child, or for your child to surprise a staff member, now is the time! Please record a 10-20 second video explaining why you are thankful for that person and email it to pgiran@pinerichland.org. There are only 24 Thursdays left, so the first 24 videos will be included.

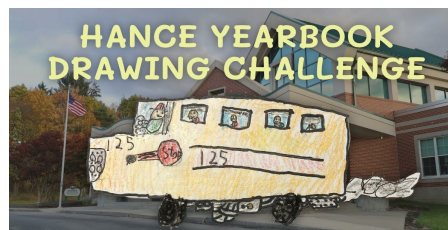


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We Want Your Art in the Yearbook

We are looking for artwork submissions in our 23-24 Hance Yearbook. The best pictures will be featured on the cover and throughout the class pages. For more details, see the [The Hance Yearbook Drawing Challenge](#).

To be considered, return your completed drawing to school by **Monday, December 4**. If you have any questions, please email Rjnormandeau@gmail.com.



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The Holiday Shop

The Holiday Shop will be open **December 4 - December 8**. Newsletters and budget envelopes for the children were sent home this week with the class shopping schedules. Please be sure to send in the budget envelopes with cash, or you may purchase a gift certificate online (be sure to send in the receipt so volunteers can help kids buy accordingly).



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Volunteers Needed for Holiday Shop

The Holiday Shop is quickly approaching, and volunteers are needed for shopping, as well as set up and break down. Please use the link below if you are able to help out with this event.

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In Case You Missed It

Register for Holiday Movie Night

Get your pajamas ready for a special night! The Hance PTO is hosting a showing of 2018's *The Grinch who Stole Christmas* in the Middle School Auditorium on **Wednesday, December 6**. Doors open at 6:00 pm, with the movie starting at 6:30 pm. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time, and will not be sold at the door. A \$10 ticket includes a ticket and a special gift for children under 18.

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Preorder Your Yearbook

We are hard at work creating this year's yearbook for Hance. Preorder your book today to reserve your copy for this spring. Yearbooks start at \$17 with additional options for autograph insert, zoom current events insert, yearbook stickies, and personalized covers. Yearbooks will be available for pickup in May. Use the link below with Yearbook ID: 15207524

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Future Chefs Competition

Calling all Future Chefs for our culinary competition! Six lucky winners in grades 1 - 5 will be chosen as finalists to compete in our contest at Eden Hall Upper Elementary School on **Wednesday, March 6**. As a bonus, the winner of this event will be entered in a Future Chefs National Challenge for some great prizes. Register by **January 31, 2024**. [See flyer here](#).

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Holiday Cookie Kits

Let's bake spirits bright this holiday season while saving the stress and mess. Order your pre-made sugar cookie kits and enjoy making memories with your family while decorating cookies. Each \$25 kit includes 12 cookies, four bags of icing and an assortment of sprinkles. The sale runs through **December 6**, with pickup on **December 16**, at 1:00 pm.



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Staff Winter Luncheon

Each year the Hance PTO caters a special lunch at the holidays for the deserving staff at Hance Elementary. We ask that our families help by donating drinks and desserts for this special day. Donations are to be dropped off by **Tuesday, December 19**, at 9:30 am. [Volunteer recess monitors are also needed.](#) Questions? Contact hancetreasurerpto@gmail.com.



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PTO Shoe Drive

Calling all shoes—big shoes, little shoes, old shoes, shoes with holes, new shoes, all shoes. Help us reach our goal of 100 bags of shoes by donating old shoes to the Hance PTO. Shoes can be in ANY condition but must have a mate. Place donations in the bin outside of the vestibule. We appreciate your support.



Help Stock the Staff Lounge

Save 5% with your Red Card and drop off in the vestibule marked *Staff Lounge*. Items can be found on our [Amazon](#) and [Target](#) registries.



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Save Chick-fil-A Receipts

Send in your Chick-fil-A receipts marked CFA/PTO or email to hancetreasurerpto@gmail.com.

Chick-fil-A will donate 20% back in free food for staff lunches!



Reminders

- Friday Flash submissions are due Wednesdays at 8 am to prnewsletters@pinerichland.org.
- [Free and Reduced Meal Applications](#) must be submitted each school year.
- Check the [Friday Flash Archives](#) for past information.
- [Children's Health Insurance Program](#) information.
- Read our [Title I Right to Know](#) letter.



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