



## Pine-Richland School District News & Information

### Upcoming Events

#### March 5, 2018

Academic Achievement Committee Meeting (Academic Resources) at 6 p.m.

School Board Planning Meeting (Board Appreciation) at 7 p.m.

#### March 7, 2018

Mathematics & Business/Computer Science at 11 a.m. or 6 p.m.

#### March 19, 2018

Staff Services Committee Meeting (Staffing Process) at 6 p.m.

Regular School Board Meeting at 7 p.m.

### Students Learn about Music from Around World



Presenter Dave Ruch introduces students to different instruments from around the world and shows students how music makes us all similar.

### Spotlight on Learning

Visit each school web page link to see what's happening as we feature our students and staff in our "Spotlight on Learning" segments.

[PRHS Spotlight on Learning](#)  
[PRMS Spotlight on Learning](#)  
[EHUE Spotlight on Learning](#)  
[HE Spotlight on Learning](#)  
[RE Spotlight on Learning](#)  
[WE Spotlight on Learning](#)  
[Spotlight on Sports](#)



Rams Prep for WPIALS & PIAAs  
 Cheer on our athletes as they participate in WPIALS and PIAAs. See all the updates at [www.pinerichland.org/athletics](http://www.pinerichland.org/athletics).

### PRHS to Perform Oklahoma!

The Pine-Richland High School is gearing up for the spring musical, which takes place in March. Visit [www.pinerichland.org/musical](http://www.pinerichland.org/musical) for ticket information and more.



### PROF Offers Scholarships

The Pine-Richland Opportunities Fund is offering 16 unique scholarships totaling about \$43,000 thanks to the generosity of several community members and organizations. The application deadline for all PROF scholarships is Monday, April 9, 2018. Visit the [PROF website](#) for more information.



### Looking for Flexible Hours?

The PR Food Service Department is looking for Part-Time (20 hours/week) employees for Eden Hall Upper Elementary School & Pine-Richland High School. Enjoy summers off and flexible hours. If interested contact the Food Service Department at 724-625-3550 or [dbucknum@pinerichland.org](mailto:dbucknum@pinerichland.org).



### Message from Superintendent

February 28, 2018

Greetings to Pine-Richland Students, Parents and Community,

Recent acts of violence in multiple schools have the attention of our country. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to those directly impacted by these tragic events. The loss of sons, daughters, brothers, and sisters is devastating. Concerns of safety and fear exist throughout the country and in our region. As educators, we have the additional responsibility of supporting our students as they grapple with these events. We live in an age of social media news coverage that keeps events in front of us and our children in multiple settings.

We continue to work in collaboration with the Northern Regional Police Department and community partners to review and revise safety and security measures. Students and staff can expect an increase in drills - both with and without students - to ensure clarity and understanding. **Strengthening relationships with students and helping to ensure that every single student feels engaged and connected to school is a priority that aligns directly with our mission.**

Resiliency again comes to mind as I write this month's letter. As a school district, we know from our time spent on this topic that we have internal and external protective factors. As a school community, we play a key role in strengthening protective factors for students. The quality and depth of our professional relationships with students is critical. We are also fortunate to have a knowledgeable and talented pupil services department. Our school psychologists and counselors have tremendous responsibility to provide direct supports to students and families. They also form relationships with outside agencies and work to connect students with services. While these resources from [the National Association of School Psychologists](#) were shared a couple weeks ago, we want to again provide the link for your review.

The district continues to be proactive with safety matters and encourages the community to work with the district and report any concerns. School safety is complex, and safety/security measures have elements of culture, behavior, and physical/structural design. Examples at Pine-Richland include:

- Maintaining a daily, visible presence at all schools by the Northern Regional Police that also include walk-throughs at each school;
- Building connections and positive relationships between students, between staff and student, and with families;
- Encouraging responsible reporting by all stakeholders, including students, to trusted adults;
- Publicizing and utilizing the TIPsline as a reporting mechanism (724) 449-TIPS;
- Reviewing the Emergency Operations Plan on an annual basis with the Northern Regional Police Department;
- Initiating multiple drills in each school throughout the year;
- Evaluating and improving safety design elements (e.g., doors locked, captured vestibules, badges for adults, camera systems, etc.)
- Implementing a strong Pupil Services program with mental health supports that includes relationships with outside agencies.

We are listening to feedback provided by our community, and we will continue to work with appropriate agencies. One topic that has been discussed in recent months relates to the restriction of people on our campuses during the school day. Public access to the PRSD campuses is prohibited during the school day and signage will be added to that effect. An additional communication is planned in the near future that will address some of the specific details around access on our campuses.

Thank you again for your commitment to and support of the Pine-Richland School District.

Respectfully,  
 Brian Miller

