

Pinehurst Press

December 2025

Important Dates

- 12/2... PBIS & Attendance Award Assembly
- 12/5... Progress Reports Sent Home
- 12/9... Holiday Night at EAJ 5:00-6:30
- 12/9... Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 12/12... Chip Cart
- 12/15-12/19... Holiday Spirit Week (see below)
- 12/17.. Reduced Day 1:50 Dismissal
- 12/18... Classroom Celebrations
- 12/19... Last Day Before Break/Pajama Day
- 12/22-1/2... Winter Break
- 1/5... School Resumes



Pinehurst Mission: The mission of Pinehurst Early Elementary is to provide high quality early childhood program which supports the development of the whole child.

Change of Clothes



Please remember to keep an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack each day. Spills, playground puddles, and other small accidents can happen, and having a change of clothes available helps keep your child comfortable and learning without interruption.

Thank you for your support!

Winter Gear

Please make sure your child comes to school with appropriate winter clothing, as we go outside every day unless the temperature, including windchill, is below 10 degrees. Warm coats, hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots help keep everyone comfortable and safe during recess. We also kindly ask that all items be labeled with your child's name to prevent mix-ups. Thank you for helping us ensure a great outdoor experience for all students!



Montague, Moore & Pinehurst Elementary's

Holiday Spirit Week 2025

December				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15th	16th	17th	18th	19th
Santa's Helpers  Dress like SANTA'S HELPER (Santa hat, elf hat, reindeer hat, Christmas tree)	Tacky Tuesday  Wear your craziest Christmas sweater or shirt	Grinch Day  Wear GREEN or Whoville/ GRINCH shirts and sweaters	Be Merry! Be Festive!  Wear RED and GREEN	Polar Express Day  Come to school in your PJs

Principal's Corner



Dear Pinehurst Families,

As we near the end of 2025, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Our students have grown so much already, and it has been a joy to watch their curiosity and confidence flourish each day.

As we head into winter break, I wish each of you a safe, restful, and joy-filled holiday season. I hope you are able to enjoy special time with family and friends, creating memories and recharging for the new year ahead.

We look forward to welcoming our Pinehurst students back in January, refreshed and ready for more learning and fun.

Warmly,
Mrs. Anne Bennett
Principal, Pinehurst Early Elementary

Attendance



🏆 Here today, ready for tomorrow! 🏆

Learning becomes more challenging if a student is not present in school. There are always extenuating circumstances, like illness and the loss of a family member; however, we must make every effort to have our children in school. Please contact the office regarding your child's absence as automated phone calls will go out at 10:00 am each morning. Please keep in mind when students are dropped off late and/or picked-up early everyday they are missing valuable learning time and will be marked absent for part of the day.

School begins: 8:55 am

Dismissal: 3:50

Attendance Letters & Mediation Meetings

Please see the policies in the handbook for additional information regarding attendance letters and mediation meetings.

Number of Unauthorized or Unexcused Absences	ACTION
Any absence	After 10am, an automated call will be made to make parents aware of a student's absence
4	LETTER #1: A letter is sent to the student's home expressing concern Call #1: A follow up telephone call is made regarding the letter
7	LETTER #2: A letter is sent to the student's home, stating the compulsory attendance act, with a warning that the parent(s)/student will have to meet with school officials if attendance continues to be a problem. CALL #2: A follow up telephone call is made regarding the letter
10	LETTER #3: A letter is sent home stating that the parent(s)/student are required to attend a school based meeting with school officials or conduct a home visit. Offer support, resources and referrals to outside agencies if necessary. If there is a medical condition which is interfering with attendance, ask the parent(s) to sign a medical release. The school is to contact the doctor/mental health professionals to discuss the student's situation. CALL #3: A follow up telephone call is made regarding the letter.
12-14	School based mediation occurs to notify parent(s)/student that a petition will be filed upon the next absence.
15	If 15 unauthorized/unexcused absences occur from the beginning of the school year, FILE A PETITION.

SchoolStore Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families who have already participated in our SchoolStore program! We are on our way to reaching our goal, but we need everyone's help to make sure our teachers get the essential tools they need to help our students succeed.

If your family has not participated, there's still time!

This safe and easy program is 100% online so there is no face-to-face selling, collecting money, or delivering products. Your child will receive a prize just for participating, and more prizes will be awarded when goals are reached.

Please help now. It really will make a difference.

Go to <https://www.schoolstore.net/sid.t?0000154036> to show our valued teachers your support.

Thanks
Pinehurst Elementary School

P.S. Family participation is the key to our success, and we are counting on you!



Capturing Kids Hearts

December

What is Responsibility?

Responsibility is the willingness and ability to take ownership of our thoughts, words, and actions. We have a responsibility to our school, family, and community to be accountable for our choices and how they impact ourselves and others.

Why focus on Responsibility?

- *Responsibility teaches resilience.* It is not possible to persevere and achieve our dreams without taking personal responsibility seriously.
- *Responsibility empowers us to own our actions.* There is great power in being able to make conscious, calculated choices to reach goals and manage those things in our control.
- *Responsibility teaches us to manage our time and resources.* Responsibly organizing and prioritizing needs is an executive function of the brain that improves with practice.



Responsibility in Action:

- *Give students roles and responsibilities.* When students have a leadership role in class, they are accountable for contributing positively to the classroom culture.
- *Empower students with self-management tools.* Provide students with tools to help manage stress and impulsivity while motivating them to meet goals.
- *Clearly communicate consequences.* Empower students to make choices and experience the consequences of their actions, both positive and negative.

Family Newsletter:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mnxid4LeQBMZOrlWWmlCqefPrZ3Fq_XK/view?usp=drive_link

Time for School

The most successful students come to school everyday, on time, and ready to learn. We want our Pinehurst students to enjoy every benefit of learning. Parents, one of your most important jobs is to make sure your child is at school and on time every day (unless they are sick) for the entire day to maximize your child's academic and social growth.

Daily Schedule

8:58 School Begins

3:50 Dismissal

Reduced Days

1:50 Dismissal

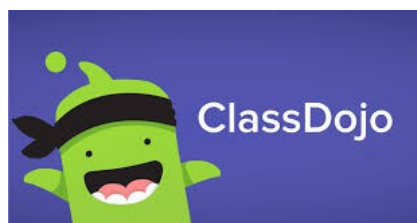
Half Days

12:20 Dismissal



Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast and Lunch are both free for all students. Please send a lunch with your child if they do not like what is on the menu. Menu can be found on our website. It is important for all of the children to eat lunch every day.



ClassDojo

Teachers sent home directions to join ClassDojo. This is a free App teachers use to communicate important information. If you are having difficulties joining, please email the teacher or send a note to school with your child and we



Going Home

If your child is not riding the bus home and you need to pick them up in the office, ***please let the office know by 3:00*** of this change. Changes will NOT be made unless we hear from the parent/guardian. Thank you for

can get in touch with you to help.

understanding that this is a safety issue.



School Expectations

Mt. Morris Schools has a commitment to teaching positive behaviors that are expected in school. At Pinehurst we teach the Three Bs: Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible. We teach what this looks like in different areas around the school. We also constantly and consistently praise and acknowledge positive behaviors. Please make sure to read pages 8-14 in the student handbook on our website about positive behavior support and disciplinary measures.

Bus Behavior



Please know that riding a bus is a privilege. All students must adhere to the bus expectations located in the student handbook on the building's website. Failure to follow these rules may result in permanent removal from the bus. It is vital for our drivers to be able to concentrate on the road at all times to make sure students arrive to school and home safely.

Important Phone Numbers

Pinehurst Office.....810.591.2760
Bus Garage.....810.591.3390
Head Start.....810.686.4904
GSRP.....810.591.3483

The mission of the Mt. Morris Consolidated Schools is to inspire excellence, instill integrity and foster innovative thinking for lifelong learning.



Anne Bennett

Anne is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters