Pine City Public School District Newsletter

May Edition

May 2026

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Welcome to Pine City Public Schools!

Find the Latest News for the District on our website at www.isd578.org with new posts each week highlighting our students, staff and the great things happening in Dragon Territory!

#DragonPride
#RollDragons

Spring is Here!

As we move into the final stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank our students, staff, families, and community for the energy and support you bring to our schools each day. We have accomplished a great deal together this year, and now we have an important opportunity ahead of us: finishing strong.

The last few weeks of school always move fast. Classrooms stay busy with projects, assessments, concerts, field trips, celebrations, and end-of-year activities. Students have worked hard all year, and this is the time to stay focused, keep learning, and make every day count. A strong finish builds momentum that carries into next year. It also helps students feel proud of what they accomplished.

At the same time, this season brings many memorable experiences that students will carry with them for years. From elementary track and field days to graduation ceremonies, spring concerts, athletic competitions, and classroom celebrations, our schools are full of activity and excitement. These moments help create the connections and memories that make school special.

I encourage families to stay involved during these final weeks. Check in with your students about assignments, attendance, and upcoming events. Celebrate their successes, both big and small. A little encouragement at home can go a long way this time of year.

Most importantly, I hope everyone takes time to enjoy the many fun activities happening across our schools and community. There is a lot to celebrate, and our students deserve it.

Let's make these final weeks positive, productive, and memorable. We are almost there. Now let's finish the year with energy and Dragon Pride.

- Superintendent Stolp

Do you know someone who would be a good addition to Pine City Schools? New postings have been listed for the upcoming school year through our Frontline Jobs Board. Learn more at isd578.org

We Are HIRING

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May 11 **7PM** **Scholarship Award Night** High School Auditorium	**May 12** **6:30 PM** **Elementary Choir Concert** High School Auditorium		**May 14** **7 PM** **Senior High Choir Pops Concert** High School Auditorium	**May 15** **ALL DAY** **Elementary Field Day** High School Track
May 18 **6:30 PM** **School Board Meeting** District Board Room **May 18** **7PM** **Night of Excellence Awards** High School Auditorium		**May 20** **5:30 PM** **Pine Dragons PTO Meeting** Pizza Pub		**May 22** **6:30 PM** **PCHS Jazz Band At Art in the Park** Robinson Park
May 25 **NO SCHOOL** Memorial Day			**May 28** **7:00 PM** **Commencement Ceremony - ALC** High School Auditorium	**May 29** **7:00 PM** **Commencement Ceremony - HS** Pine City High School Gym
June 1 **6:30 PM** **School Board Work Session** District Board Room			**June 4** **Last Day of School!** **HS Only - Chromebook Drop-Off!**	

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Science and Baseball

On Tuesday, May 5th, 4th grade students went on a fun-filled field trip to Target Field. They learned all about the Twins, the stadium, and the Science of Baseball!





6th Grade Science Fair

Pine City 6th Grade Students took part in the annual Science Fair. They had to come up with an original idea to test using the steps of the scientific method. Sixty students competed during the event. Congratulations to 1st Place Charlotte Mishler, 2nd Place Eavie Rydberg, 3rd Place Owen Newman, Staff Choice Nora Larson and Student Choice Grayson Fort. These students will be attending the MN Science Museum later this month.




Music and Learning

Congratulations to the cast & crew of this year's elementary musical, "School House Rock Live" for a great production on April 24th. Pine City is proud to have so many talented students! The 4th - 6th grade students attended a matinee held that day as well as a Dragon Reward Zone activity.






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The Festival of Nations

World Language Classes had the opportunity to go to the Minnesota Festival of Nations in St. Paul. Students got to experience foods from around the world and a bazaar market where they got to see and purchase items from all over the world. Students had a blast! Many said it was the best field trip they've ever been on!







Minute to Win It - Functional Science

Mrs. Wimmer's Functional Science Class has been learning about Force, motion, gravity, friction, and simple machines. They had a great time playing a few Minute to Win It games to show how it all works together. The next unit will explore how all of that makes a difference in sports by doing some experiments involving golf.







Varsity Tennis

Brady Berglund celebrated his 100th Varsity win at the April 23rd match. Congratulations to Brady!



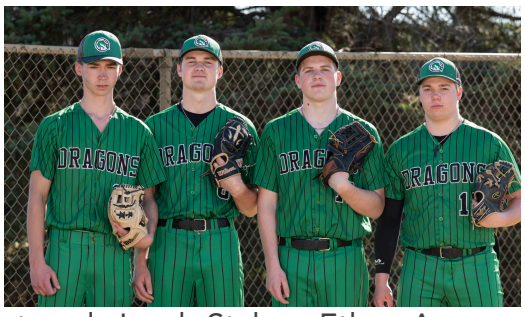
New School Record Set for 2 Mile Run



On April 16th, Maggie Judd ran the two-mile event and was able to finish in 2nd place, with a new school record of 11:54.72. Congrats, Maggie!

Varsity Baseball

Dragon Baseball celebrated Senior Night on May 7th in their game against Rush City and pulled out the win!



Pictured: Jacob Staber, Ethan Aagaard, Jaxon Karas and Caleb Hogberg

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Great River Conference Art Festival

Pine City students attended the Great River Conference Art Festival on April 22 at Rush City High School. Pictured at right: Layla Koehler took first place in digital art.









A Thank you from Prom 2026

On May 2nd, 2026, Juniors and Seniors at PCHS got to attend their Prom! The Junior Board, who met once a week starting in the Fall this year to plan this event, are incredibly grateful for the community support and the attendees for an incredible event!





"I had a lot of fun planning prom," Jaelynn Delaney, a member of the Junior board, commented after the Prom clean-up was done. "No one really understands how much effort it takes to make those types of things happen, but with good teamwork it came to life."



Madi Larson, another Junior Board Member, mentioned that even though things didn't go completely as planned, everyone adapted as needed to keep the night both fun & safe. "Grand March was stunning, dinner was phenomenal, and decorating the Event Center for the dinner & dance was so much fun. Thank you so much to the rest of the Junior Board members and Profe Cukla for being such an amazing group! I'm so glad I got to be a part of it!

This year, the Junior Board decided to ask the PCHS Staff to vote for a Prom King and Queen. Just before the dance began, Michaela Engh and Allie Gosen, of The Harlow Pennies, crowned King Jacob Wimmer and Queen Kadence McKellar!

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Third Quarter Honor Rolls

Third Quarter Principal's List

Reagan C. B
Lucy B
Eli B
Ryker C. B
Makayla C
Rosa D
Ingrid L. E
James K. H
Elena H
Nathan D. H
Maggie M. J
Ayla K
Kimberly L
Calista E. M
Annabelle M
Silas N
Hazel O
Kate P
Alexis R
Maliah S
Allen Z

Emily B
Madilyn D
Everlea R. G
Lucy H
Makenna J
Bennett R. K
Jezzibella L. L
Luke G. M
Branson J. N
Levi C. P
Max. G R
Nathan S
Ean J. S
Boden W

Riley A
George L. C
Sawyer D
Azrielad J. E
Logan L. E
Gustav H. E

Zachary N. H
Anna H
Andrew A. H
Abigail J
Eliah K
Kaitlyn K
Lydia K
Finley A. K
Wyatt M
Hudson N
Amiah N
Ellie P
Pera R
Vincent R
Antonio J. S
Riley L. T
Kate U
Sophie A. Z

Olivia V. A
Jackson A

Ezrah B
Ella B
Daisy B
Annika C
Lilly G
Reyah M. J
Jocelyn M. L
Alyssa D. M
Cindy M. M
Abigail M
Mitchell N
Anders O
Lily N. R
Andrea J. S
Skylar T

Rhetta M. G
Dakota A. K
Grant D. L
Camarianna L. L
Ava R. O

Lillian P
Isabella R. S
Emily S
Ashton L. S
Bella R. W
Dominic A. W
Alyssa Z

Emily M. B
Cheyenne O. D
Allyson J. H
Shayla J. J
Gracie L. L
Alana L. L
Adyson J. R
Jacob M. S

Third Quarter A Honor Roll

Ryan B
Payzlee D
Ashlyn K
Everett K
Ally J. K
Payton K
Skylar L
Major P
Alexander S. R
Anthony R
Victoria R. S
Ne'Khi G. V
Addison M. V
Veyda Y

Harper A. A
Molly D
Dylan K
Claire K
Crosby S
Nolan W

Rylenn H
Jessa K
Ryder L. M
Ada H. Y

Grant J. H
Tauren C. J
Lily J. K
Myra R
Lexie R
Amelia S
Autumn W

Preslie B
Luca D. J
Daiyah R. K
Madison L
Brecklyn R. N

Parker T. O
Katey A. T

Ethan A
Milo D. B
Weston J. C
Gavin F
Jadyn G
Caleb J. H
Kaia A. R
Olivia S
Claire A. S

Third Quarter B Honor Roll

Leonard R. A
Chase R. A
Grayson B
Makena A. B
Peyton B
Brantley W. D
Elijah J. F
Skyler L. F
Jasmine M. G
Makayla R. G
Peyton G
Milli H
Mason D. H
Connor J. J
Elise J
Emir L. K
Huck K
Sawyer K
Milo S. K
Eli L
Michael Jr L
Zachary M
Levi W. M
Dustin J. M

Conner E. N
Evelyn S. N
Presley O
Bryer W. P
Kamryn P
Harmony R. R
Eleanor A. R
Alexander O. S
Makenna L. S
Marshall S
Trevor R. S
August V
Dej Ntshiab V
Ne'Khi G. V
Huxlee W
Aiyzanna S. W
Vera C. X

Melia B
Brylee J. B
Rylan L. B
Marek C
Isabella C. C
Julian L. C

Ava M. D
Caitlynn G. E
Avery F
Jamal C. F
Daphne F
Brooke K. F
Sienna D. G
Aubrey E. G
Liviana M. H
Brycen I
Rhyen L. J
Kade A. J
Maycie A. K
Bentley L
Chase L
Iris L
Easton A. L
Abigail J. M
Hayden M
Leslie A. P
Caleb S
Annabelle R. S
Jacob T. S
Evelyn S

Daphney S
Natalie J. S
Emma T. V
Sienna A. W
Vivianne R. W
Dailie G. X
Faith P. Y

Lina M. B
Carter B
Myah H. C
Catherine D. C
Peyton E. D
Chloe G
Armand G
Faith J
Nolan J
Lilliana D. K
Gabriel E. K
Grace E. K
Harley K
William R. K
Brianna S. K
Aden L

Abagail M
McCoy M
Matthew M
Gino M
Mason W. M
Madelyn N
Waylin N
Nylah M. P
Nylah M. P
Riley P. Q
Hobey S
Asa S
Mason S
Mitchell S
Mason T
Ali K. T
Ayden K. V
Mikey T. V
Andrew W
Jasmine Y
Kennedy M. Y

Third Quarter B Honor Roll

Conor A
Owen A
Blake B
Morgan J. B
Havannah M. B
Kiya M. C
Parker E
Fanny J. F
Braeden F
Axel H
Micah J. H
Lauryn J
Brady J
Nora A. K
Jenner K
Peyton L
Katryna M. M
Reed M
Caiden M
Noah A. M
Noah J. N
Evan O

Paisleigh P
Landon B. R.
Nevaeh G. S
Wheeler W
Grace S. Y

Carson J. A
Reed B
Blake W. B
Kaleah L. B
Faith A. B
Kaylee D
Tanner F
Tristan J. F
Austin G
Graden R. H
Layney H
Elijah M. J
Ethan L. J
Izabella G. J
Roman C. J
Dominic T. K

Jerald T. K
Elizabeth M
Kadence R. M
Skyler T. M
Joseph P. M
Lyncoln E. O
Zoey S. P
Tycen P
Mason D. R
Landon R
Oskar J. R
Taylor K. S
Grace L. S
Grant S
Logan T
Darwin L. X
Fulong Y

Nicholas B
Spencer C
Monette Rica C
Aamina N. D

Cooper O. D
Tyler D
Hayven D
Corbin B. F
Darian H
Taylar H
Easton E. H
Tucker A. J
Vivian J. L
Aurun J. L
Johnny L
Kennedy R. M
Logan N. M
Autumn E. M
James M. M
Maverick D. N
Ezra O
Emily R
Nevaeh R
Lila R. T
Randel W
Tachi Y

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June Driver's Education Class Available



The State of Minnesota requires that all newly licensed drivers under the age of 18 complete 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind the wheel instruction, before they are granted a driver's license. In addition, the state requires that prospective drivers pass a written test before a permit to receive behind the wheel instruction is granted.

A June Driver's Ed Class will be offered this year and registration will open on April 15th through the website.

Learn more at isd578.org/page/drivers-education

All of the classes will be held in
7th Grade House Commons at the High School

Schedule is subject to changes

Monday, June 8th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Tuesday, June 9th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Wednesday, June 10th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Thursday, June 11th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Friday,June 12th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Monday, June 22nd	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Tuesday, June 23rd	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Wednesday, June 24th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
***Wednesday, June 24th Parent meeting 6:00 -8:00 PM**	
Thursday, June 25th	8:00 - 11:00 AM
Friday, June 26th	8:00 - 11:00 AM

**There will be a free/optional supplemental parent class in the 7th Grade House of the High School on Wednesday, June 24th 6:00-8:00 pm.

Sports Physicals Available

The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) requires that students in grades 7-12 have a physical every 3 years for sports and activities participation. For most students that means having a new physical completed during the summer prior to beginning 7th grade and then again in the summer prior to their 10th grade year.

A copy of your Sports Medical Eligibility Form must be on file with the Activities Department before a student is allowed to participate in practices, and for some fall sports - those can begin in mid-August.

Welia Health offers a free sports physical to area students each summer on specific dates and slots will fill quickly, so make your appointment early to ensure a space.



Sports Physicals are **required** for athletes grades 7-12 and are valid for 3 years.

***NEW this year:** physicals include **optometry screenings** through Welia Health Eye Care Center!*

Reserve your time slot today!

PINE CITY-
Thursday, July 30TH
3pm – 6pm
CALL: 320.629.7505

MORA-
Thursday, August 6TH
3pm – 6pm
CALL: 320.679.1313

If unable to attend these dates, please consider scheduling a *well child exam with sports physical* to avoid a service fee.

IMPORTANT:
*In order to hold your Sports Physical time slot, you **must** have your **Sports Medical Eligibility Form completed** and **with you** at your appointment time! To obtain this form and learn more about Free Sports Physicals at Welia Health, **scan the QR code here:***

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Community Education

Pickleball

Pine City Area Pickleball in partnership with Pine City Community Education is offering two Friday evening pickleball classes!

Do you know Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the USA? It is fun and easy to learn! It is also a great way to meet new people and become engaged in our community!

If you'd like to see what this popular sport is all about or already know the sport and just love to play, you now have a choice between two sessions.

- Adult players only please!
- All equipment is provided including high end demo paddles thanks to the Partner's in Healthy Living grant.
- Participants should wear comfortable clothing and gym shoes

OPTION 1 **6:00-7:00pm**
Beginners, Newer and Low Intensity Players*
For beginner players who want to give the sport a try.
Beginner players may request two free classes.

OPTION 2 **7:00-9:00pm Open Play (Any Level)***
Players are encouraged to group themselves on the courts with players at their level or play down so that all players have the opportunity to play.

Dates: Most Fridays February 6-May 29
Available dates are communicated through PlayTime Scheduler. When school is not in session, evening Pickleball is NOT played. Please see a detailed schedule at www.playtimescheduler.com

Location:
Pine City Elementary Multi *(enter in the main entrance of the elementary school and turn right. The multi door will be on the left.)*

Player Fee:
$5 per class paid to volunteer PCAP instructors.
Please bring exact change or check payable to PC Comm Ed.
*Please see below for details how to register for each class.

***Reserve your times to play using the free app PlayTime Scheduler or online at www.playtimescheduler.com.**
You will find us listed under USA, MN, and lastly Pine City Area. Both classes cap out at 18 players. Priority will be given to those registering in advance using PlayTime Scheduler. Walk-ins will be taken when space allows. All players are required to sign a liability waiver. Please direct any question you may have to pickleball.pinecity@gmail.com or call Janet at 612-390-6928.
PCAP reserves the right to cancel sessions when there are insufficient sign ups in PlayTime scheduler, conflicts for instructors or inclement weather.



Community Ed will offer this **Adult Enrichment Course: Intro to Welding** with instructor, Tim Schlichting. This course is for people who have never welded before and want to learn how! We will focus on Arc Welding and Wire Feed Welding. Students will start from scratch with no experience to create basic joints using these common processes. Everything you need will be provided - including materials and equipment, welding jacket, auto-darkening face shield, insulated gloves, eye and hearing protection. Students must wear long pants and closed toed shoes for every class period and be ready to weld on the first day! 3 sessions available this year. Click Here to Register or use the QR Code below.

Precision Driving Center — A Division of St. Cloud State University | 55+ Driver Discount Program

Any driver 55 and older are invited to take the Driver Improvement class through Precision Driving Center. This course will save you 10% on your auto insurance for three years. (Prior to taking the class, please confirm with your insurance company that they honor this discount.) There are no written or behind the wheel tests. NEW: The Refresher AND Beginner Classes are now both four hour classes. Classes are offered in-person, as an online self paced course or a virtual meeting. Please contact www.stcloudstate.edu/precisiondrivingcenter/ and click on "55+ Driver Discount Program" to start an online class or call 1-888-234-1294 to reserve your seat in an in-person or virtual class.

Wed Sep 16	9:00am-1:00pm	High School Boardroom	$24
Thur Oct 8	9:00am-1:00pm	High School Boardroom	$24
Mon Nov 16	5:00pm-9:00pm	Elementary Media Center	$24

Community Ed Events

Use This Link to for the latest information for Adult and Youth Classes in Pine City!

Community Education

PINE AREA LIONS 5K COLOR FUN RUN

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

ROBINSON PARK, PINE CITY

REGISTRATION FEE:
$30 - 5K PARTICIPANT
(includes t-shirt)
$15 - CUB RUN
(inside the park boundaries
& includes t-shirt & goodie bag)

9:00 AM - WALKERS/STROLLERS
9:30 AM - RUNNERS
10:00 AM - CUB RUN

Payment is due at time of registration!
In-person registration is available at the Chamber Office - 247 5th St, Pine City

REGISTER HERE!

tinyurl.com/2026PAL5KColorRun

REGISTER BY MAY 18
To guarantee a T-shirt for the event!

We are using Zeffy for our Fundraising Platform. At the time of checkout, you can remove any "additional donation" to the Zeffy platform if you choose. This ensures that 100% of your contribution to the Pine Area Lions is retained by the organization & benefits our community.

Presented by Pine City Early Childhood Dragon Wagon and Pine City Parks and Rec

5TH ANNUAL PARKS & LARRY SUMMER KICK-OFF!

Larry Live show, outdoor games, Big Blue Blocks, splash pad, art activities & MORE...

JUNE 16

TIME: 10AM-1:00PM

RAIN DATE: JUNE 18

ROBINSON PARK
200 5TH ST SE
PINE CITY, MN

SUMMER BAND LESSONS

Summer Band Lessons will be offered once again this year for Beginners, 5th & 6th Grade, Junior High and Senior High Band.

Various lesson times are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8am - 1:30pm. Students are welcome to attend more than one lessor time. Click HERE or use the QR Code for more info!

SAFESITTER

The Safe Sitter® course is committed to increasing the number of young teens who can be safe babysitters. That includes caring for younger siblings. And young teens who can be safe babysitters also learn how to safely and confidently stay home alone!

Safe Sitter® is a one-day course founded by pediatrician, Dr. Patricia Keener. It is a course designed for 11-14 year olds that teaches the skills young teens need to safely care for children from infant through school age. It also includes CPR and Rescue Breathing. The course is taught by Welia Health staff.

What: Safe Sitter® Class (for ages 11-14)
When: Wednesday, June 10
Where: Pine City Elementary School - Media Center
(This is a NEW LOCATION from previous years. Please enter door #24. This is the door near the Media Center/Auditorium)
Time: 9:00am-2:30pm (Parents are invited at 2:30pm for a short program)
Fee: $35.00

No lunch will be provided so please send a lunch/snack/beverage with your child. There is no refrigerator available so please plan accordingly.

REGISTER NOW

Click Here or Use the QR Code

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Pine Dragons PTO

The Pine Dragons PTO is organized for the purpose of supporting the education of children at Pine City Schools by fostering relationships among the school, parents, and staff members. All parents and guardians who have a child within Pine City Schools are members of the PTO.

Stay connected to the PTO on Facebook or through the website at: http://isd578.org/page/pto

Your PTO in Action:

FUNDRAISERS:

- Nerf Night Raised $250

CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast $240
- $500 to School Readiness for Summer: Books & Snacks for The Dragon Wagon
- Math in our schools month $500
- Classroom Supplies
- Post Prom $200
- 6th Grade Science Fair Awards $100
- Meals for Mathematics $160

What's Next for the PTO??

FUN RUN 5/1

All Staff Appreciation Breakfast 5/5

School Lunch Hero Appreciation

PTO Scholarship Recipients announced 5/11

Field Day Concessions 5/15

Reward Day 5/15

6th Grade Graduation



We NEED VOLUNTEERS!

In order for us to continue to offer the amazing events and appreciations we currently offer, we NEED volunteers for the events! See our Volunteer FAQ attached to this post.

Fill Out a Google Form to be a volunteer! QR Code Or LINK



