Pine City Public School District Newsletter

December Edition

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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

Investing in Our Schools, One Fix at a Time

The school year moves fast. Blink and fall turns into winter. One minute, we welcome students back. Next, we watch the first snow drift across the parking lot. The quick shift reminds me why this season stands out as a time for appreciation. It gives us a moment to slow down, reflect, and notice the good around us. Even in the rush of this busy season, we find reasons to pause and look at the steady work that keeps our schools running.

I want to shine a bright spotlight on the effort happening in our buildings and the people who make it possible. High on that list sits our Buildings and Grounds consultant and our custodians. They show up each day ready to tackle the jobs that keep our spaces safe. Their work may not grab headlines, but it shapes the daily experience of every student, staff member, parent, and community member who walks through our doors.

They help us zero in on repairs that matter most. Not the flashy stuff — the essentials. During the past couple of months, our buildings and grounds consultant has developed a detail list of needs and projects. Our team has taken on this long list of projects. Over the summer and fall months, water mitigation was a top priority. They've redirected water away from buildings, filled sidewalk cracks, cleaned out drain tile, and completed roof inspections and repairs. The next project is repairing the north wall of the high school.

These projects aren't glamorous, but they create real wins. They protect learning spaces. They reduce disruptions. I'm grateful for the teamwork and practical mindset that keep us moving forward. Our community expects solid stewardship of its schools, and we take that trust seriously.



We keep investing. We keep improving. And we keep pushing for schools that serve our students well today and long into the future.

Have a happy & safe holiday season.

- *Superintendant Stolp*

Use This Link for information on Substitute teaching with Kelly Education

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Upcoming Events

- **Truth & Taxation Presentation**
  Monday, 12/15 - 6:00-6:30pm
  HS Boardroom
- **School Board Meeting**
  Monday, 11/15 - 6:30-8:00pm
  HS Boardroom
- **NO SCHOOL Winter Break**
  Wednesday 12/24 - Friday 1/2
- **School Board Meeting**
  Monday, 1/12 - 6:30-8:00pm
  HS Boardroom
- **NO SCHOOL Teacher Workshop**
  Monday 1/19
- **End of Quarter 2**
  Friday 1/23

Upcoming Events at High School

- **Winter Dodge Ball Tournament**
  Friday 12/19

Leadership in Educational Excellence Awards

On November 19th, several Pine City support staff members were recognized at the 15th annual Leadership in Educational Excellence Banquet and Awards ceremony.

This awards event is an opportunity to recognize and honor those School Support personnel who go above and beyond their required duties. This event is intended to be a purposeful selection of staff tht provide outstanding service within the district.

This year Pine City nominated 5 members of the staff for this award, pictured below (L-R) are:



Brenda Rike (PCHS)
Irene Bjerke (PCHS)
Bethany Marx (PCE)
Lona Bavier (PCE)

Not pictured:
Cassie Leger (Vision)

The Admin Team also attended the banquet to honor these staff members and are pictured (L-R) below: Tim Coleman, Laura Yehlik, Cindy Stolp, Jared Polzine, and Sarah Kloeckl.



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Upcoming Events at Elementary School

- **Kindergarten Field Trip Jenson, Lessin, Cuchna**
  Monday 12/15
- **Elementary Choir Concert**
  Tuesday 12/16 ~ 6:30pm
  High School Auditorium
- **Kindergarten Field Trip Macho, Thieman**
  Wednesday 12/17
- **3rd Grade Program**
  Thursday 12/18 ~ 6:30 PM
  High School Auditorium
- **1st Grade Field Trip Walking - Food Shelf**
  Monday 12/22
- **5th Grade Skating Party**
  Tuesday 12/23
- **NO SCHOOL Winter Break**
  Wednesday 12/24 - Friday 1/2
- **NO SCHOOL Teacher Workshop**
  Monday 1/19
- **4th Grade Program**
  Thursday 1/22 ~ 6:30 PM
  High School Auditorium
- **End of Quarter 2**
  Friday 1/23

Lion's Peace Poster Contest Winners

The 6th grade students participated in the Lion's Peace Poster contest. The Peace Poster Contest, it is "a worldwide art competition for children aged 11 to 13 to express their vision of peace through art. Sponsored by local Lions Clubs, the contest has a new theme each year, and entries are judged on originality, artistic merit, and expression of the theme. Winners are selected at the local, district, and international levels." The theme this year was "Together As One".



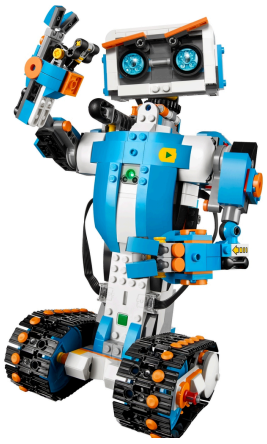
The 1st prize winner was Addison Zastera, 2nd prize was Darlyn Paul Almonte Palanco and 3rd prize was Emma LeMon. Here is a picture with their art work.

After School Enrichment Classes



Do you like to play board games? If so, this class is for you! Students will learn how to play board games like chess, cribbage, Chinese checkers and more! Upcoming dates: December 16, January 13, February 17, March 17, April 14. Each class is $5. Must register individually for each class.
Use this link to visit the registration page.

Do you like robots? Come and join us as we build robots with Legos. This class will have students building with Legos and then using lines of code to program their robot. It is highly recommended that the student is able to attend all classes. If someone misses a class, their group may continue the project, or decide to take a new direction.
It is highly recommended that the students are able to attend all classes: Thursdays - Jan 8, 15, 22, 29. Fee is $20 for all classes.
Use this link to visit the registration page.



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Congratulations to all of the Honor Roll Students for 1st Quarter!

First Quarter Principal's List

Lucy B
Ryker C. B
Makayla C
Sullivan D
Ingrid L. E
James K. H
Elena H
Teresa H
Nathan D. H
Maggie M. J
Ashlyn K
Ayla K
Kimberly L
Annabelle M
Silas N
Hazel O
Kate P
Major P
Kamryn P
Alexis R
Maliah S

Emily B

Ava M. D
Lucy H
Liviana M. H
Makenna J
Dylan K
Ean J. S
Boden W

Riley A
Dianna F. B
Sawyer D
Azrielah J. E
Gustav H. E
Zachary N. H
Anna H
Rylenn H
Andrew A. H
Abigail J
Eliah K
Kaitlyn K
Lydiah K
Finley A. K
Abagail M

McCoy M
Hudson N
Amiah N
Ellie P
Pera R
Vincent R
Antonio J. S
Riley L. T
Kate U
Jasmine Y
Sophie A. Z

Owen A
Olivia V. A
Jackson A
Ezrah B
Ella B
Daisy B
Annika C
Ava F
Lilly G
Grant J. H
Micah J. H

Tauren C. J
Reyah M. J
Lily J. K
Alyssa D. M
Cindy M. M
Abigail M
Mitchell N
Anders O
Landon B. R
Lily N. R
Myra R
Andrea J. S

Kailyne J. A
Rhetta M. G
Graden R. H
Dominic T. K
Grant D. L
Madison L
Ava R. O
Lillian P
Isabella R. S
Grant S

Emily S
Katey A. T
Dominic A. W

Milo D. B
Emily M. B
Weston J. C
Chiara D
Cheyenne O. D
Corben B. F
Gavin F
Allyson J. H
Taylor H
Caleb J. H
Samuel H. J
Vivian J. L
Gracie L. L
Adyson J. R
Olivia S
Michaela S
Jacob M. S
Isaac T. T
Anthony B. Jr W

First Quarter A Honor Roll

Ryan B
Eli B
Rosa D
Payzlee D
Elise J
Calista E. M
Alexander S. R
Anthony R
Makenna L. S
August V
Addison M. V
Veyda Y
Allen Z

Harper A. A
Madilyn D
Daphne F
Everlea R. G
Rhyen L. J
Claire K
Olivia L
Jezzibell L. L
Luke G. M
Hayden M
Max G. R

Linda M. B
Layla B
Faith J
Lilliana D. K
Grace E. K
Brianna S. K
Gino M
Wyatt M
Nylah M. P
Riley P. Q
Hobey S
Andrew W

Conor A
Braeden F
Jocelyn M. L
Reed M
Evan O
Paisleigh P

Carson J. A
Blake W. B
Lucas D. J
Daiyah R. K
Elizabeth M
Brecklyn R. N
Tycen P

Jayden J. E
Jadyn G
Jaxon W. K
Johnny L
Emily R

First Quarter B Honor Roll

Everyn T
Becket R
Lillian R. S
Xavier M. S
Fulong Y
Leonard R. A
Dej Ntshiab V
Crosby S
Mason S
Nevaeh G. S
Monette Rica C
Boone A. A
Ne'Khi G. V
Caleb S
Mitchell S
Sophia L. S
Cooper O. D
Grayson B
Huxlee W
Annabelle R. S
Racheal K. S
Riley S
Alyssa L. D

Silas B
Aiyzanna S. W
Jacob T. S
Mason T
Autumn W
Hayven D
Brantley W. D
Vera C. X
Evelyn S
Ali K. T
Grace S. Y
Darian H
Skyler L. F
Mercy Y
Nathan S
Ayden K. V
Reed B
Emilee H
Jaxon J. G
Melia B
Maliah J. S
Kong Meng V
Preslie B

Easton E. H
Lexi M. G
Brylee J. B
Daphney S
Mikey T. V
Faith A. B
Tucker A. J
Makayla R. G
Aubree B
Natalie J. S
Ada H. Y
Kaylee D
Shayla J. J
Peyton G
Rylan L. B
Emma T. V
Kennedy M. Y
Tanner F
Aurun J. L
Anabella H
Kensley C
Vivianne R. W
Blake B

Austin G
Charles M. M
Connor J. J
Julian L. C
Nolan W
Morgan J. B
Khloe M. G
Logan N. M
Olivia K. J
Molly D
Jaydynn R. B
Hannah S. B
Jennavieve H
James M. N
Everett K
Evangeline A. D
Carter B
Gage B
Layney H
Maverick D. N
Emir L. K
Caitlynn G. E
Myah H. C

Havannah M. B
Elijah M. J
Ezra O
Ally J. K
Evalynn L. F
Catherine D. C
Kiya M. C
Evelyn J
Kaia A. R
Paton K
Avery F
George L. C
Parker E
Izabella G. J
Nevaeh R
Huck K
Jamal C. F
Peyton E. D
Garrity H
Roman C. J
Clarie A. S
Sawyer K
Brooke K. F

First Quarter B Honor Roll

John E
Valkrie H
Dakota A. K
Taylor T
Milo S. K
John M. G
Chloe G
Axel H
Levi J. K
Lila R. T
Reid W. L
Sienna D. G
Armand G
Lauryn J
Jerald T. K
Anthony L. W
Eli L
Aubrey E. G
Zayla G
Tatum J
Camarianna L. L
Breckin M. W
Avery H. M

Brycen I
Nolan J
Layla L. K
Kadence R. M
Keiarra W
Havannah M. M
Kade A. J
Jaylen S. J
Jenner K
Skyler T. M
Izabelle H. X
Levie W. M
Joshua K
Gabriel E. K
Peyton L
Weston J. M
Phoenix T. Y
Conner E. N
Bennett R. K
Jessa K
Katryna M. M
Colten C. M
Taichi Y

Evelyn S. N
Bentley L
Harley K
Caiden M
Joseph P. M
Presley O
Chase L
Christopher R. K
Mason A. M
Parker T. O
Bryer W. P
Iris L
Aden L
Noah A. M
Zoey S. P
Cooper P
Easton A. L
Ryder L. M
Thomas M. Jr. M
Mason D. R
Addison R
Cecillia M
Matthew M

McKenzie N
Landon R
Eleanor A. R
Jocelyn H. M
Mason W. M
Noah J. N
Darrien R
Kyle J. S
Abigail J. M
Madelyn N
Paige R. P
Oskar J. R
Alexander O. S
Madison M
Waylin N
Jenasis P
Grace L. S
Marshall S
Branson J. N
Aaliyah O
Walker A. R
Ashton L. S
Trevor R. S

Leslie A. P
Blayne R
Lexie R
Logan T
Victoria R. S
Levi C. P
Asa S
Amelia S
Darwin L. X

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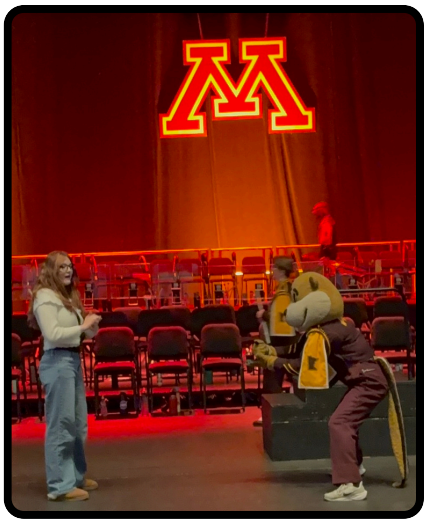
Pine City Band Students Visit UMN

On Friday, November 21st, members of the PC High School Band had a field trip to the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities. "This is the third year we have taken students down to the University of Minnesota to see the marching band perform! Their indoor show consists of highlights from their home game halftime shows this year."
~ Band Director Ms. Erdahl











Pine City High School Clubs & Activities

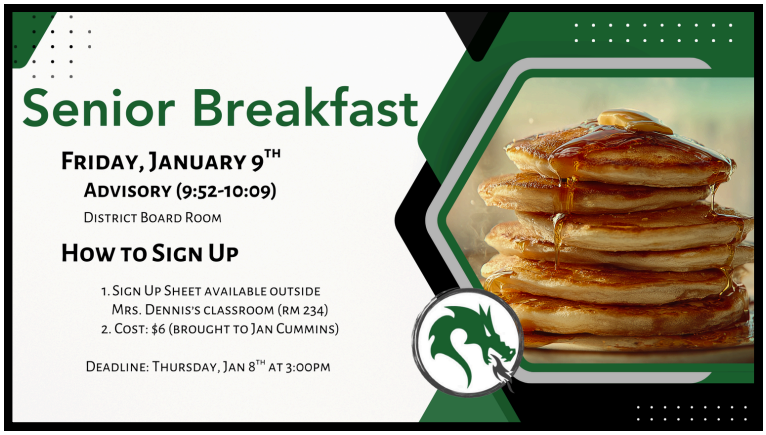
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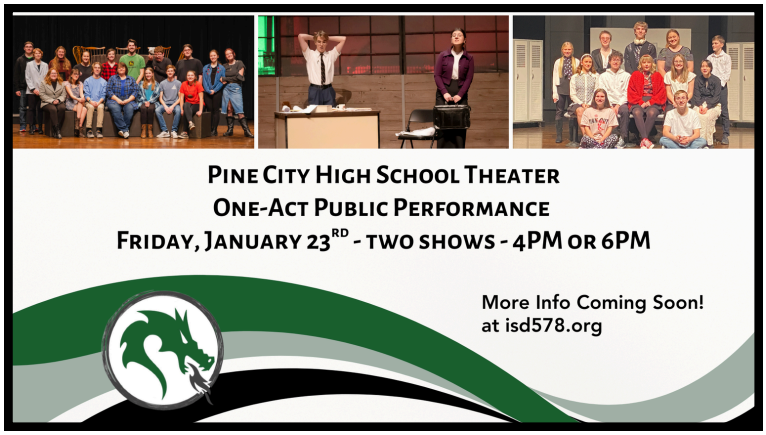
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Upcoming Events









Calender & Activity Pages

Use This Link to get the most up to date schedules for all sports and more events!

PCPS Winter sports are in full swing! PCPS Activities Calendar stays up to date with all activities - including informational meetings, season end banquets, and more. Use the link above to find more information! Many activities also have their own website and social media pages that post current events and updates.

You can find links to those on our school website:
Find Menu > Departments > Activities > Dragon Activities.

ECFE Pine City Early Childhood

Winter 2026

NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national non-profit organization made up of local volunteers. In the Pine City Chapter, you can apply for a free bed for your child if:
-You have a child/ren between ages of 3-17
-Have space to set up a bed/bunk
-Parent/Guardian will be present and willing to sign a waiver of liability
-Provide contact information in order to verify and schedule delivery
-Live within the delivery area
Apply today at https://shpbeds.org/apply/



Screening

Early Childhood years are an important time of rapid learning and growth. Screening is a quick and simple check of how your child is growing and developing.The best time to schedule a screening is when your child is 3-½ years old. ALL children must be screened before entering Kindergarten.

Call 320-629-4277 to schedule today!

AM OPTIONS		PM OPTIONS	
*Thu, Jan 22	8:00-11:00	*Thu, Mar 19	5:00-6:30
*Thu, Feb 12	8:00-11:00	*Tue, Apr 7	4:00-6:00
*Thur, Mar 19	8:00-11:00		
*Tue, Apr 22	8:00-11:00		

east central regional library



Preschool Storytime

Pine City Public Library
Fridays Sept. 26 - May 8

10:00-10:45 am

Storytime is every Friday and continues through the end of the school year at the Pine City Public Library. We welcome you and your child for stories, songs and a creative art project. Come for one or all sessions.

There is no cost or pre-registration.

*No class Dec 19,26,Jan 2,Feb 13,27,Mar 27,Apr 3

UPCOMING EVENTS:

***Feb 6th PTO/ECFE Movie Night**

***Feb 27th PTO Carnival**



***Mar 19th ECFE Event**

Check out our website at:
isd578.org/page/ecfe

700 6th Ave SW
Pine City, MN 55063

Call us at:
320-629-4277

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

WINTER CLASSES

ECFE
EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

Ready, Set, Go-PM

(2-5 years)
Thursdays- Jan 8,15,22,29 Feb 5
5:00-6:30 pm
Pine City Elementary-ECFE

(enter ECFE door #5-S.W. corner of school)

Join us for an evening jam-packed with activities! Start off the class having some parent/child time then end the class with parents having time to separate from their child to relax and discuss new strategies and common concerns about your child with a teacher and other parents.

Ready, Set, Go-AM (2-5 years)

Fridays-Jan 9,16,23,30, Feb 6
8:30-9:30 am
Pine City Elementary-ECFE
(enterECFEdoor#5-S.W.cornerof school)

Get ready for a morning filled with action and fun! This class keeps us all busy with activities, songs, movement and motion. Parents have time to discuss new strategies and common concerns about their child with the early childhood teacher and other parents.

REGISTER HERE

Please register online at
isd578.ce.eleyo.com

(Mustpre-register. Classsize is limited.)

Click on "Start Exploring" and "Early Childhood Family Education" to view current classes. You will need to create a password when registering. Please remember your password as this will be used when registering for any upcoming ECFE classes/events and Community Ed classes.



ECFE CLASS FEE SCALE

Family Gross Income	1st Child	2nd Child*
$50,000+	$20.00	$10.00
$30-49,999	$15.00	$7.50
$20-29,999	$12.00	$6.00
$10-19,999	$10.00	$5.00
$0-9,999	$8.00	$4.00

*If you are registering a second child to ECFE, once you put the second child in the cart, the 50% discount will be applied. Class fee is for the entire session, not weekly.

Check out our website at:
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Pine City Schools
Community Education

Celebrating Life Long Learning! **Winter 2026**

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 the 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 or 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.

Upcoming in-person classes in Pine City:

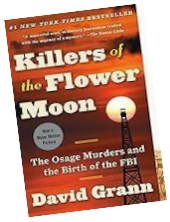
Tues Jan 6	9:00am-1:00pm	High School Boardroom	$24
Tues Mar 17	9:00am-1:00pm	High School Boardroom	$24
Tues Apr 21	9:00am-1:00pm	High School Boardroom	$24
Tues Apr 21	5:00pm-9:00pm	Elementary Media Center	$24
Tues May 19	9:00am-1:00pm	High School Boardroom	$24

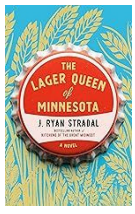
Past Pine City Reads Books For Sale

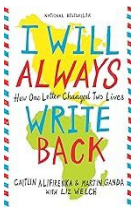
Looking for a good read this winter? We have some leftover books from past Pine City Reads for sale. All books are new and are $5 each. Please see available books below.

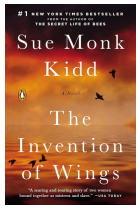
Please call the Pine City Community Ed office at 320-629-4030 for book availability and to schedule a pick up time.

Killers of the Flower Moon *by David Grann*
The Lager Queen of Minnesota *by J. Ryan Stradal*
I Will Always Write Back *byCaitlinAlifirenka & Martin Ganda*
The Invention of Wings *bySue Monk Kidd*
Before We Were Yours *byLisa Wingate*











LET'S TALK ABOUT MEDICARE

Asyouget closer to 65, the amount of informationyou get concerning Medicare can makethe process of applying very confusing. This is an educational meeting about Medicare and Medicare insurance that will answer your questions. We will discuss what Medicare covers, what it costs, and how and when to enroll. We will also review the types of Medicare insurance available and the factors to consider when deciding what type of plan is best for you.

Tuesday, April 14
6:00-7:00pm
Pine City Elementary Media Center
This isafreeevent butwe askthatyou please pre-register by calling 320-629-4030

Tom Hill and Jill Ehrman
Licensed Medicare Insurance Brokers
TruePartners Insurance Brokers

PINE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Check out the upcoming class schedule on pinecenter.org

Community Ed Classes

CheckoutupcomingCommunity Ed classes and other events at isd578.ce.eleyo.com and isd578.org/page/ce Please check back often!!

Check out our website or call us for more information!

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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 6:00-7:30pm
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 7:30-9:00pm OpenPlay(AnyLevel)*
Open to players who already know the game.

Dates: Most Fridays January 9-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:
PineCityElementary Multi *(enter in the main entrance of the elementaryschool 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.

PCAPreserves the right to cancelsessionswhen there are insufficient sign ups in PlaytTime scheduler, conflicts for instructors or inclement weather.

Strength & Mobility *with Hannah*

Build your strength and mobility with dynamic body weight exercises and versatile circuit workouts tailored for all fitness levels, from beginners to advanced. Join us for a 45-minute, energy-packed session with Trainer Hannah. Ready for a fun and empowering challenge? See you in class!



Instructor: Hannah Kloeckl, Certified Personal Trainer

Tuesdays
6:00-6:45pm
Jan 6,13,20,27
Feb 3,10,17,24
Elementary School-Room #102
(Entermainfrontdoor,watch for signs)



$15 per class
No pre-registration required. *(please bring exact change or check payable to P.C. Comm Ed)*

YOGA

Beginner-Intermediate (Ages **16+)**

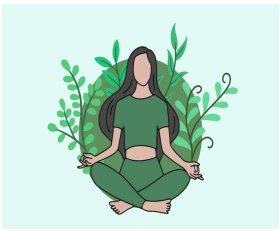
Join us for a yoga practice suitable for both beginners and those with some yoga experience. This class focuses on building a foundation in yoga poses while progressing through more challenging poses and sequences. Classes will work to enhance mobility, balance and strength.

Whether you're new to yoga or looking to deepen your understanding and refine your practice, this class offers a supportive environment to explore and grow.

What to bring: comfortable clothing, water bottle, yoga mat and an open mind.

Instructor: Erin White

Thursdays
5:00-6:00pm
Jan 15,22,29
Feb 5,12,19
Elementary School-Media Center



(Enter main front door, watch for signs)

$10 perclass
No pre-registration required, drop-in works best with everyone's busy schedules! *(pleasebringexactchangeor check payable to P.C. Comm Ed)*

Check out our websites or call us for more information !

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