



# Pine News



October 2017

Virtue of the Month = Kindness

## Pine Happenings

10.18.17 Fall Costume Dance.  
6 -8pm. \$1/person.

10.19-22.17 Fall Break.

10.23.17 Soccer @ Marsh. 4pm.

10.24.17 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to Star Plaza

10.27.18 PTC Trick or Treat Night!  
6-7pm.

10.30.17 Soccer: Springfield @ Pine 4pm.

10.31.17 Kindergarten to Luhr Co. Park

11.2.17 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Showcase 6:30pm

11.8.17 Buffalo Wild Wings give back.

11.10.17 End of Grading Period 1.

11.11.14 -Veteran's Day (Saturday).

11.13-17.17 Pine Book Fair  
(in Library).

11.15.17 Elementary Parent-  
Teacher Conferences.

11.22-26.17 Thanksgiving Break



## On Reading & Parents...

***Research has shown that the single most important factor in raising a reader is to read aloud to a child.***

*Big brothers, big sisters, and parents, we encourage you to read with your child for 15 to 20 minutes each day*



**KINDNESS  
BEGINS WITH ME**

*including weekends & vacations. Consider trying some of these ideas as you read with your child/younger sibling:*

1. Find the book's title, author, and illustrator.
2. With smaller children, ask them to find small words on the page. For example: "Do you see the word "and" on this page?"
3. Pause occasionally to explain words, make comments, and talk about the pictures.
4. Discuss what happened in the story.
5. Have your child retell the story from the pictures.
6. Encourage the child to ask you questions about the book! Let the child play the "teacher" role!
7. The library can be a fun field trip for a family, even over the Fall Break or Thanksgiving holiday!



## Artistic Impressions

*Are you following @artstudio312 on Instagram? Mrs. Beadles shares art room happenings weekly. It is my mission to encourage my students to be creative and to teach them that art grows with different solutions and flourishes with imagination.*

The art room can always use the following things, yarn, fabric scraps, plastic containers, paper towel tubes, ribbon, and odd bits of creative junk.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

First Grade has been so busy these past 8-9 weeks. We are spending time becoming great readers! Did you know that some of our letters can make more than one sound? This is so confusing to a first grader.

We are also experiencing growth as we learn our addition and subtraction facts. In Science we are having fun learning about life cycles, animals and their habitats and the forest. Every day is a new and exciting adventure.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

The children are off to a strong start becoming successful students in learning. All beginning-of-year and ongoing testing helps keep teachers informed of special needs per student. No matter where they are at in their scores, **working together in a partnership only enhances success in school.**

Make sure your children continue to read daily and do homework. Don't forget parent conferences are right around the corner. Look for that information soon.

A special thank you to Ms. Schmidt for planning our first two field trips. **The students had excellent audience manners when they attended the Rapunzel play and the LaPorte Symphony concert.** We are all off to a great start!



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

We have had an exciting start to the school year. In math, we have begun to learn a bit more about multiplication and division. We have also enjoyed book discussions in mini lessons and guided reading groups.

Our Fine Arts Friday rotations began in October and we have been immersed in sound and light projects and activities. We can't wait to show our parents all that we have learned and done at our showcase on November 2nd at 6:30 Hope to see everyone there!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

The Fourth Graders have been very busy. We are dancing with Mrs. Hoppi every Friday. She has been working with them since last year. This year part of her focus with them is our ELA standard "point of view". She read the story, "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs" to them, and is doing many creative activities with them using that story.

We enjoyed going to the LaPorte County Historical Museum on Oct 27th. We will also be attending the South Bend Symphony Young People's Discovery Concert on Thursday, November 16th.

We have also had lessons with Mr. Schena about Bullying. He has done several lessons with us about what to do and how to handle yourself if you are aware of bullying going on...stop, calm, think (about a possible solution to the problem), and try a solution. If a couple of tries don't work - or if the problem is an immediate safety issue - the next thing to "try" is to get help from an adult! **Building PEACE depends on each of us working together!**







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We have covered many standards in reading and math so far this year. Some that have been discussed have been main idea and supporting details, characters, setting, plot and poetry just to name a few. In math we have learned about place value, adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers, multiplication, division, and rounding numbers. **Each of these MUST BE MASTERED if**

**a student is to do well in math after 4<sup>th</sup> grade!**



Please have your child read and do some studying of their basic math

facts every night. The more they practice, the better they will become. Remember, your child has access to iReady math and reading at home. They can go to the MCAS home website, go to Learning Place, Clever and pick iReady math or reading from there.

We look forward to seeing you at Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, November 15th. You will be getting more information about that as it gets closer. You can also contact us any time for any questions you may have. We will be happy to get back to you as soon as we can.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Dilling  
Ms. Janes  
Miss Keltz



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

6<sup>th</sup> grade had their Fine Arts Fridays early this school year. Our theme was "Confidence in Ourselves, Even Our Flaws." Life can throw so much at us at times, but we don't let that weigh us down for long!

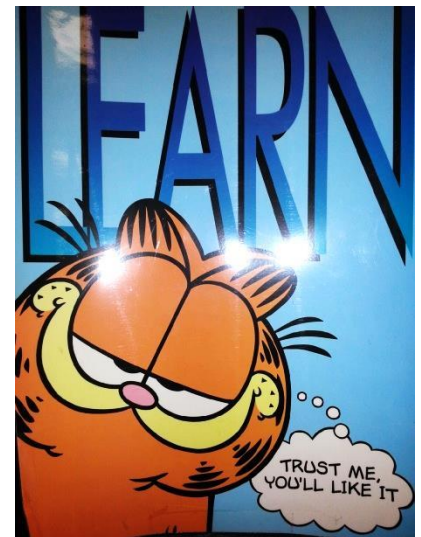
With that in mind, we each made "Ugly Dolls" (they're more cute than ugly!) as unique expressions of our own

personalities. We also watched the movie "Inside Out" together. This is an animated movie involving the interplay of 5 common emotions that we all experience...joy, sadness, anger, fear & disgust....cool movie! Based on that, we each created 3 different islands based on our unique personalities & interests.

We used these 5 emotions as each of us wrote a Haiku to further describe the emotions of our "Ugly Dolls." And, to boost everyone's confidence, we took pictures of ourselves, put them on a poster, and our peers each wrote one or two positive things about us on the posters. **What an uplifting experience to see what positive things our classmates see in us!!! (If only we would all say these things to each other more often!)**

Lastly, we hope you all enjoyed watching our Fine Arts Friday show as much as we did performing it!

- Heavenly  
Thompkins







**Pine Soccer:** A big Pine "THANK YOU" goes out to Mr. Mrozinski & Ms. Brandy who have volunteered to coach the Pine Soccer team. "The season started off well. We

had a few bumps, but now that we're all on the same page and working together, I'm sure we will finish strong." (There's that "working together" idea that seems to keep coming up in this newsletter!)

A reminder for all Pine athletes who hope to play on one of our teams: **Keep your grades up and your behavior good. You must have at least a 1.5 grade point average and good behavior to play Soccer or Basketball for Pine, and later on, at Barker and at MCHS!**



**Good Grades**

**+ Good Conduct**

**Good Job!!!**







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Three of those present (George Mason and Edmund Randolph of Virginia & Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts) refused to sign what they considered a



flawed document. An ailing John Dickinson of Delaware was unable to attend the Convention's final session but had fellow delegate George Read sign his name in absence, for a total of 39 signers.

## Constitution Day: Sept. 17, 1787...

### 230 years ago!!!!

Delegates hailing from all the original states except Rhode Island gathered in the Pennsylvania State House in 1787 to participate in the Constitutional Convention. Many of the delegates had fought in the American Revolution and about three-fourths had served in Congress. The average age was 42.

The delegates named George Washington presiding officer and spent four months, from May to September, behind closed doors, hammering out the framework of a new, more powerful national government.

Of the 55 original delegates, only 41 were present on September 17, 1787, to sign the proposed Constitution.

## OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

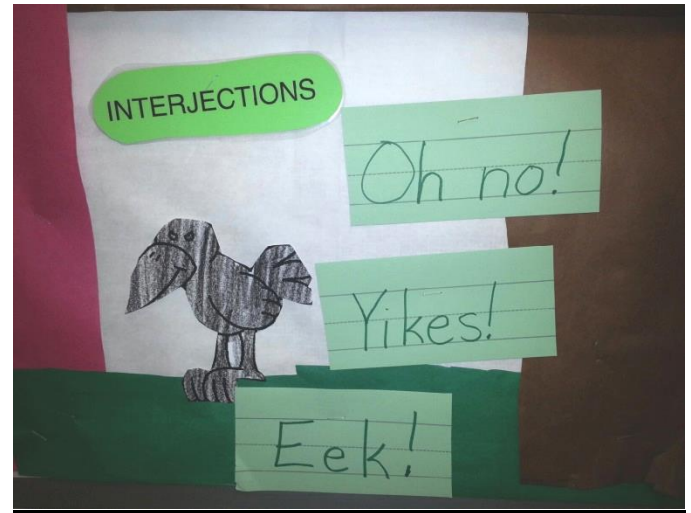
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2. Bassett, Richard, DE
3. Bedford, Gunning, Jr., DE
4. Blair, John, VA
5. Blount, William, NC
6. Brearley, David, NJ
7. Broom, Jacob, DE
8. Butler, Pierce, SC
9. Carroll, Daniel, MD
10. Clymer, George, PA
11. Dayton, Jonathan, NJ
12. Few, William, GA
13. Fitzsimons, Thomas, PA
14. Franklin, Benjamin, PA
15. Gilman, Nicholas, NH
16. Gorham, Nathaniel, MA
17. Hamilton, Alexander, NY
18. Ingersoll, Jared, PA
19. Jefferson, Thomas, VA
20. Jenifer, Daniel St Thomas, MD
21. Johnson, William Samuel, CT
22. King, Rufus, MA
23. Langdon, John, NH
24. Livingston, William, NJ



25. Madison, James, VA
26. McHenry, James, MD
27. Mifflin, Thomas, PA
28. Morris, Gouverneur, PA
29. Morris, Robert, PA
30. Paterson, William, NJ
31. Pinckney, C. Cotesworth, SC
32. Pinckney, Charles, SC
33. Read, George, DE  
(signed for Dickinson, John, DE,  
who was home ill)
34. Rutledge, John, SC
35. Sherman, Roger, CT
36. Spaight, Richard Dobbs, NC
37. Washington, George, VA
38. Williamson, Hugh, NC
39. Wilson, James, PA

from vomit or stool). Use hot water and soap.

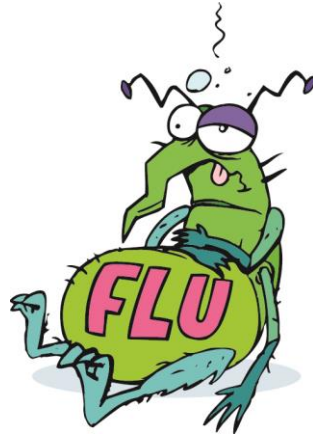
People that are infected with flu virus should not prepare food while they have symptoms and for 3 days after they recover.



### From Our Nurse

It's almost that time of year again.....flu season!

Viral gastroenteritis, often called the stomach flu, is contagious and is spread by contact with bodily fluids of an infected person. People who do not wash hands after using the restroom, diapering children or helping others to use the restroom can easily spread the virus to others.



Symptoms most commonly include nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Other symptoms include low grade fever, headache, chills, and body aches. Symptoms usually appear 12-48 hours after exposure and go away with 1-3 days. Proper hydration is important if one experiences several episodes of nausea or diarrhea.

If you have any of these symptoms please stay home and get better. What can you do to prevent getting the flu?

- frequent hand washing, especially after using the bathroom, eating, or preparing food;
- thoroughly clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces immediately after an episode of illness;
- immediately remove and wash linens and clothing contaminated with virus (esp.





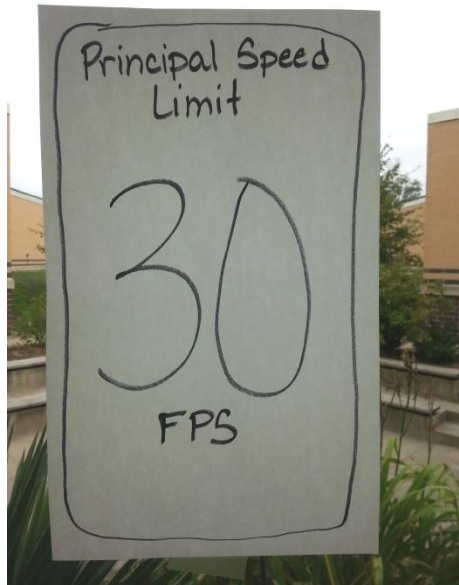


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