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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT 1 Vaccine Clinic 2:00 - 6:00pm
(1st Dose) at PMS -
Buzz Redford Gym (see flyer below)

SEPT 2 Virtual Back to School Night.
Early dismissal at 12pm.
Kinder 6:30-6:55
Grades 1-3 7:00-7:25
Grades 4-5 7:30-7:55

SEPT 6 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

SEPT 22 2:00 - 6:00 pm Vaccine Clinic
(2nd Dose) at PMS -
Buzz Redford Gym (see flyer below)

NOV 1-5 Parent / Teacher Conference Week
Early dismissal at 12pm

IMPORTANT LINKS

[Summary of August 25th Board Meeting](#)

[PUSD Elementary Welcome Back Letter](#)

[PUSD Health and Safety Basics](#)

[PUSD Reopening Plan](#)

[Alameda County School Guidance](#)

[PUSD Visitor Screener](#)

ATTENDANCE REPORTING

To report a Student Absence or Tardy

Please call 510-594-2719 or email wwdattendance@piedmont.k12.ca.us

MESSAGE FROM CAROL CRAMER

Dear Families,

Tomorrow night is our **virtual Back to School Night!** Please note that this is also an **early release day** and students will end their day at **noon**. Please be sure to make arrangements for pick-up as there are not any child care back-up options available.

You can look forward to meeting your child's teacher, getting an overview of the curriculum, hearing about how we build community and meeting your class' "room parents". While it will be an engaging and informative event, questions about individual children will need to be addressed at a different time. If you have any questions that are specific to your child I encourage you to reach out via email to your child's teacher to have them answered.

Please be on the lookout for a meeting link from your child's teacher.

An important part of our work is to get to know each family that is part of our community. We hope that you can take a few minutes to complete this [Family Identity Survey](#). The information you enter will be shared with your child's teacher and other staff who work with them. Additionally, this is how you sign up to have your child participate in our Mentorship Program where elementary students are paired with high school students with similar identity markers as indicated by you on the survey.

[FAQ Regarding COVID-19.](#)

[PUSD Elementary Academic Calendar](#)

School Schedule:

8:30 start Daily

2:00 Dismissal for Kindergarten MTThF

2:00 Dismissal for Grades 1-3 until Labor Day MTTh F

3:00 Dismissal for Grades 4-5 MTThF

1:45 Dismissal for K-5 on Wednesdays

12:00pm Minimum and Conference Day Dismissals for Grades K-5

Note: Schoolmates will not be available on these days, please make other childcare arrangements.

- September 2: Back To School Night
- November 1-5: Parent/Teacher Conference Week
- January 27: Open House
- June 2: Last Day of School

Lunch Option:

If you are interested in ordering Choice Lunch, please review [this brochure](#) for details on their program, and how to set up an account. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to distribute lunch, please contact. Andrea Curran: andreaicurran@gmail.com

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**FREE
COVID VACCINE
CLINIC
FOR AGES 12+**



**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 1st**
2pm - 6pm
Piedmont Middle School
Buzz Redford
Gymnasium

Pre-Register Now:
<https://my.primary.health/r/alcoschools>
Select: Piedmont High School/Middle School



**PIEDMONT
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

in Partnership with

 Alameda County
Health Care Services Agency

DATE: September 1, 2021 (1st Dose)
TIME: 2:00-6:00 PM
LOCATION: Piedmont Middle School
Buzz Redford Gym
740 Magnolia Ave., Piedmont

DATE: September 22, 2021 (2nd Dose)
TIME: 2:00-6:00 PM
LOCATION: Piedmont Middle School
Buzz Redford Gym
740 Magnolia Ave., Piedmont

Essential Information

1. Information about Consent for Minors: ACPHD Youth Vaccination Facts page <https://covid-19.acgov.org/youthvaxfacts> has information about minor consent, including the Alameda County Minor Consent Guidance and a downloadable Written Consent Form
2. Please see the California Department of Public Health Minor Consent Guidance for more information: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Pfizer-Vaccine-Minor-Consent-Guidance.aspx>
3. Though severe allergic reactions are rare, we will have trained staff on site.

Open to All Piedmont Community Members, City Staff, PUSD Teachers, Staff, and Students.

Walk-ins Welcome

@Darc2BWell



PARENTS CLUB NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Wildwood Parents,

Happy September! Hope you are enjoying the cooler temps and improved air quality this week. Our hearts go out to those impacted by the Caldor Fire.

[After School Enrichment](#) enrollment closes this Friday at 10pm. Take advantage of the great classes that are offered on campus after school this fall.

I will look forward to seeing some of you (virtually) at Back to School Night tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Grace

Grace Harris, WPC President

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME TO OUR NEW WILDWOOD FACULTY MEMBERS!

Samantha Wilde

Creative Arts - Performing - Orchestra



When I am not working at Wildwood...?

I am either teaching at another school in Piedmont or hanging from a trapeze! I love practicing aerial arts (aerial hoop, aerial silks, and trapeze) in my spare time. I also love cooking.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Vacaville, California and actually got my first job teaching music there too!

What brought you to the area?

I stayed with a friend in Emeryville when social distancing first started in March 2020. I loved the area and decided it was time to move! I had heard wonderful things about Piedmont USD and decided to apply. Now I work at all of the schools! Wildwood, Havens, Beach, Piedmont Middle School, and Piedmont High School.

What did you want to be when you were in elementary school?

I wanted to be a professional ballerina, veterinarian, and an author/illustrator. Yes, all of them.

What do parents not know about you?

I'm all about the process. I love teaching music and believe absolutely ANYONE can learn. Teaching is like a giant puzzle and it's so satisfying. You get to work with so many different people with different skills and experiences. It feels really good when I'm able to take all of those factors into account and help everyone improve. I love that we all come together and work towards a common goal of creating something beautiful.

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WILDWOOD NEWS

COUNSELING CORNER

TIP FOR THE WEEK:

Back to school can be exciting and stressful in “normal” times. In 2021, students, teachers and families are feeling a wide range of emotions as the school year unfolds. One concern for students and families is the uncertainty and unpredictability of a Covid case impacting a classroom. Working with the Tri-School elementary counselors, we have included some ideas for families below.

We want everyone to be prepared that there may be some times throughout the school year where a class may need to quarantine for some period of time. This means a class may need to do their learning from home for a while. You can talk with your children ahead of time so it doesn't come as a surprise if their class needs to have some time at home or they hear about another class following this procedure.

Tips for Parents to Support Children who are Feeling Anxious

- Monitor your own anxiety and model positive ways of managing anxiety: Children will react to and follow your reactions. Let your child see you managing anxiety calmly and seek support for yourself if you need it.
- Listen and empathize with your child's concerns: anxiety about Covid is real and understandable.
- Express positive - but realistic - expectations: Convey that adults are working hard to keep people safe.
- Ask open-ended rather than leading questions: Instead of "Are you anxious about Covid?" ask "How are you feeling about Covid?"
- Practice deep breathing with your child: breathing is a valuable tool for calming the nervous system.
- Laughter reduces stress hormones, find ways to laugh together.

Resource Articles:

[What To Do \(And Not Do\) When Children are Anxious](#)

[Reassuring Anxious Children](#)

[Helping Children Cope with Changes Resulting from Covid](#)

[Calming Anxiety in Children](#)

[But Why: A Podcast for Curious Kids: recent episode on starting school](#)

Podcast Series: [Dear Anxiety](#)

Colleen Stormer, school counselor

cstormer@piedmont.k12.ca.us

510-594-2731

HOT LUNCH REMINDERS

Hi WW Choice Lunch Participants!

Reminder - **there is no hot lunch tomorrow (Thursday, 9/2)** due to the early dismissal for back to school night.

We are seeing record numbers for Choice Lunch orders! Thank you! A portion of your order goes towards our school as a fundraiser.

If your child is interested in trying it out, even if only one day a week, you can order at:
www.choicelunch.com

When setting up a new account, choose "Piedmont" and "Wildwood". Email me with questions!

Cheers,
Andrea

andreajcurran@gmail.com

SIGN UP FOR WILDWOOD AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Wildwood ASE Fall 2021 enrollment ends September 3 at 10:00 PM.
Classes start Tues. September 7th. Sign up for watercolor, hip hop, basketball, origami, music, theater, robotics and other new offerings!

Sign up and support Wildwood at
homeroom.com/sites/wildwood-elementary-piedmont

FALL VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR 9/27 - 10/10

The Wildwood Book Fair dates are now set. The Fair will take place from 9/27 - 10/10. The Fair will be "virtual only," and proceeds will benefit our school's library. Please look for more information in the coming weeks. Room parents will email with specifics, but if you have any questions, feel free to contact Bobby Gavin at: rmgavin@gmail.com.

SUMMER READ-A-THON UPDATE

Congratulations and a big THANK YOU to all participants and supporters of the Summer Read-a-Thon!

We are tallying up final contributions since the fundraiser closed yesterday. Current numbers suggest that we nearly reached our goal of \$4,000! The money raised will go toward the cost of resurfacing the upper and lower playgrounds.

Be on the lookout for an update later this month about prizes and the final count.
Thank you again!

ORDER YOUR WILDWOOD MERCHANDISE!

**LAST DAY TO ORDER WILDWOOD GEAR EXTENDED TO THIS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD!**



Celebrate
OUR COMMUNITY
Growing Together
WITH A PURCHASE OF
Wildwood Gear

Show your school spirit and order your Wildwood Gear [here](#)

Who's happy that we don't have to shop for school supplies ourselves?

All profits from [Wildwood Merchandise](#) goes directly to support our teachers and provide all the supplies for **math, art, music, and science** programs. You can also **GIFT YOUR TEACHER/STAFF Wildwood Gear** by adding a note in your purchase. Orders for shirts, hoodies, water bottles and caps will be delivered to your doorstep in late September.

Have too many clothes, but still want to support Wildwood?

You can get a **LIMITED FIRST EDITION PRINT** of this year's Wildwood Tree signed by our very own parent artist, **Malinda Walters**. We have twenty-one 8x10 prints and twenty-one 12x16 prints which can either come framed or in a protective sleeve. **Please email wildwoodelementarygear@gmail.com to order while supplies last!** Orders will be delivered to your doorstep by the Merch Team.



Size	Price
8x10 Print	\$10
8x10 Framed White	\$25
8x10 Framed Wood	\$28
12x16 Print	\$20
12x16 Framed White	\$35
12x16 Framed Wood	\$38

Thank you for supporting our annual Wildwood Gear fundraiser! Please email the Merch team at wildwoodelementarygear@gmail.com with any questions.

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LIBRARY CORNER - CHECK IT OUT!



Mrs. Ludmer, Teacher Librarian and Ms. Latham, Library Assistant, are really excited about this new year and are committed to making the library one of your child's favorite places at school! The Wildwood library program has some exciting opportunities in store for your child and your family this year:

- Our program promotes the very best of children's literature to your child.
- We do our utmost to get (or keep) your child "hooked on reading" by recommending specific reading materials to each individual.
- We have special events being planned, including virtual author visits, and two book fairs.
 - The **first virtual author visit** is scheduled for September 10th for grades 3-5 with acclaimed author **Katherine Applegate** presenting her newest book "**Willodeen**".
 - The first book fair, a **Scholastic Bookfair**, will be an **online event beginning September 27-October 10**. Watch for announcements and details in the WhatNot on Wednesdays.
- We will add new titles throughout the year of the latest and most exciting new books for our readers, including quality non-fiction to help support classroom units of study.
- The online catalog and access to electronic library materials are available 24/7 at the [Wildwood Library](#).
- At each grade level 1st-5th, students will be learning research and computer skills specifically suited to their developmental needs.
- We will be collaborating with classroom teachers to help them find materials and implement lessons.
- Library lessons will include some Digital Citizenship, supporting your child in making safe and ethical decisions when using the Internet.
- Our mini "maker-space" is available at recess to 1st-5th grade children who want to create and explore. The iPads and computers in the library will be available to use the online catalog and for reading electronic books during recess.
- ***Students, with adults accompanying them, are invited to visit the library immediately after school on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Adult community members are encouraged to become library patrons by opening a library account.***

Looking forward to welcoming you to the Wildwood Library!

Mrs. Ludmer and Ms. Latham

AUTHOR VISIT

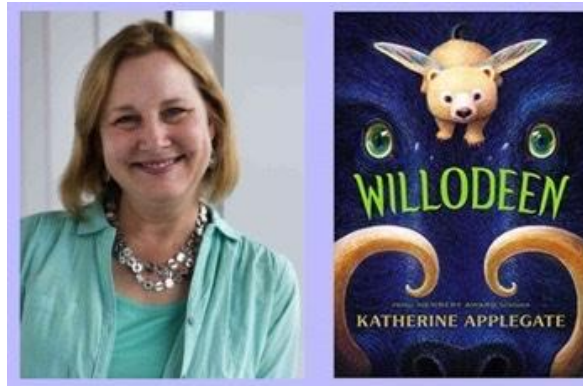
The Tri-School Libraries and Books Inc. are *excited about virtually hosting Katherine Applegate, a beloved author.*

She will be presenting her newest book, Willodeen, on Sept. 10th to 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.

[Click here](#) to pre-order copies and to read more about the author and the book.

Purchased books will have an author signed bookplate included.

Sales are not limited to assembly participants.



“The young folk and (of course) the animals are engagingly wrought in this tale with a strong ecological message.” Kirkus Reviews

P.S. Applegate’s Wishtree is a California Young Reader Medal nominee this year!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

HARVEST FESTIVAL - SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

The Harvest Festival is on September 19 from 11 am to 3 pm. It raises money for the schools and we are looking for volunteers to work on the day of the event and also to donate baked goods for the cakewalk. There are lots of fun jobs for parents and middle school/high school students at the festival. We also need drivers to deliver scarecrows to winners.

Below are Signup Geniuses. The time slots for working on the day of the event are short. You can totally sign up to volunteer and still have fun at the festival with your kids. We are also looking for high school and middle school students to volunteer on the day of the event.

If you want to donate baked goods, you can drop it off the morning of the festival (or we can pick up from you). Baked goods need to be covered in plastic wrap, per the health department.

Cake Hop Signup:

[Harvest Festival Volunteers: Cake Hop Donations \(signupgenius.com\)](http://signupgenius.com)

Harvest Festival Adult Volunteers:

[Harvest Festival Volunteers: Harvest Festival - Adult Volunteers \(signupgenius.com\)](http://signupgenius.com)

Harvest Festival Student Volunteers:

WALK FOR WELLNESS 2021

The second annual **Walk for Wellness** will take place September 20 - 26, and we invite the entire Piedmont community to participate. **Walk for Wellness** focuses on physical, mental and emotional wellness, and is the PUSD Wellness Center Support Committee's largest fundraiser. Put on your **Walk for Wellness** visor and head outside with family, friends and pets any time during the week of September 20 to show your support for PUSD's Wellness Center and student mental health.

Last year we raised more than \$37,000 and we hope to beat that number this year! Donations support the Wellness Center's mission of helping middle and high school students manage emotional and social challenges including stress, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, and substance use concerns.

Registration is \$25 per person and includes fun giveaways for all participants. Sign up today at PiedmontWalkforWellness.org, then visit the **Walk for Wellness** booth at the Harvest Festival on September 19 to pick up your goody bag. Family and corporate sponsorships are available starting at \$500.

Please join us!

In health and wellness,

Cortney Allen, Jenna Caldwell, Nicki Gilbert, KeriAnne Hohener, Dana Lung,
Rebecca Thornborrow & Sara Valkonen

Walk for Wellness 2021 Committee

PEF GIVING CAMPAIGN 2021 - FORWARD TOGETHER

Last year's Giving Campaign sets this school year up for success

Thanks to the support of the Piedmont community, last year's Giving Campaign raised \$3 million from 1,140 donors. With our children back in school, this funding helps to ensure they receive a well-rounded education. The funds, minus expenses, have been distributed to fund the 2021-2022 school year. They enable small class sizes, instructional aides, art and music, libraries and teaching librarians, AP courses and electives, and health and wellness support. Thank you to everyone who participated!

We are preparing to launch this year's Giving Campaign, Forward Together, on Tuesday, September 21st. If you are interested in volunteering to help in any way, we'd love to have you join our committee of 70+ volunteers. Please email andrea@piedmontedfoundation.org to join the volunteer committee.

With Gratitude,

Colleen Allan & Christine Wente von Metzsch
Co-Chairs, The Giving Campaign
#ForwardTogether

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MORE SCHOOL INFO + RESOURCES

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Whatnot submissions are due on Tuesdays. Please email:
whatnot@piedmont.k12.ca.us
