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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV	1-3	Conference Week - Noon Dismissal
	10	Veterans Day - Observed - No School
	20-24	Thanksgiving Break - No School

IMPORTANT LINKS

Hot Lunch Use password <i>Wildwood</i>		Covid Guidelines for Families	
Commuting Guidelines for Students	Student Schedule	Breakfast and Morning Drop-off	Witter Field Renovation May 2023 Update
WWD Calendar for 2023-24 (printable)			

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DAYMOND

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Dear Wildwood Families,

We had an incredible time at yesterday's Halloween parade! The creative student costumes and enthusiastic community support made the event a huge success. It was wonderful to revive the tradition of holding the parade in front of the school on Wildwood Avenue. We are grateful to the Piedmont Police Department for their assistance in making this possible. The parade's fantastic turnout ensures this will become an anticipated annual tradition.

Our schools are the foundation of Piedmont, and we strive to provide a nurturing environment where all students and families can thrive within this wonderful community. We will be holding an informational event for prospective parents on November 14th at 7 pm on Haven's campus at the Ellen Driscoll Theater. If you have friends who are trying to make a decision about PUSD TK or private preschools, or who live in Piedmont but have their children enrolled in private schools, please encourage them to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what makes our district so special. We hope to see many new faces there!

Thank you so much for making parent-teacher conferences a priority. As principal, one of my greatest joys is the strong partnership we have here at Wildwood between our school and families. We are in this together, and our goal is to create a supportive community that upholds every child. These conferences are a driving force in developing those relationships. By meeting face-to-face, we can improve communication, identify issues early, set goals, increase student motivation and accountability, encourage parental involvement, and strengthen our home-school partnership. Your participation in conferences allows us to collaborate on achieving the best education for your child. I also want to recognize the incredible work our teachers are doing to prepare for and make these conferences meaningful and insightful. Their dedication to providing thoughtful feedback and recommendations is so valuable and helps make these meetings productive. I sincerely appreciate you taking the time to meet with teachers. Together, with our outstanding teachers' guidance, we can set our students up for success.

Sincerely,



Melissa Daymond
Principal, Wildwood Elementary



A Super Sized Happy Meal
of Wildwood Hamburgers (hamburglers) with condiments, pickles, and soda on the
side.

WILDWOOD NEWS





Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

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November 14

Last year our Elementary School Students joined over 90,000 kids across 36 states in our City's first Ruby Bridges Walks to School Day. This year we would love to invite PMS and PHS/MHS students to join trischool elementary students as we honor Ruby Bridges and her courageous message of kindness, inclusion and activism.

Join us this year as our event is now City-Wide!

LOCATION: PIEDMONT PARK

TIME: 7:45-8:15 am. Come anytime before 8:15.

DATE: Nov 14

7:45 am: Pathways of Kindness. Our High School Affinity Mentors will be at Piedmont Park to create Pathways of Kindness in our City's Center. We will be drawing with chalk on our sidewalks. Create a bouquet of diversity, talk bubbles with important messages, rainbows of all colors, robots or aliens of all shapes and sizes - whatever you want to show that we are a community where "everyone is welcome and belongs!" We also will be handing out cool Ruby Bridges swag - first come, first serve. Please be considerate when taking swag so we have enough for everyone.

8:05 am: The Ruby Bridges Pledge. Hear our Affinity Mentors speak about Ruby Bridges and her message. Take the Ruby Bridges Pledge together!

8:10 am: Gather Together and prepare to walk to school.



Huge shout out to Anika
who helps keep us safe each and every day on our way to and from
school!



PUSD Hiring @ Wildwood

Wildwood Paraeducator Position Open

We need you!

Are you looking for a part time job in which you can support students and teachers at wildwood? Apply to be a paraeducator at Wildwood!

We are looking for an amazing paraeducator to join our staff from 9:30a-1:30p Monday through Friday.

Paraeducators play a vital role in our school community, supporting teachers and students in a variety of ways. They may work with small groups of students to provide individualized instruction, or they may assist with classroom management and activities.



Applicants must have at least a high school diploma or equivalent and AA degree. Fingerprint and TB clearance will be required as a condition of employment. Verification of COVID-19 vaccination.

Apply today and start making a difference!

Please see our [district website](#) for more information or stop by the office and chat with Principal Daymond

ASE

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After School Enrichment

After School Enrichment (ASE) enrollment for our Winter Session opens on Tuesday, November 7th at 8pm. Go to <https://www.homeroom.com/sites/wildwood-elementary-piedmont> for more information about our Winter Session Schedule.

ASE offers a variety of art, music, performance, STEM, and athletic programs directly after the end of the school day. New classes this session include Yoga/Tumbling, Origami, Firecracker Math, and Jewelry Making and Design.

****Please note that due to the Witter Field construction, Wildwood ASE is unable to run our usual sports classes on the Lower Playground. Those classes have been canceled, but we plan to resume basketball, sports medley, and baseball in the Spring.**

ASE Winter Session begins after Thanksgiving Break on Monday, November 27th until Friday, February 16th. Please contact us at wwafterschoolenrichment@gmail.com with any questions. ASE is run by the Wildwood Parent Club and all funds raised go directly to Wildwood Elementary School.

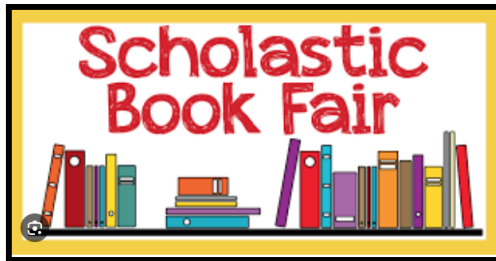
LIBRARY NEWS



Wildwood Library News: Check it Out

- updated weekly

Can't find what you are looking for?
Are all the copies sold out?
There are many more books available online.



Order online and our school still benefits from your purchases Oct. 20-Nov. 2nd.



October 23-27th Hours: Monday 3-4:30 PM, Tuesday 3-4:30 PM, Wednesday 5:30-7:30 PM, Thursday 3-4:30 PM, Friday 3-4:30 PM

Online Fair available Oct 20- Nov 2! 25% of online sales go back to Wildwood.
See [Book fair webpage](#) for online store.

COUNSELING CORNER

Counseling Corner



It is a pleasure to be able to see so many parents on campus this week! I know one of the social emotional topics that comes up often in conferences is friendships. Friendship is a skill elementary school students are learning to build just like reading or writing. One skill building activity I find especially helpful is role playing scenarios with your child. You can make it playful and change around who is playing who or do it with stuffed animals or action figures. This article talks a little more about specific strategies for children who need a little extra boost in friendship skill building.

[Kids Who Need a Little Help to Make Friends](#)



Colleen Stormer, School Counselor

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At Wildwood Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays

510-594-2731

WILDWOOD PARENTS CLUB

Thank you WPC for hosting another fabulous

~ Community Coffee ~



Wildwood Parents Club



Thank you everyone who joined us at the Community Coffee before the Halloween Parade yesterday. We hope you all had an Incredible Halloween!



Wildwood Dads' Club Corner



*****Meeting next Wednesday, 11/8, 7:30pm at the Kona Club*****

Thank you MATT DERRIGO AND RUSS GRIFFITH, 2023 Patch Papas!

They ran a hugely successful Pumpkin Patch this year, and made last night's Halloween all the more mighty! A major THANK YOU to this year's 70+ parent volunteers, for having fun, keeping it staffed, and most of all, to the MOST SUCCESSFUL PATCH in recent history!



🎃 Giant Jack's Big Reveal:

He weighed a whopping 1,036 lbs! Thanks for bringing laughter and community spirit to our patch.

🏆 Kudos to Our Winner:

A shout-out to Aya Crandall, a brilliant 2nd grader at Wildwood, for guessing the exact weight!

💚 Your Impact:

Every dollar spent at our patch directly funds Wildwood Elementary projects. Thanks for making a difference!

See you at next week's meeting!
Scott

WILDWOOD WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Welcoming Committee Message

Please check out the video clip as a way to conceptualize fundraising.

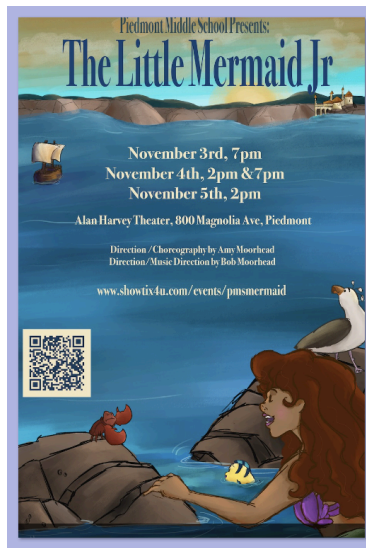
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Piedmont Middle School and The Little Mermaid Jr.

Piedmont Middle School presents

"The Little Mermaid Jr."



Piedmont Middle School presents Disney's "The Little Mermaid Jr" Nov. 3 – 5. Popular songs by composer Alan Menken and lyricists Howard Ashman and Glen Slater include "Under the Sea", "Kiss the Girl", and "Part of Your World". With a book by Doug Wright, this show presents an enchanting look at the sacrifices we all make for love and acceptance and will bring joy to the entire family.

Performance times: Fri. Nov. 3 at 7 p.m., Sat. Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sun. Nov. 5 at 2 p.m.

Each performance will last approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes, including intermission. All performances will be held in the Alan Harvey Theater on the PHS campus.

Tickets are \$12-\$18. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/events/pmsmermaid>

Email director Amy Moorhead at amoorhead@piedmont.k12.ca.us with any questions.

Piedmont Education Foundation



Giving Campaign - Last Chance for a Lawn Sign!

Please consider making your contribution to The Giving Campaign before November 1st to receive a purple lawn sign.

A neighborhood dotted with lawn signs is a strong signal to the community that we are all committed to the ongoing success of our schools. The Giving Campaign donations are essential to funding the gap between what state funds cover and what PUSD is able to offer our students. Lawn signs will be delivered to Piedmont residents who have donated by November 1st during the week of November 6, and they will be collected by early January. If you haven't had a chance to make your donation, now is a great time to give!

Wondering exactly where Giving Campaign funds go?

In this year's grant to PUSD (from last year's campaign) 77% funds teacher salaries, including classroom teachers, librarians, and other certificated educators. 9.5% invests in student support staff, including paraeducators, administrators, and aides, and the rest funds supplies, professional development, and wellness. To provide the same level of support for next year, we need to raise at least \$3.5 million. So far we're at \$1.8 million. Let's keep going!

Visit PiedmontEdFoundation.org/donate to make a contribution.

Serves

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Student Engagement, Responsibility, and Volunteerism in our Elementary Schools

We are a Tri-School parent-run committee composed of three individual groups serving their respective PUSD Elementary School. We organize community service events and activities appropriate for our elementary students and their families that benefit and have an impact beyond our small Piedmont Community. Interested in helping organize events and opportunities, send us an email [SERVES](mailto:SERVES@PUSD.org).

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PUSD Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day Summary of Event

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Ruby Bridges and our Event

- Click Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day 2023 to see Ruby Bridges' letter to participating walkers, possible Discussion Questions, Ruby Bridges Pledge and Take Action pages (all from Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day Guide)
- Visit your school's Library for books about Ruby Bridges and related people and topics - check one out to read!
- Tuesday, November 14: Wear purple to show that you "walk" for Ruby Bridges. Show your Piedmont Purple Pride!
- Tuesday November 14, 7:45 am: Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day. Join us at Piedmont Park before school to make "Pathways of Kindness and Inclusion," hear from High School Affinity Mentors and take the Ruby Bridges Pledge. Then students and families from all PUSD schools and across our nation will walk to school to show that we walk for Ruby Bridges and her message!!! Parents, please note that this is not a drop-off event - we are not able to supervise kids.

Circles

CIRCLES

Single / Divorced Parents Circles of Support in PUSD

Telling our story validates our experiences; hearing each other's stories builds community. Using the restorative justice circle process, family circles are a space to share your and your family's journey, to hear the stories of others, and to feel held in the company of others. The Circles are an invitation for communities who often feel alone and marginalized to come together, find each other, and connect in a meaningful way.

At the request of a parent we will be holding a circle for Single/Divorced Parents, Nov 14, 6:30 to 8:30 at the Havens Library.

The goal of these circles is to make connections and build community and we hope you can join us. Please reach out with any questions. Please RSVP to: cwechsler@piedmont.k12.ca.us

Dress Best for Less News

DRESS BEST FOR LESS



DBFL News: \$10 bag sale on 10/28, and Annual Ski Sale on 11/4

Help the earth by recycling, while supporting our schools!

Mark your calendars! Dress Best For Less, Piedmont's nonprofit dedicated to making money for the children of Piedmont by recycling/reselling used items, will have their monthly \$10 bag sale this coming Saturday, October 28, 10AM-12, and also their annual ski sale on Saturday, November 4, 10am to 1pm.

Both events will be in the parking lot of 2501 Harrison Street, across the street from Whole Foods.

Help out by donating your outgrown ski gear before the sale, and then restock at our ski sale! Donation information at: dressbestforless.org, or find donation bin next to Mulberry's. We are looking for volunteers to help out too!

Call/email Nagisa at 510-206-0035/ nagisa2000@gmail.com

Wildwood Elementary School

Trischool Mission

Beach Elementary, Havens Elementary, and Wildwood Elementary, the three elementary schools in Piedmont Unified, are intentional in working together to support a Trischool Vision of Academic Excellence. We are committed to providing students and staff with a supportive, caring, and inclusive community where learning experiences foster life-long curiosity, creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and responsible citizenship.

- Principal Melissa Daymond: mdaymond@piedmont.k12.ca.us
- Administrative Assistants to Principal
Christine Petersen & Jennifer Davidhazy: Wildwoodoffice@piedmont.k12.ca.us
- Wildwood Parent's Club Presidents
Nicole Moore & Carolyn Pan: wildwoodparentsclub@gmail.com

ATTENDANCE REPORTING

Please report your student's absence or tardiness - include the reason.
You are welcome to email your teacher but you must also report by either calling 510-594-2719 or emailing: wwdattendance@piedmont.k12.ca.us



MORE SCHOOL INFO + RESOURCES

WPC WEBSITE

WILDWOOD FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

PUSD CALENDAR

PUSD ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC
CALENDAR

WILDWOOD FAMILY CALENDAR

IN-PERSON RESOURCES

PREVIOUS WHATNOTS:
| [Previous](#)

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