



WILDWOOD WHATNOT

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DAYMOND

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WILDWOOD NEWS

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL RESOURCES

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 2024	11	Professional Development Day - No School
	21	Open House (6-7pm) - minimum day - Noon dismissal

APR 2024	5	Vocal Spring Music Concert - 8:30 am Wildwood auditorium
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	8-12	Spring Break - No School
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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)			

All submissions for Whatnot must be sent for approval to whatnot@piedmont.k12.ca.us

Please ensure your submissions are received before

4:00 PM every Tuesday for consideration within that week.

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DAYMOND

Message from Principal Daymond

Dear Wildwood Families,

Please join us Tuesday evening in Ellen Driscoll Playhouse for Cultivating a Culture of Kindness. This is going to be a fantastic evening discussing how we can work as parents and as a community to support our children in developing their kindness muscle.

Report cards are available on Infinite Campus. I hope you are as proud of your student as I am. Each student has grown so much over the course of the year and there is so much to celebrate. Students are experiencing new learning each and every day both socially and academically. Their brains are being stretched and they are being asked to take in new information, generalize it and apply it! School is hard! Even if students haven't progressed in all areas as much as you had hoped, please take the opportunity to celebrate the growth your child has made, and we will work together to support their continued growth from now until June.

Warm regards,

Melissa Daymond
Principal, Wildwood Elementary





WILDWOOD NEWS

PUSD Student Enrollment

OPEN ENROLLMENT – ENROLL NOW

New PUSD Student Enrollment 2024-25 school year Open: January 9, 2024

- The Piedmont Unified School District (PUSD) opened enrollment for the 2024-25 school year on Jan 9, 2024
- Enrollment for TK-12 is for current PUSD resident families with new children entering the district, and/or for new Piedmont resident families enrolling their child for the first time.
- Families are required to upload:
 - Proof of residency
 - Birth certificate or passport
 - Immunization records, and TB risk assessment.
- PUSD 2024-25 TK program
 - TK Programs are held on Havens and Beach Campuses (Wildwood TK students will be slated for either campus as designated by PUSD)
 - Eligibility: Children turning five years of age between September 2, 2024, and June 2, 2025
- Additional Information
 - PUSD TK information: [PUSD District website](#)
 - Additional PUSD Enrollment Information: [District's Enrollment section](#)
 - Kindergarten in California: [California Department of Education's website](#)

Wildwood's school office:
Christine Petersen/Jennifer Davidhazy
510-594-2780
wildwoodoffice@piedmont.k12.ca.us

Welcome to Wildwood

VOCAL MUSIC SPRING CONCERT DATE:

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 5th @ 8:45am

Dear Wildwood K-3 families and community,
I am excited to invite you to this year's Wildwood vocal music spring concert celebrating songs from Broadway! I grew up in New York and went to shows, which connected me to this wonderful genre of music. Students in K-3 have been hard at work learning show tunes from Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*, as well as from *Peter Pan*, *Oliver!* and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!*

You are all invited to the concert,
which takes place in the auditorium @ 8:45 on Friday, April 5th.

See you there.

-Adrian Behrendt, vocal music @ Wildwood

Counseling Corner

TIP FOR THE WEEK:

I love this video thinking about the power of empathy.
It is a repeat in this section from a few years ago but worth watching again:

 Brené Brown on Empathy



Colleen Stormer, School Counselor

cstormer@piedmont.k12.ca.us

At Wildwood Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays

510-594-2731



Impact of Absences

INVITATIONAL: DONATE FOR ABSENCES

Parents, please remember that if your child needs to be out of school, you can submit donations **HERE** for the lost revenue.

Each day that a student is out of school (for any reason, including illness) means a loss of revenue in the following amounts per day:

K-3rd Grade = \$61.32

4th-5th Grade = \$56.39

Library News

[Wildwood Library News: Use this link to Check it Out](#)

Tri School Parent Circle

Tri-School Parent Circle for Parents/Caregivers of Gender-Diverse Children:

As we support our children on their gender journeys, we hope to create a safe space for parents and caregivers to come together and provide each other any and all support we may need. Parents and caregivers of children who identify as trans, non-binary, gender-fluid, gender-diverse, or are just exploring the gender landscape are more than welcome.

We will have our next meeting on Wednesday, March 13 from 8:45-10:00 am.

Please RSVP to hawkins42@gmail.com for location information.

PUSD Technology Advisory Meeting



Please join us in-person or virtually for a District Technology Advisory meeting focused on the implications of AI in our schools.

What is the current state of AI in our schools?
What are the next steps to preparing our students for the future?

We will be meeting Monday March 25, 3:45-5:00pm
in the Haven's School Library with a hybrid option.

Please [sign-up](#) to let us know you are coming.

A banner for a PUSD Technology Advisory Meeting. The background is purple with white wavy lines. On the left, the PUSD logo is followed by the text 'Technology Advisory Meeting'. Below this, it says 'In-Person at Havens Library or via Zoom' and '3:45pm-5:00pm March 25th, 2024'. A green button with white text says 'Register to let us know you are coming!'. On the right, a blue megaphone points towards a green circle containing the text 'Impact and feedback on AI in our schools'.

ASE

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT – SPRING SESSION ENROLLMENT

Opens on Tuesday, February 6th at 8 pm

ASE offers a variety of art, music, performance, STEM, and athletic programs directly after the end of the school day.

Go to <https://www.homerom.com/sites/wildwood-elementary-piedmont> for more information about our Spring schedule.

Check out these new classes:

- Intro to Digital Animation using SCRATCH
 - Sports Medley
 - Basketball
- Calligraphy & Lettering Arts (create renaissance art - coat of arms & stained glass windows)
 - Baseball
 - Kidz Cuisine

The Spring Session begins after the President's Day Break on Monday, February 26th
until the week before Memorial Day on Friday, May 24th.

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.

Wildwood Parents Club



WILDWOOD TRIVIA

Last Week:

Did any of your students get a chance to take a look at the ceiling auditorium to find evidence of paint by numbers?

This week's fun fact is from more recent times:

In 2011, Wildwood went under major renovations and classes were held in Emeryville. When students returned to campus, among the new improvements were two tile mosaics. One in the entryway behind Mr. Do and one in the courtyard. During the year of renovation, several teachers had babies and a couple of the babies permanently left their mark at Wildwood. Here are their footprints. The yellow footprint belongs to Ms. Hanson's baby (former teacher and librarian). The blue footprint belongs to the baby of a current Wildwood teacher. Can you guess which teacher? Answer next week!



WILDWOOD'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS

Wildwood's Centennial Celebrations are coming together. There's so much to celebrate that the event will have multiple parts.

Family Garden Days

We will be holding family gardening days with the Scouts of Troop 15 to clear out the planters to be used in Wildwood's Centennial Garden. Troop 15 will be beautifying all the elementary school gardens. The gardening days at Wildwood will be the morning of Saturday, March 23rd and the afternoon of Sunday, March 31st. Get your shovels ready and stay tuned for the exact times.

5th Grade Class Gift

The 5th grade class gift to Wildwood this year is a drone photo and video in celebration of Wildwood's Centennial Year. The photo and filming will take place the morning of **Monday**,



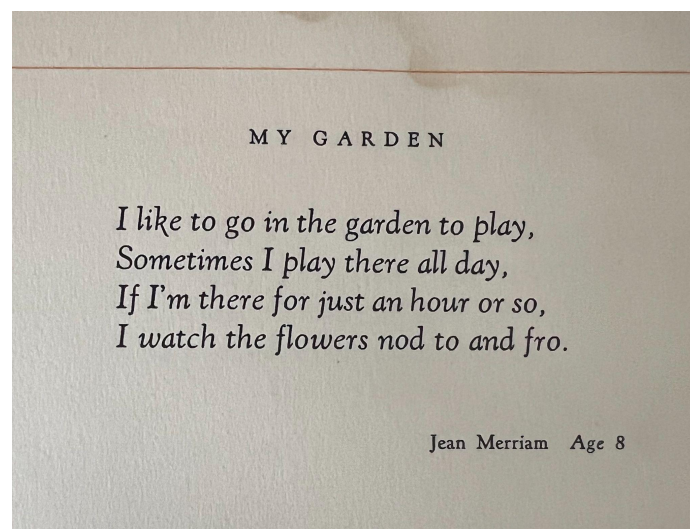
March 18th. We are looking for a parent from each class or two parents from each grade to help corral the kids. While the 5th graders will be helping with the photo, extra grown up bodies are helpful. Bonus - you get to be commemorated in the Wildwood Centennial Photo! [Sign up](#) and join the fun day!

Here's a [photo](#) from Beach's Centennial in 2014 as an example.

SAVE THE DATES for **Wildwood's Centennial Celebration - Gardening Day** on the afternoon of **Saturday, April 27th AND Saturday, May 11th for a special dedication.** How can you help make the Celebration memorable? We have a volunteer for the lemonade stand! Here are a few other ways Wildwoodians have partied in the Spring:

1. Garden - help run the planting, source the plants and supplies, and plan the layout of the garden
2. Food! - book a taco truck
3. Fun and games - WPC has a lollipop tree that would love to come out to play, find raffle prize donations, run a cake walk, name tags for alumni to write the year they graduated to connect with other alumni, etc.
4. Setup and Clean up - find, set up and clean up canopies, chairs, tables, etc. If someone can remember, we always seem to need more trash/recycling containers that are on site.
5. Help get the word out to alumni to come!

A Garden Poem from a Wildwood student circa 1930-something.



Email carolynpan@yahoo.com with how you would like to help.

SPRING FLING 2024



Spring Fling is underway! All proceeds from the auctions, parties and formal party support the three elementary schools. Here are a couple of ways to participate.

Do you have an **item, service, gift basket, or vacation rental** to donate to the online auction?

Fill out this [form](#) and email it to [Andrea Horvath](#).

Do you want to throw a **Parent Party**? Wildwood's parents hosted a couple last year. One of them was a dumpling-making party hosted by three Wildwood moms.

Email this [form](#) to [Andrea Horvath](#) if you would like to host a parent party. These parties focus on a variety of interests, hobbies, themes, and activities that will appeal to adults and/or children.



Piedmont Tri School Principals and Parents Club





Piedmont Tri-School Principals and Parents Clubs invite you to:

Cultivating a Culture of Kindness

an elementary parent education workshop

Tuesday March 12th, 2024
6:30 - 8pm
Ellen Driscoll Playhouse (Havens)

This workshop, led by **PUSD's DEIB Director Jean Takazawa**, will focus on how we build connection and create a more inclusive community through kindness. Join for...

- ★ Help to grow awareness of inclusion and how to turn that awareness into action to foster belonging for all kids (and families)
- ★ Conversation starters with kids around gender, race and neurodiversity through the lens of kindness and curiosity
- ★ Ideas how to extend kindness between parents to build connections

This event is free to parents!

RSVP suggested, not required. RSVP here



SCAN ME



[Please RSVP Here](#)

Dads Club

Save the Date and See You There!

Next Dads' Club Meeting

Wednesday, March 13th 7:30pm @ Kona Club

Welcome to Wildwood

Welcoming Committee Message

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

<https://youtu.be/tHqCapMfySQ>

PUSD NEWS AND EVENTS

PEF

Comings & Goings:

Each year, a highlight of our Spring Fling fundraising season is the beloved photography project for Kindergarten (Comings) and 5th grade (Goings) students. Professional photos are taken of **every** Kindergarten and 5th grade student during school hours this week, capturing their journey at the beginning and end of elementary school. All you need to do purchase their photo at PiedmontSpringFling.org.

Spring Fling Online Auction will take place in the last week of April. Enjoy bidding on exciting adventures & wonderful items while supporting our schools.

Do you have access to a vacation home, VIP sports, experiences, or something similar that you could contribute? We would LOVE to hear from you. Email us at info@piedmontedfoundation.org to learn how to get involved or go to PiedmontSpringFling.org and select "Donate An Item".

Piedmont Makers



Piedmont School Maker Faire - Call for Makers Now Open!

Please mark your calendar and save the date for the return of the **10th annual Piedmont School Maker Faire** to the Piedmont High School campus on Sunday, May 19 11am - 3pm! Come celebrate K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math (S.T.E.A.M.) education for the Piedmont community & beyond. Our Call for Makers is now OPEN where students & community can submit their projects to share at the Faire! Looking for ideas to get started over winter break? Check out our [project ideas](#) page. When ready, [submit your project](#). Submissions are due by April 30th.

SERVES - Student Engagement, Responsibility and Volunteerism in our Elementary Schools



SERVES (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. See [SERVES](#) for more information, including contact email.



Piedmont SWAPS!

Athletic Gear and Clothing Swap

***Also Dance, Scouting (Girl and Boy) and Piedmont Paraphernalia**

Thursday, March 7

4:45-7:00 Time Slot 1 (you are bringing items to swap)

5:30-7:00 Time Slot 2 (you are not bringing items to swap)

Ellen Driscoll Auditorium (Havens Elementary School)

With Tri-School SERVES and Piedmont Community Service Crew (PCSC)/Piedmont Service Club (PSC).

Interested in volunteering at our event, please see our [SignUp Genius](#).

Have kids outgrown their athletic gear and/or clothing?

Tried a sport and it did not work out? Need a bigger ball and cleats?

Want to support our PUSD Student Conservationists and Schools -- and help our environment?

Come to our 1st Piedmont Swaps! Bring in your no-longer-needed athletic items and swap them for things you want. Those who have items to swap can enter during the first time slot (4:45-5:30) and stay until the end (7:00). Those without items to swap can enter at 5:30 and stay until the end (7:00). A suggested optional donation at the event will support this and future Piedmont Swaps! events, Tri-School SERVES and PEF (cash at the door or through the on-line PEF store).

Please make sure that all items are in good usable condition and that clothing has been washed after last wearing. No broken gear or clothing with holes, rips or stains (exception: all washed cotton t-shirts in any condition are being accepted in the reduce/reuse/recycle bin for crafting, reuse, rag making, donation, etc.). Tie shoes and other paired items together.

See [SERVES](#) for more information, including swap items being accepted.

Volunteers may remove items from the Swap for any or no reason.

Have items to give, but not coming to the Swap?

Drop off location will be posted March 1 on [SERVES](#).

Please note that if you want to enter at Time Slot 1, you need to have your swap items with you -- do not drop them off before the event.

This event is completely free, and items will be swapped as is.

Please note that volunteers will not check or inspect items.

All swaps and use of items will be at your own risk.

Piedmont Affinity Mentorship Program





Piedmont Affinity Mentorship Program

~ Enroll Now ~

The Piedmont Affinity Mentorship Program nurtures young students in our district by upholding and celebrating diverse identities in our student body. We center the shared experiences of cultural, ethnic, religious, neurodiverse, and gender-expansive students and create connections between HS Mentors and younger students with these shared backgrounds.

Our Affinity Mentors serve as positive role models, regularly meeting with elementary and middle school students throughout the school year. They deliver engaging, age-appropriate lessons that focus on shared identities. We prioritize creating a community in a safe and nurturing environment, allowing children to connect with their mentors and peers.

FAQ

- What's the timeframe of this program?
 - We are a year-long program meeting from Sept to May.
 - Enrollment is ongoing as long as we have space and mentor availability.
- How often do you meet?
 - Mentors meet biweekly with mentees for approximately 45 minutes.
- Where and when do you meet?
 - We meet at parks and schools in outdoor spaces.
 - Meetings are held after school and on weekends.
 - PMS has a lunchtime club option that meets during lunch.
- What is the cost to join this program?
 - It is free for PUSD students, however, families may choose to make a donation.
- How many students are in each group?
 - Anywhere from 2-10 students.
- How do I sign up?



- Affinity Mentor Enrollment Form

Questions: Contact Jean Takazawa

jtakazawa@piedmont.k12.ca.us

Piedmont Store - Affinity Mentorship

If your child is already with us, no need to sign up again!

PUSD SUMMER ADVENTURES



PUSD is excited to announce the return of
PUSD SUMMER ADVENTURES

Please consider having your current TK-5 -child join us for a unique summer experience, blending summer fun with a mix of educational opportunities.

With a focus on building community among students and continuing to instill a love for learning, the Summer Adventure Program will provide students with an enriching experience that includes such activities as STEM and literacy lessons, art, and interactive games. Sessions promise many fun-filled moments – all while providing support for our district.

Please join us in creating lasting memories and supporting our local schools!

Save the Dates:

- Session 1: June 5-14
- Session 2: June 17-27

Location:

Havens Elementary

Choose Your Time:

Morning Session: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Extended Day Session: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Who: Current TK-5th students

While Summer Adventures will be open to all students, PUSD students will receive priority enrollment opportunity.

We hope Summer Adventures will be a consideration for your family this summer. More specific details, including cost and registration information, will be shared after the February break!

Questions? Please email Coordinator Erin Rivera: erivera@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

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