

MESSAGE FROM CAROL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WILDWOOD NEWS

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL RESOURCES

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 28 Crazy Sock Day

For those who want to Join the Fun Brought to us by our Fifth Graders

FEB 21-25 President's Week - no school

MAR 7 Professional Development Day - no school

IMPORTANT LINKS

January 24, 2022 Letter on Wildwood Covid Testing
Summary of January 12, 2022 Board Meeting
Alameda County School Guidance
PUSD Visitor Screener
FAQ Regarding COVID-19
PUSD Elementary Parent Calendar

ATTENDANCE REPORTING

To report a Student Absence or Tardy

MESSAGE FROM CAROL CRAMER

Screening Testing - On Pause

The District recently announced that it would soon pilot a program to offer weekly PCR testing to all students and staff, and the program was planned to start this week at Wildwood. Screening testing of *asymptomatic* individuals (which is sometimes referred to as "surveillance testing") can be helpful for early detection and reducing transmission of COVID-19.

The District has since decided **to pause** this pilot program for two reasons:

- Delay in Processing and Reporting Results. Valencia Lab, the lab that
 processes the District's PCR tests, is experiencing long delays in reporting
 results. This is due to the surge in testing and labor shortages at the lab.
 Some results are now reported 4-5 days after the sample was collected, and
 this delay in obtaining results means that the District cannot effectively use
 the results to isolate positive cases to reduce transmission.
- Concerns Over Capturing Healthy Individuals. PCR tests can detect COVID-19 for up to 90 days after an infection. This means that someone who is healthy now but who had an infection in the last three months will test positive. This is an issue because, with the highly transmissible but relatively mild Omicron variant, there may be many students and staff who were infected in the last 90 days but asymptomatic and unaware that they had COVID. The concern is that students and staff who are healthy will test positive and be subject to isolation.

Hearing and Vision Screenings Coming up at Wildwood School

Students in grades K-3 and 5 will undergo state required vision screenings on Friday, February 4th, and hearing screenings on Wednesday, February 9th. If you do not wish to have your child participate in these screenings and would like to provide your own hearing and vision assessment report through an outside provider, please contact the district nurses at nurses@piedmont.k12.ca.us. Thank you!

Wildwood Has a School Spelling Bee Champion

Congratulations to Fifth Grader Sophia Li, our winner.

As a professional learning community we have been doing significant work identifying our essential learning outcomes on the topic of social emotional well-being. To assist us in understanding student well-being, and also to be responsive to student needs, we are completing our second of three yearly administrations of the BESS social emotional screener this week for our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Colleen Stormer our school counselor cstormer@piedmont.k12.ca.us or Carol Cramer.

2022-23 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for next school year will open on Friday, January 14. Continuing students do not need to re-enroll. Younger siblings who are entering the Piedmont schools for the first time must complete the <u>enrollment process</u>.

PARENTS CLUB NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Wildwood Parents,

Our students celebrated the 100th day of school this week! Congratulations!

We need volunteers for our upcoming vision screenings on Friday, February 4th and hearing screenings on Wednesday, February 9th. Please <u>sign up here</u> if you would like to volunteer. Please see <u>PUSD volunteer procedures</u> and complete this <u>form</u> if you haven't done so already.

Warmly,

Grace

Grace Harris, WPC President gracekangharris@gmail.com

WILDWOOD NEWS

COUNSELING CORNER

TIP FOR THE WEEK:

We all work to help students feel empowered to engage in successful problem solving with peers here at Wildwood. One tool we use is called the "I-Message". This differs from a "you-message" which can feel blaming and often escalate the conflict. Helping students pause and reflect using I-Messages with each other can help them move forward to more productive conversation. It also offers

students an opportunity to practice one of the most important parts of conflict resolution- listening to each other!

I Messages

I feel . . .

(name your feeling)

When you . . .

(tell the words or actions that caused the feeling)

I would like . . .

(tell what you want to happen instead)



Please don't hesitate to reach out if you wish to brainstorm ways to support your child.

<u>Colleen Stormer</u>, school counselor <u>cstormer@piedmont.k12.ca.us</u> 510-594-2731

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MORE SCHOOL INFO + RESOURCES

WPC WEBSITE

WILDWOOD SLACK

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

School Schedule:

8:30 start Daily

2:00 Dismissal for Kindergarten MTThF

3:00 Dismissal for Grades 1-5 MTThF

1:45 Dismissal for K-5 on Wednesdays

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

• 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: andreajcurran@gmail.com