

# PINEWOOD PRESS

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February 2026

Pinewood Family,

Welcome to February! We continue our mission of becoming lifelong learners, high achievers, and responsible citizens. We love being on this learning adventure at Pinewood, and we appreciate your efforts to work together with us to support all our students.

This month, we will continue to work with students to work toward their goals. Ask your student about their goals for MAP and their learning app goals (Amira, Lexia, Successmaker). Coming to school each day on time, bringing a charged iPad each day, being safe with words and actions, and working hard in all areas will ensure we reach those goals. Our students' achievement is growing, but we have much farther to go.

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> there will be no school for students as staff work together to refine our skills and strategies. Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> there will be no school as we celebrate President's Day.

Valentine's Day is coming quickly, and this is a good time to emphasize caring and kindness with our students. We will celebrate this in our classrooms, and the staff is planning activities that will be fun and safe.

PreKindergarten will celebrate on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will celebrate on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Third quarter conferences will take place March 11 and March 12. Watch for sign-up information coming soon from your student's teacher.

Thank you!

Mrs. Reinsch

[Kristi.reinsch@ops.org](mailto:Kristi.reinsch@ops.org)

## LOOKING AHEAD!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 11-PreK Valentine's Party

February 12- K-5<sup>th</sup> grade Valentine's Day parties 3:15 pm

February 13- NO SCHOOL- Curriculum Day

February 19- NO SCHOOL- President's Day

March 11- Student Led Conferences (4:20-7:40)

March 12-Student Led Conferences (12:20-7:40)

# REMEMBER THE TENNIS SHOES EACH DAY!

Your child needs to wear comfy tennis shoes to exercise safely in school/recess and in P.E. As the weather gets colder, we understand that your child may need to wear boots or alternate shoes to school. If so, please encourage him/her to bring tennis shoes and leave them in the locker or bring shoes in the backpack each day. Please assist us in helping your child to be successful and continue to safely exercise as the weather gets colder.

## **IMPORTANT LINKS TO KEEP HANDY!**

**District Home Page-** First stop for all the information you need about Omaha Public Schools.

<https://district.ops.org>

**Lunch Menu-** Know what is for lunch every day by following this link and choosing "View Menus as Guest"

<https://www.schoolcafe.com/OMAHAPS>

**District Calendar-** This calendar will keep you up to date with information about holiday closures, teacher workdays, and conferences.

<https://www.ops.org/domain/130>

**SeeSaw-** Are you connected to Pinewood by SeeSaw? Stay up to date on your child's classroom activities as well as the latest information from the school. If you need to get signed up, email Mrs. Reinsch at [Kristi.reinsch@ops.org](mailto:Kristi.reinsch@ops.org)

**Pinewood School Webpage-** Check here for upcoming activities at Pinewood!

<https://pinewood.ops.org/>



## IMPORTANT

It is very important that the office has your most current contact information. When there is information that needs to be distributed quickly, we will use email, phone calls, text messages, and SeeSaw. If you are not receiving emails or texts from OPS, please call the office at **531-299-1940** to verify that we have your most current information.

We also use this information to contact you if your child is absent from school. You can call the office and leave a message at any time of the day for attendance. You can also email Mrs. Jessen at [erin.jessen@ops.org](mailto:erin.jessen@ops.org) when your child will be absent from class.

Thank you for helping us keep our records current!

## Valentine's Day Celebration

Pinewood K-5 students will celebrate Valentine's Day on **February 12 at 3:15 pm**. Pre K will celebrate on February 11. At Pinewood, Valentine's Day focuses on kindness and friendship. If you choose to send Valentines to share with the class, please have your student sign their name and leave the "to" blank. It makes the passing out process go much easier. If you choose to send something to share, please send enough for the entire class. You **do not** need to send anything to participate in the Valentine's Day celebration.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child that will be 5 years old by July 31, 2026 you can register for Kindergarten at the OPS website.

<https://campus.ops.org/campus/apps/olr/application/login/kiosk-app-type?configGroupID=30>

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

**When a student misses 2 days a month..**

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

**When a student misses 4 days a month..**

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

## Student Attendance is Important - Every Day!

- Our district believes that daily attendance is essential to academic success, as well as social and emotional well-being. Regular attendance and participation at school are the foundation for successful graduation from high school. We expect every student to attend school on time and every day. Research shows that there is a direct relationship between student attendance and academic achievement.

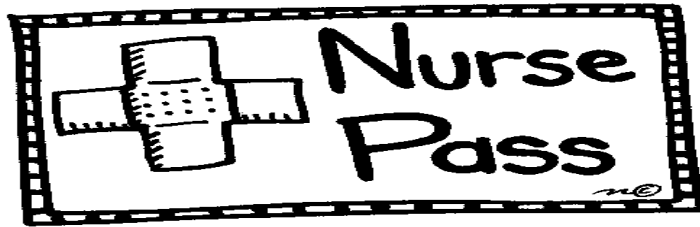
# Illness Guidelines

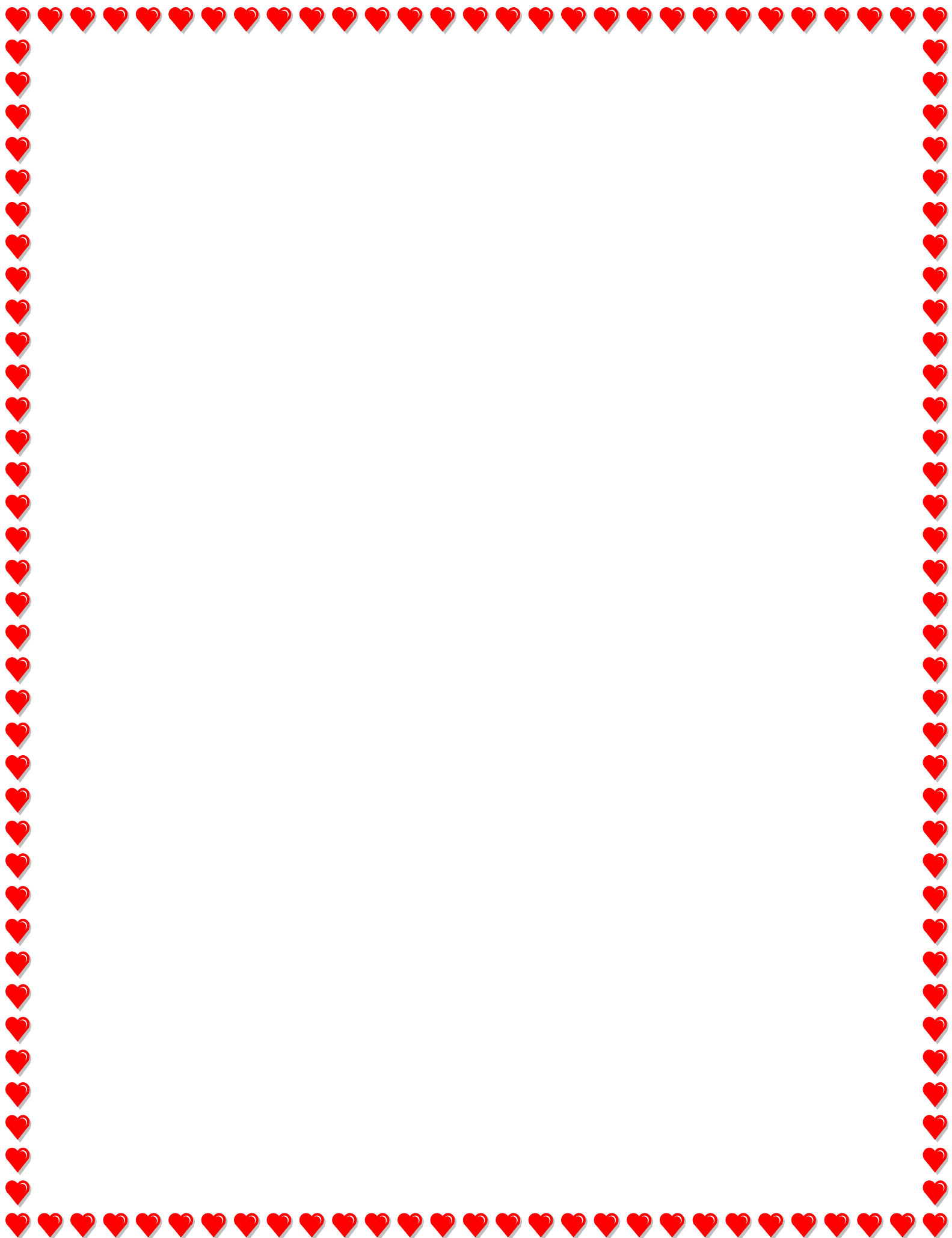
We have begun to see an increase in the number of ill children at school. In order to prevent the spread of disease, please consider the following guidelines:

Please keep your child home if any one of the following occurs:

- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher within the last 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Any symptoms of acute illness such as persistent cough, runny nose, or body aches
- Red eye(s) accompanied by discharge, a classic sign of conjunctivitis (pink eye)

Your child should behave like him/herself for 24 hours before returning to school. This will protect your child from exposure to other illness before he/she is able to build resistance. It will also protect other students and staff from what your child may transmit.





## Pinewood's School as Hub Calendar- Play and Learn

# February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Play & Learn 9am-10:30	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Play & Learn 9am-10:30	11	12	13 NO SCHOOL	14
15 NO SCHOOL	16	17 Family Socialization 9am-10:30	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 2 hr. late start NO GROUP	25	26	27	28

Free Early Childhood  
Program for  
Families/caregivers of  
children ages 0-5

Play & Learn/Family  
Socialization Groups:  
Parents and caregivers of  
young children(birth-5)  
are invited to bring their  
children to our group  
to play, read, create,  
and explore! Parents or  
caregivers stay with their  
children to play with all  
the toys & activities in  
the Pinewood Panther  
Den.

Come join us and meet  
other families at our



DeeDee Thakolo  
Home Visitor

Mary Ellyn Dunn  
Family Facilitator

Claire Cordes  
Community Facilitator

# FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Tech Club Boys Basketball Practice 4:10-5:00	3 Tutor	4 Tutor	5	6	7
8	9 Rose to PreK Boys Basketball Practice	10 Tutor PTO 4:15	11 Tutor BB Game @5 at Conestoga	12 <b>NO PREK/ ECSE</b>	13 <b>No School Curriculum Day</b>	14
15	16 <b>NO SCHOOL President's Day</b>	17 Tutor	18 Tutor	19 Boys Basketball Practice 4:10-5:00	20 Dugan/ Human to Luminarium 9:00	21 
22	23 Tech Club 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade African American History Program Basketball Practice	24 <b>2 HOUR LATE START</b>	25 Tutor Boys basketball vs. King @Pinewood 5pm	26	27	28